

Carlisle Area School District Meet with USAWC Parents

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On August 5, Carlisle Area School District leadership answer questions from Carlisle Barracks parents about the upcoming school year.

Carlisle Area School District leaders spent an afternoon with K-12 parents newly assigned to the Army War College. The virtual meeting addressed parents' concerns and introduced the close relationship between Carlisle Barracks and Carlisle Area School District.

District Superintendent Christina Spielbeauer, Carlisle High School principal Mike Black, Lambertson Middle School principle Keith Colestock, Bellaire Elementary School principal Jeff Bell, the Director of Digital Learning and Technology Stephanie Douglas, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Michael Gogoj, and the Director of Management Services Eric Sands each talked about their respective schools, grade-levels, and services, on Zoom, Aug. 5.

Parents were encouraged to contact their child's school principal for further information.

The first day of school in Carlisle District is scheduled for September 8, and graduation is set for June 3. Class schedules will be mailed out on August 24.

Although the schools plan to move forward with in-person classes, there are plans and procedures in place to transition to virtual learning. For elementary and middle school children, Seesaw is the main platform they will be using in a virtual learning environment. High school students will use Schoology. Seesaw. A date and time will be scheduled for device distribution—iPads and laptops—if classes transition to virtual learning.

Parents can opt for all-virtual learning through Carlisle Virtual Academy, but the CASD representatives urged parents not to wait to sign up.

Changes related to the COVID environment:

1. Buses will run with reduced capacity, and students will be grouped by families and by neighborhoods.
2. For those students who will be driving themselves to school, registration opens the week of August 10.
3. No lockers will be issued this year.
4. Band lessons will be conducted remotely.
5. Cellphones are allowed, but should be put away during class.
6. Conducting standardized test and SATs this year is still pending a decision
7. Sports practices will to start September 4, but competitions will begin at the end of September for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association requires a two-week period between practices starting and competitions starting.

Jacqueline Schultz is the installation's School Liaison Officer, with relationships in all of the regional school districts and private schools. She is ready to continue the coordination on behalf of military parents. If you have questions or concerns, contact her via email or phone.

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