



**JOHN W. DECAS SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Guardians of John W. Decas School,

I would like to warmly welcome all new and returning students to our Decas Family. Our school is getting ready to host an outstanding year filled with amazing opportunities for our students to learn and explore through challenging and engaging experiences.

**Schedule**

Our school day schedule is as follows:

Full Day Pre-K, K, 1 and 2

Student Arrival	8:30-8:40 a.m.
Classes Begin	8:40 a.m. ( Students will be tardy after 8:40)
Student Dismissal	2:50 p.m.

Pre K ½ Day Sessions

a.m.

Student Arrival a.m.	8:30-8:40 a.m
Classes Begin	8:40 a.m. ( Students will be tardy after 8:40)
Student Dismissal	11:00 a.m.

p.m.

Student Arrival p.m.	12:25 p.m.
Classes Begin	12:30 p.m. (Students will be tardy after 12:30)
Student Dismissal	2:50 p.m.

### **Transportation**

Please let the Wareham Public Schools Transportation Department know if your child will be taking the bus. Bus registration is mandatory for all students planning to use regular bus transportation for the 2019-2020 school year. Please send your variance requests to Decas School no later than August 2, 2019.

If you plan to drive your child to Decas School, please know that you must walk your child to the school entrance and dismiss your child with proper I.D. from the gymnasium in the afternoons. Our doors open at 8:30 a.m. If you are in need of childcare before 8:30, Beyond School Time Childcare may be available. For more information about Beyond School Time, contact Jane Fondulis at [fondulis@wareham.k12.ma.us](mailto:fondulis@wareham.k12.ma.us). We appreciate your cooperation.

### **Supplies**

Each student must be prepared to come to school every day with a backpack and proper outerwear for weather conditions. Please contact Decas School at 508-291-3530 if you need assistance with the above items mentioned. Teachers may ask for additional supplies for their classes during Open House which is scheduled for *September 19th from 5:00 to 6:30 for Grade 1 and 2* and *September 27th from 5:30 to 6:30 for Pre-K and K*.

### **Classroom Assignment**

During the week of August 5th, your child will be receiving a postcard from Decas with their classroom assignment. Careful consideration was made in placing your child in the selected homeroom.

### **Attendance**

A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn, therefore, it is **imperative that your child attends school daily**. If your child is sick from school, please follow up with your child's teacher on what material was missed during the necessary absence.

### **Opportunities to Volunteer**

Decas School welcomes parent volunteers to work with our students and staff. Volunteers at Decas assist teachers as classroom helpers by preparing classroom materials, working with individual students, and assist with special events. A CORI form must be completed at our main office. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your child's teacher.

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I am looking forward to an outstanding year filled with excitement, positivity and enthusiasm in all we do.

Warm regards,



Bethany Chandler  
Principal