

Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We are very excited about this new school year and hope everyone had a wonderful and restful summer!

This email contains important information. Please be sure to go through each link and complete the appropriate documents that apply to your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office at 828-963-4712.

Important Dates

Friday, August 12th - Homeroom class lists posted at double glass doors near cafeteria by student initials for student privacy.

Saturday, August 13th - Back 2 School Fest at Watauga High School (Valle Crucis School time is 8:30-10:00am) - This is a free event for any Watauga County student to get their school supplies and back to school items.

Thursday, August 18th 2:30-5:30 - Open House at Valle Crucis School: Meet Your Teacher and bring your school supplies during this time!

Monday, August 22nd - First Day of School (*PreK and Kinder students will stagger the first week of school so be on the lookout for information from the teachers on these dates for your children*)

Important Links

- Sign up for [Bus Transportation](#) if you haven't already done so and need the bus
- [AfterSchool Sign Up Information](#)
- [Watauga County Schools Free/Reduced Price Meal Application](#) (Meals **ARE NOT** automatically free this year, you must fill out the application to be eligible to receive free or reduced meal prices)
- [Pay Cafeteria Fees or add money to your child's meal account](#)
 - Breakfast PK-8 \$1.75
 - Lunch PK-8 \$3.00
- [Pay Online School Fees](#) (School Fees, Field Trips, etc)
 - K-2 \$8.00
 - 3-5 \$15.00
 - 6-8 \$25.00
- [School Fee Waiver Request Form](#)
- [1:1 Chromebook Orientation Video and Information](#) Chromebooks will be issued within the first 10 days of school (as long as school fees are paid and Mobile Computing Device Agreement forms are signed by parent/guardian).
- [Background Check](#) (This form must be completed each school year and is required for any volunteer opportunities, including field trips, classroom parties or school events)
- [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) (Parents of 3rd-8th grade students can view grades, attendance, etc after school begins)
- [FERPA Link](#)
- [Watauga County Schools Calendar](#)

- [Watauga County Schools Student/Parent Handbook](#)

Important Health Information and Forms

Please email Nurse Hannah at stuarth@wataugaschools.org with any health information questions, concerns or if your child will be taking medication during school hours.

- [School Health Services Letter](#)
- [School Health Services Letter \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Dental Clinic Form](#)
- [Dental Clinic Form \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Covid Testing Consent](#) (access code: VCTESTING)
- [Update SchoolCare](#) (previously CareDox)
- [Medication Administration Policy](#)
- [Medication Administration Form](#)
- [Optional Student Accident Insurance](#)

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing during their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 5:30 pm in their large meeting room. The purpose of the hearing will be to take public input on the financing for the new school. Dr. Elliott plans to attend and speak in support of the funding. You are invited to attend if you are interested in attending or even speaking to show your support.

We can't wait for students to return to school and are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

-Dr. Smith