



# LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Point Road School Community,

There is something very special about the start of a new school year! In just a few short weeks, our quiet classrooms and hallways will once again be filled with the energy, excitement, questions, laughter, and, of course, occasional nervous first-day jitters that come with welcoming our Warriors back to school. Whether your family is joining Point Road for the first time or returning for another year, we are so excited to begin the 2026–2027 school year together. I hope the summer has provided your family with opportunities to relax, recharge, and make some wonderful memories. While it is always difficult to see summer come to an end, there is so much to look forward to in the year ahead!

It has been another busy summer at Point Road. As you know, our referendum projects have continued to transform areas throughout the building, including new hallway lighting, new Child Study Team offices, and new speech rooms just to name a few!! We are grateful for the patience and flexibility of our entire school community as this important work moves forward, and we look forward to enjoying the benefits of these improvements together.

As we begin the new year, we are also excited to welcome several new members to our school community. Please join me in giving a warm Point Road welcome to:

- Ms. McIlvain, Art Teacher
- Ms. Ehmann, Kindergarten Instructional Aide
- Mrs. Eliza McGinley, Kindergarten Instructional Aide
- Mrs. Kimberly Stevenson, Instructional Aide

We are thrilled to have these talented individuals joining our team and look forward to the contributions they will make to our school community.

We also have two special name updates to share! Ms. Koren is now **Mrs. Patton**, and Ms. Zappala is now **Mrs. Skurat**. Please join me in congratulating both of them!

As we prepare to welcome students back, I want to share a few reminders to help our arrival and dismissal routines run as smoothly and safely as possible.

**Our procedures for arrival and dismissal will remain the same as last year.** Rolling drop-off will continue along the Seven Bridges Road side of the building. To help keep the line moving, please make sure your child is ready to exit the car when you pull up. Backpacks and other belongings should be easily accessible, and students should be prepared to exit promptly and independently. Staff members will be available to assist our youngest students safely.



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Please remember that **parents should not exit their vehicles in the rolling drop-off line to retrieve belongings from the trunk**. If you need additional time to unload, please park and walk your child to the front entrance instead. The same is true for those extra hugs and goodbyes—if your child needs a little more time with you before heading inside, we completely understand! If that is the case, parking on a side street and walking up together is a wonderful option.

If you park across the street from the building, please remember that **students must use the designated crosswalk**. Our crossing guards play an important role in keeping everyone safe, and there may occasionally be a short wait as students and families cross. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

All students will enter through the front entrance, with doors opening at **7:50 a.m.** Unless you are registered for the YMCA before-care, please do not drop students off before this time, as supervision is not available prior to 7:50.

For Kindergarten through Grade 4, the first bell rings at **8:00 a.m.**, and the second bell rings at **8:05 a.m.** Students arriving after 8:05 a.m. will be marked tardy.

## Pre-K families:

- AM session: **8:55–11:25 a.m.**
- PM session: **12:25–2:55 p.m.**

To help make afternoon dismissal safe and efficient:

- **Kindergarten:** Students will be dismissed from their classrooms. Parents/guardians should wait on the lawn to the right of the main entrance.
- **Grades 1 and 2:** Students will exit through the side doors and gather on the blacktop near the gymnasium.
- **Grades 3 and 4:** Students will be dismissed through the front classroom doors to the left of the main entrance.

Simplified Culinary will once again be providing delicious lunch options for our school community. Students will have the opportunity to select and purchase lunch in the cafeteria and will use their school-issued ID cards when checking out. If you do not already have an account, families can register through [MySchoolBucks](#). Monthly menus will continue to be available on the school website. As a friendly reminder, food brought into school—including snacks and lunches—must be nut free. Please take a few minutes to discuss lunch expectations with your child, particularly regarding the number of items, snacks, and drinks they are permitted to purchase. As always, if you have specific questions, concerns, or restrictions, please email Miss Colleen at [cafe@littlesiverschools.org](mailto:cafe@littlesiverschools.org).

Communication between home and school is an important part of a successful school year. Point Road will continue to share information in a variety of ways, including: District and school websites, email, newsletters, ClassDojo, and Social media. I encourage families to check these resources regularly so you can stay informed about important updates, upcoming events, and the many wonderful things happening throughout our school.



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The Parent Portal will open tomorrow, **Wednesday, August 26th at 4:00pm**. At that time, families will be able to access their child's Summary page, where the homeroom teacher for the upcoming school year will be listed. All required forms must be completed prior to accessing your child's page.

I know there is always great anticipation surrounding classroom placements! Please know that an incredible amount of thought, conversation, and care goes into creating each class. We consider many factors as we work to create balanced learning environments where students can be successful. I appreciate your trust in this process and can assure you that our teachers are eager to welcome their new students.

I am grateful for the continued partnership of our families and for the dedication of our exceptional staff. Together, I know we will make the 2026–2027 school year another wonderful one!

Please continue to enjoy these last few weeks of summer. We look forward to seeing everyone soon and officially welcoming our Warriors back to Point Road School!

Regards,

Dr. Stigliano