

# C.W. Henry Family Newsletter

September 2019

Charles W. Henry School  
Carpenter Lane & Greene Street  
Katharine Davis, Principal  
[www.henry.philasd.org](http://www.henry.philasd.org)

## Dates to Remember

October 2019	
10/1	Pretzel sale (lunches) Volunteer orientation/clearance sign up (3:30p) SAC meeting (4:30p)
10/8	Volleyball game (away)
10/9	No school
10/15	PTA meeting (6:30p)
10/17	Volleyball game (away) Prospective Families School Tour (9:00a)
10/24	Volleyball game (away)
10/25	Craft show (5:00p)

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is a pleasure to welcome you and your children back to school. This is my first full year as the Principal of CW Henry and I couldn't be more proud or more excited. September has been an exciting month complete with Back to School Night, Dress Down days, assemblies, and field trips. Students and staff got into the swing of school so quickly it feels like we never left! In October, we look forward to our fourth graders beginning their partnership with the History Hunters program. Mr. Brogan will also kick off the chess league. There is much to look forward to this Fall at CW Henry!

As most families know, the School Selection window opened on September 20th. It closes at 5pm on November 1st. If interested, you can learn more about it here: <https://www.philasd.org/findyourfit/>

Our eighth graders are busy learning more about high schools in preparation for next year. In October we are hosting additional high school presentations to support students with this process.

I appreciate your continued support. Much of our success at Henry is due to our terrific parent-school connections. I value your input and your contributions. Please reach out in the main office if you need anything.

With appreciation,

*Principal Davis*



## **Greetings from the C.W. Henry School P.T.A!**

The PTA is excited for all the fun things planned for the upcoming year! Stay tuned for announcements and please go to the CW Henry School PTA website and sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter so you never miss a thing.

The next PTA meeting will take place on October 15th at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Children are always welcome!

Please say hello to the new PTA board!

### ***Executive Board:***

President: Leah Corsover  
1st Vice President: Mira Solomon  
2nd Vice President: Jessica Stanforth  
Treasurer: Mark Graham  
Recording Secretary: Rebecca Smith  
Corresponding Secretary: Patty Skuster

### ***Committee Chairs:***

Lower School: Orien Smith-Warren and Jonathan Barnes, Katharina Mullins-Sheard (1st grade teacher)  
Upper School: **Open Spot**, Kimberly Smith (upper school math teacher)  
Communications: Rachel Sitkins-Marks and Jenny Byiers  
Fundraising: Natasha Broadwater

Membership: Bridget Morak  
Projects and Events: Meghan Medlock

Playground: Kristin Roth  
Garden: Meredith Jacoby  
Finance: Mark Graham

*A big THANKS to everyone for volunteering their time to be a part of the PTA this year!*

## **Important Reminders**

*Make sure your student is in line on time! Our school hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:09 p.m.*

Students are expected to line up with their class or homeroom



teacher at 8:30am on the upper school yard for morning announcements all year long (with the exception of severely inclement or freezing weather, then students will enter through the main entrance between 8:15-8:30am and be routed to different areas of the building by staff).

Breakfast is served at no charge from 8:10 a.m. to 8:25 a.m in the school cafeteria every morning. Students will then go out to the school yard to line up with their class.

Please remind your student that there is no playing on playground equipment or riding around on scooters, bikes, and skateboards in the lower school yard until 3:15pm, and

all children must have a grown-up with them.

There are no early dismissals granted after 2:30 p.m.

Find out what's happening at Henry by joining the school's Instagram page @ c.w.henry and make sure you're receiving text alerts from both your child's teacher and Principal Davis via Remind. The school's PTA also has a Facebook page and a weekly e-newsletter that is super informative and delivered right to your inbox.

*Additionally, every grade has it's own private Facebook page just for parents, so you can ask questions and will never be left wondering if it's gym day or an early dismissal!*

## **From the Nurse's Corner**

Please say a big welcoming hello to our wonderful new school nurse when you see her! Nurse Larrison has been a nurse with the SDP since last January, but has been a hospital nurse for 20 years and counting, as she still lends time to Jefferson Hospital. She is very excited to be a part of the Henry community and we are happy she is here!

She would like parents and caregivers to know that the Eye Institute will be visiting the school on October 4th and 7th to give free vision screenings

to students in 1st and 2nd grade during the school day.

The nurse's closet is in need of size 5T, 4, 5, and 6 chinos, shorts, skirts, and gym pants for when students need a change of clothes. We are well stocked with all other sizes and items at this time.

If you would like to donate, please send these gently used and freshly washed items in to the school office labeled for the nurse. Thanks!

## **Fall Sports and Clubs**

So exciting! Fall sports and clubs are starting to begin across Henry School!

### **Upper School:**

The Upper School volleyball team is off to a great start with practices after school four days a week. The upper school Debate Club will start in November with sessions every Monday and Wednesday after school until 4:30pm, and Student Council election forms were passed around last week for those interested in joining. Have your child talk to their homeroom teacher for more information.

### **School-wide:**

Our very large 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade choir is now practicing every Day 4 and every other Day 6 at 8:30am with Mrs. Paulino-Trisdorfer, our wonderful music teacher. The multi-grade Henry chess team

has begun practices and is preparing to compete against other PSD schools in October.

Congrats in advance to all teams and clubs representing Henry with their hard work and talent this Fall! Have fun!

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