

August 20, 2025

The countdown continues to the start of the 2025-2026 school year! Teachers and staff will return on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, and we will welcome back our students on Thursday, September 4, 2025!

Our administrators, secretaries and custodians have everything just about ready for school to open and we are looking forward to a great year of learning and growth!

This week we welcomed eleven new employees at the Northern Valley Curriculum Center orientation – they are a great group and I know that they are excited to meet our students. Tomorrow, the new teachers, staff, and long-term leave replacements will attend our district orientation. Thank you to the administrative team for their work on preparing the orientation and to the Closter Education Association for providing lunch for the new hires. We warmly welcome the new hires to our great district!

Thank you to our Closter PTO who will provide a breakfast for faculty, staff and administrators on September 2, 2025, which is their first day of the school year. We appreciate all the support from our Closter PTO and the Korean Parent Group throughout the year!

Mark your calendars for Back-to-School Nights:

- Monday, September 15, 2025: Grades 3–4, HES, 6:30 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 16, 2025: Grades PreK-2, HES, 6:30 8:00 pm
- Thursday, September 18, 2025: Grades 5–6, TMS, 7:00 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 25, 2025: Grades 7–8, TMS, 7:00 9:00 p.m.

Tonight, I will present the ACCESS for ELLs 2025 Administration data. The ACCESS for ELLs is a series of summative English language proficiency assessments taken annually by English learners in kindergarten through grade eight. The assessment monitors our multilingual learners' progress in learning academic English. We are proud of the progress our multilingual learners have made!

Enjoy the last days of summer!

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