



Garvy Bulldogs  
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# SEPTEMBER 2019

# JOHN W. GARVY

# ELEMENTARY

## SAVE THE DATE

- Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – BAC Meeting @8:30am
- 7<sup>th</sup> – PTA Block Party@ 12pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Open House from 5:30-7pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – AAC Meeting @4pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Culver’s Scoopie Night
- 18<sup>th</sup> – LSC Meeting @5pm; PTA Meeting @6pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> – School Fees Due
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Principal Tea @ 8:45am
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 1 to 1 Chromebook Distribution
- 27<sup>th</sup> – PTA Movie Night@ dusk

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## PRINCIPAL’S PAGE

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Hello Bulldog Families!!

We are ready for the 2020 school year to begin! We kick off this year with our huge “Back to School Block Party” on Saturday, September 7th from 12:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. We will have food and lots of fun games and activities for all ages! I cannot wait to see all of our wonderful families there! If you are willing to volunteer for set-up, clean-up or anything in between, email [garvyschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:garvyschoolpta@gmail.com)

To get us into the groove, here are some tips for the beginning of school:

Beginning the first day of school we will have our kiss-n-go up and running on Oak Park and Rutherford Avenues. Oak Park moves northbound only and Rutherford moves southbound only. There will be large orange cones located where our kiss-n-go parents will open car doors so students can exit vehicles safely. There is NO PARKING or STOPPING on Oak Park and Rutherford between 8:15-8:30 A.M. The school day begins at 8:30 A.M. with supervision on school grounds beginning at 8:15 A.M. **Kindergarten and 1st grade** students enter Door 5, lining up next to the turf in two lines, one for students and one for the accompanying adult. Kindergarten and 1st grade students enter the building beginning at 8:20 A.M. **2nd through 4th grade** students enter Door 8, lining up next to the gymnasium in marked areas, and enter the building beginning at 8:25 A.M. **5th through 7th grade** students line up on the basketball courts and enter through Door 4 beginning at 8:23 A.M. **8th grade** students line up outside of Door 2 on Foster Ave. If a student arrives to school later than 8:32 A.M., they are to report to Door 7 to receive a tardy pass before reporting to class. The Pledge of Allegiance plays at 8:35 A.M. sharp and the school day begins. Any students who are tardy three times within a quarter will receive a pyramid and will miss Fun Friday. This also applies to pick-up at the end of the school day. Students exit the doors they enter in the morning, with Kindergarten leaving at 3:20 P.M. If a student in Kindergarten or 1st grade is being picked up by a sibling in another grade, make sure there is a planned pick-up spot for them to meet. Students who are not picked up on time will also receive a pyramid and after three instances will miss Fun Friday. We understand that there may be extenuating circumstances, however if child care is needed before 8:15 A.M. or after 3:30 P.M., Right at School offers services beginning at 7:00 A.M. and after school until 6:00 P.M.

This school year we have some new staff announcements to share. We would like to give a warm welcome to Ms. Kirstin Corbett, our new Performing Arts Teacher. Ms. Corbett is joining us from Edison Regional Gifted Center and is excited to continue our Performing Arts program! We would also like to welcome Mrs. Adriana Fernandez who previously taught at Lorca Elementary School. Mrs. Fernandez is a Spanish Bilingual teacher and she loves teaching the 1st grade. Ms. Amy Wdowiak will be our first grade teacher, filling the leave of Mrs. Bushonville. Ms. Wdowiak previously taught 1st grade before coming to Garvy. Mrs. Hankins will be a Special Education

teacher filling the leave of Mrs. Conlisk in our upper grade math classrooms. Mrs. Hankins has experience working as a homebound and high school teacher. We also would like to welcome Mrs. Jennifer Mollis, a special education teacher joining us from Beard Elementary. Mrs. Mollis is excited to make the change to a K-8 building. We also have a new teacher in 5th grade Math, Room 126.

Ms. Michelle Angelo will be joining our 5th grade team; she previously taught at St. Juliana and Edison Park Elementary. Welcome to the Garvy family, we are so fortunate to have you join our community!

Mrs. Bushonville welcomed a sweet little addition to her family over the summer - Miss Madison Foster joined their family on August 21st. Mrs. Ganci also welcomed the first addition to her family on August 22nd! Miss Adelaide Joy came a little bit early! Both families are thrilled and over the moon. Congratulations to both of your families!



Our Local School Council meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 P.M. and will meet in Room 209. PTA meetings will follow at 6:00 P.M. and are held in the Multi-Purpose Room. Be sure to check our website at [www.garvyschool.org](http://www.garvyschool.org) to stay abreast of what is happening throughout the school year. I look forward to seeing you at our first Local School Council meeting on September 18th at 5:00 P.M. Save the date for our annual Open House, Wednesday, September 11th! I will be holding the first Principal Tea on Tuesday, September 24th at 8:45 A.M. (hopefully in the front garden, weather permitting).

