Dear Parents and Students:

Two years ago, no one would have imagined that we would be living in a pandemic and working hard to figure out the best plan of action to ensure that our students still received a quality education. That is precisely what we have had to endure over the last 16 months. I am excited to enter my 3rd year at Glen Oak Community Learning Center and 2nd year as the building Principal for the 2021-22 school year! This year we are gearing up to continue many initiatives that were started this past year around science, technology, writing and improving our arts department for our students. Heavy emphasis is being placed on opening our Acellus Lab; adding Band and Choir to the schedule and continue to improve students’ writing skills.

We are looking forward to an exciting new school year, but staying mindful of the need to continue safety protocols in the building! Majority of our teachers and staff will be returning to Glen Oak next year to continue to provide a laser-focused instructional strategy to students. We welcome all our parents and students to a school year filled opportunities for growth in unfamiliar but meaningful courses at Glen Oak. We want parents to know that we have their child’s best interest at heart.

There are many new updates at Glen Oak Community Learning Center for the 21-22 school year. We just conducted our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our “new” marquee, at the end of last school year. We are continuing our work with implementing Responsive Classroom; hiring key certified international candidates in hard to fill ELA, Math and Science positions. We will continue to partner with the East Bluff Neighborhood with our SWS program, Elite, Horizon’s Club and more.

New Student Orientation and Unpack your Backpack: Glen Oak Community Learning Center Staff would like to invite all new students and families to visit and get to know their school. Please bring two proofs of address, birth certificates (K Only), Completed Physical (K and 6th Grade only), Shot record (K and 6th Grade only)

Kindergarten
Please join us from 11:00am -1:00 p.m. on August 17, 2020, to get to know your school, classrooms, and teachers. Computers will be available for families to access online registration.
1st - 8th Grade

Please join us from 4:00am - 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2020, to get to know your school, classrooms, and teachers. Computers will be available for families to access online registration.

Back to School Schedule:

First Day of School – Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

School Improvement Days – In order to help you plan, the following days will be ½ days for students:
- September 29th
- November 3rd
- February 9th
- April 27th

Parent Teacher Conferences – October 18th and 19th - 4:00 – 7:00 (both days)

School Hours – School begins at 8:20 a.m. and dismisses at 2:50:00 p.m. for students. We ask that students arrive to school by 8:05 a.m. Students who arrive before 8:05 will be outside unsupervised.

Attendance – It is important that students have regular attendance at school. If your child is sick and must be absent from school, please send a note with your child when they return or call the front office to report the absence. If a note is not received your child will be marked as unexcused. If your child has an appointment, please send a note when your child returns to school. We appreciate your support in helping us keep our records accurate.

Uniform Policy - is enclosed with this letter and available in our student handbook. Please read carefully. All students are expected to be in uniform starting on the first day of school.

I look forward to visiting with returning students and parents and welcoming new members to our Charger-Nation family. Our dedicated administration, teachers and staff will work hard to provide students with a world-class education. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. Please know that certain aspects of the 2021-2022 school year may be subject to change due to the effects of COVID-19. Rest assured, if any changes should happen, we will keep you informed and updated on those changes.

Partners in Education,

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DRESS CODE & UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

On school days, students must remain in uniform at all times on school grounds and while on the bus. This includes after-school events unless performance attire is required.

Use the guidelines below to ensure proper adherence to the uniform policy at Glen Oak Community Learning Center.

Administration reserves the right to make additional requests in order to maintain a positive and productive educational environment.

**Tops AND Bottoms**
- Must fit appropriately.
- Must have a collar.

  **Must be a solid color- navy blue, white, red, black, green, gold, or light blue**
  Brand logos may be no larger than 1 square inch.

- Undershirts (short or long-sleeve) must be solid uniform color and should not show at the waist. Must fit appropriately and sit at the waist.
- Must be uniform pants/shorts/skirts.
- Must be a solid color- navy blue, black, or khaki.
- Shorts/skirts/jumpers must extend below the fingertips of the student’s extended arm. Tights/leggings worn under skirts/jumpers must be solid uniform colors.

**Additional information**
- All footwear must be closed-back or have an ankle strap. Proper shoes must be worn; no high heels or “flip flops” (backless) shoes can be worn. Boots may be worn to school, but please have another pair to change into once at school. Tennis shoes are only permitted in the gymnasium to protect floors and lessen any damage that could happen to them. Prohibited - “heels” or any other roller skates and/or roller skating shoes

Socks must be matching pairs.

In colder weather, solid uniform-color sweatshirts/sweaters may be worn over the collared uniform shirt. **Sweatshirts/sweaters must not have hoods. Sweaters may be pullover or solid color cardigan style.** Any clothing or jewelry containing insignias, sayings or symbols of gangs/drugs/alcohol/weapons are not permitted. Purses and bags are to remain in lockers for the entire school day.

Coats, jackets, and vests are to remain in lockers for the entire school day.

Coats and book bags are not allowed in the classrooms

Hats, bandanas, sweatbands, scarves, sunglasses, etc. Are not to be worn at school.

Accessories that do not interfere with or distract from learning may be worn.

Clothing sagging below the buttocks or well below the waistline is not permitted

Hats, headwear nor sunglasses are not to be worn in the school

Shorts need to be long enough to cover the student properly. Simple test: stand straight up, arms down by sides – are shorts’ lengths below fingertips?
Tops should not be so short that the stomach shows when the hands are raised or when the student moves naturally.

**Sweatshirts or sweaters**

*No hoodies may be worn inside the school*

Students dressed *inappropriately* or *found to be violating this dress code policy* will be allowed to call home for appropriate clothing. Further disciplinary consequences may be taken for those who choose not to follow the dress code.