

September 22, 2023

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

I am pleased to share photos of the recent ribbon cutting ceremony for the new addition at Community School and the construction progress at Ashton and Garvin Elementary Schools. Students and faculty at Garvin School moved back to their newly renovated school for their first day of school. Ashton School students and faculty are now located at the CHS Transitional building for the 2023-24 school year.

Community School - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony September 13, 2023





Ashton School - Addition/Renovation Work



Garvin Memorial School - Students & Staff are Back!





- **Free/Reduced Lunch Program**

Families are encouraged to complete and submit applications to your child's school to verify eligibility. All schools in Cumberland participate in the Federal Lunch Program. Nutritious breakfasts, lunches and milk are available at all schools. Applications for free and reduced price breakfasts and lunches are sent home at the beginning of the school year and are available at the school anytime during the year.

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications are **due every year before October 1st**. Carry-over status from 2022-23 school year will discontinue if an approved application is not on file for the 2023-24 school year.

Please visit the [Cumberland District website](#) to fill out an application online or [*Click Here*](#)

[Meal Benefit and Eligibility Information](#)

Paper copies are also available at each school's front office. Please return promptly to the school office or business office for speedy processing.

Create an account to view student transactions and load money at [MySchoolBucks](#)

Menus are available online at: <https://cumberland.sodexomyway.com/>

The schools have an electronic lunch ticket ID system. All students will have a pin number. This ID number stays with each student until graduation. We encourage parents to prepay for their child's meals on an electronic account. This will help eliminate situations that could develop during lunchtime because of negative balances or failure to bring lunch money to school. Prepayments can be made 24 hours a day using a credit or debit card. Cash and check payments will continue to be accepted. However, payments made through the Online Lunch Payment Vendor portal or by check are preferred for better accountability.



- **2023 Flu Vaccination Clinics**

Community Clinics (ages 3 and up)

Flu Vaccination Clinics for the community have been scheduled for **Tuesday, October 10; Wednesday, October 25 and Wednesday, November 16** at the **Cumberland High School Cafeteria from 4:00 - 7:00 pm**.

CHS Students, Faculty & Staff Only

A flu vaccination clinic will be offered to **Cumberland High School students, staff and faculty only** - Tuesday, November 9th / 8:00-10:30 am

NEW FOR 2023: SLV Clinics will offer the following vaccines:

*Flu Injectable (ages 3 - 64)

*FluMist (ages 3-18)

*Senior Vaccine (ages 65+)

*COVID-19 Bivalent Boosters (ages 5+)

Please refer to the [RI Department of Health-Flu \(Influenza\)](#) for additional information.

PARTICIPANTS: Community Clinic (ages 3 and up)

You will need to register online to schedule an appointment: schoolflu.com

Limited walk-in availability will be accepted as resources allow.

Additional information is provided in the [2023 Flu Vaccination Clinics Folder](#).



- **Fall Sports Update**

The fall athletic season is up and running with great success. We had 397 student athletes register to compete in the 10 fall programs that are offered at Cumberland High School and 225 Middle School student athletes register for the 12 programs offered at McCourt and North Cumberland Middle Schools.

The Cumberland High Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams as well as Volleyball, Football and Girls Soccer squads are off to undefeated starts.

North Cumberland and McCourt Middle School soccer programs took center stage at Tucker Field last week before a packed house. North Girls defeated McCourt and on the boys side both squads played to a draw.

Both MS Cross Country programs will compete in the prestigious Ocean State Invitational this Friday at Goddard Park.

On the athletic horizon, Spirit Week is coming up, culminating on Friday, October 6th with the Homecoming Football game vs. St. Raphael at 7:00 pm.

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I hope everyone has a great school year!

Sincerely,
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Superintendent of Schools