Parents/Guardians:

We are absolutely excited to start this next year at STEM School Chattanooga! We hope everyone has experienced a summer to connect with family and re-charge for school. Here are some "information starters" as we head into the school year.

Monday, August 7th – Registration and Orientation Day

9th Grade Orientation

There will be a rising 9th grade orientation from 9am to 11:30am. All 9th grade students are invited to attend. Generally, we have about 95% participation rate, so don't miss out on your first chance to meet your classmates and work with current STEM upperclassmen.

Registration

All parents are expected to complete registration this same day. The process is fairly streamlined such that parents are able to get in and out within 25 minutes. Times are below. If you want to be even quicker, our website should have updated forms posted that Friday prior (August 4th) as we are waiting on receiving the updated forms from HCDE. Feel free to head to the website and then print, sign and bring the forms completed on registration day to make it even faster.

--9th Grade Parents should plan to come anytime between 11:30am and 4:00pm --10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Parents should plan to come anytime between 12:30pm and 4:00pm

Online School Fees and Payment

Attached is a tutorial on how to set up and make online payments for school fees and uniform order items. This process will also work throughout the year for other endeavors as well. In order to expedite the time necessary for registration, we encourage you to complete the fees online prior to registration. It will be one less item on registration day for you. A list of the school fees and supply list can be found on the STEM School Chattanooga homepage by clicking the link titled "School Fees and Supply List".

Uniforms

Pre-ordered uniforms will be available on registration day. We will place another order at the beginning of the school year but this order takes a while to come in. Parents can always stop by Educational Outfitters or order online through Educational Outfitters at http://chattanooga/.

New Students from Outside HCDE

Homeschooled or students not enrolled in an HCDE school this past year must provide a student's social security card *copy*, TN Immunization record *copy* or *original*, and birth certificate *copy* if the student has not already provided a copy of each to the STEM School.

Please remember that all students must be registered each year. So, we even need to see you 10th, 11th and 12th grade parents as well. :-)

Chattanooga State Fall Tuition and Fees

The 2017 Chattanooga State fall tuition and fees have been assessed for students taking Chattanooga State classes. Students may begin paying for the fall semester now; however, you may want to wait until after August 1st to pay. The Dual Enrollment grant should be applied by that date. You will not receive a paper bill. All billing is done electronically and is accessible through the student's TigerWeb. Chattanooga State also only uses the students' "@chattanoogastate.edu" e-mail address for communication from the Bursar's office.

If you receive a communication from Chattanooga State that is unclear, please do not hesitate to contact our school counselor, Mrs. Millard (<u>millard_anna@hcde.org</u>). She will return from summer break on August 2nd.

1st Day of School

The first day of school for all students is Thursday, August 10th. All students (9-12) will report at 9:30am. The school day goes from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Upperclassmen in 11th and 12th grades will continue coming to the STEM School from 9:30am to 4:30pm for the first two weeks.

We look forward to an amazing 2017-2018 school year and thank you for your support!

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