Welcome back to the pride of the northwest side, Garvy School!!

Principal Chron

## NEW FACES AT GARVY

We have once again been fortunate in hiring outstanding staff. There are some familiar faces, and there are some new faces, but the most important thing is each one of them cares deeply about serving the children of Garvy. Please welcome them to the Garvy Family.



**MICHELLE ANGELO**  
5th Grade Math



**ADRIANA FERNANDEZ**  
1st Grade



**JENNIFER MOLLIS**  
Special Education



**KIRSTEN CORBETT**  
Performing Arts

# ASSISTANT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Stephanie Bester  
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Welcome Back Bulldogs!!!

The 2019-2020 school year is upon us. I hope you are feeling as good as I am about the start of a new school year. This year marks the beginning of my 20<sup>th</sup> year as an educator. I remember my first day of school in 2000. I was so nervous as I stood in front of my homeroom of 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Those years flew by. I cannot provide an accurate number for the countless students that I have taught/influenced over the last 19 years. However, I am proud to continue serving the children of Chicago.

## A couple of reminders:

- This year's theme is Space: 2020 is Out of this world!
- Please visit the Garvy school website and register your email to receive the email blasts for weekly updates.
- Classes begin at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please drop off your children at the appropriate entrance no earlier than 8:15am. Please be mindful of others as you travel.
- There is a visual map on the last page of this newsletter that shows the traffic pattern.
- The 1 to 1 Chromebook program will continue in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. There is a mandatory parent info meeting on Open House at 5:30 and 6:30pm. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents who did not attend last school year must attend one session.

I hope to see you at the LSC and/or PTA meetings this year. The first LSC meeting is Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

Mrs. Bester



## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

A cold breakfast is available, free of charge, for all students as they enter the building. Breakfast is eaten in the classroom as teachers complete morning routines.

Hot lunch program is also served daily. Every student is entitled to a free lunch daily. Students will use a four-digit pin to order their lunch in the lunchroom. Ordering only milk costs \$0.40.

Lunch forms will be sent home at the beginning of the school year and **must** be completed by each family. Each family must have a lunch form on file at school, even if you do not qualify for free or reduced lunch prices. If your income exceeds the amount on the form follow these steps:

- 1) Write family last name
- 2) Write, "Does Not Apply" across the form
- 3) Sign Form

## SCHOOL FEES 2019

The school fee is \$75.00 for students in grades K-6 and \$100 for students in grades 7 and 8. Please pay with cash, check (made payable to Garvy School) or you can pay via the e-pay option on our website. A large portion of the fee is used to purchase consumable workbooks, magazines, upgrade technology, and supplies for the school year.

**Please submit your payment by  
Friday, September 20, 2019**

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL NEW AND RETURNING GARVY STUDENTS!!

### Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents!!

Welcome back to school!!

If you did not already do so at the end of last school year, please go to GoCPS.edu to activate your accounts with the codes given to you in June!!

If you lost your activation code, please call 773-534-2060

Please check the monthly Newsletter, E-Mail blasts, and/or my webpage on Garvy's website for High School information and for other Counseling programs!!

### Garvy Parents/Students:

Every month remember to check this section of the newsletter to read important announcements throughout the school year.

**ALL PARENTS:** Please hand in any medical or dental/vision forms for the target grades as soon as you can.

**MEDICALS –** Entering Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade—OR—Entering State of Illinois and enrolling in CPS at any grade level for the first time

**DENTAL –** Entering Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**VISION –** Entering Kindergarten, due AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!



Welcome back to school from the Adopt-a-Classroom Committee! We have an exciting year planned to raise money for STEM enhancements and classroom improvements. We welcome your participation. Join us at our meeting on **Thursday, September 12 at 4:00 pm** in room 105 or email [garvyschoolaac@gmail.com](mailto:garvyschoolaac@gmail.com).

Some important announcements:

- Our annual Walk-a-Thon will take place in May 2020 instead of this fall. More details coming soon.
- Attention Amazon shoppers! Link your Amazon account to [Garvy School](#) in Amazon Smile and 0.5% of your purchase of eligible products will be donated to the school. Search for "Jw Garvy Adopt-A-Classroom Nfp."
- Do you buy groceries or fill up your car regularly? Of course, you do! Make those purchases with a gift card that you purchase through AAC. A percentage of your purchase is donated to Garvy when you do. Forms will come home with your students soon.

PBIS is an important part of our school and we will continue to implement school wide expectations throughout the year.

Updates and announcements will appear on this page of the school newsletter. You will learn which rooms are the “Top Dogs” - those rooms that win the Golden Bulldog statue.

The Bulldog Bazaar will continue to accept tickets earned by students. Any staff member in the building can acknowledge a student for following the school wide expectations in our PAWS matrix.

Having pride in our school and doing your best are the corner stones of PBIS and we are excited to kick off another year of positive recognition for those students who are exemplifying our school wide expectations.

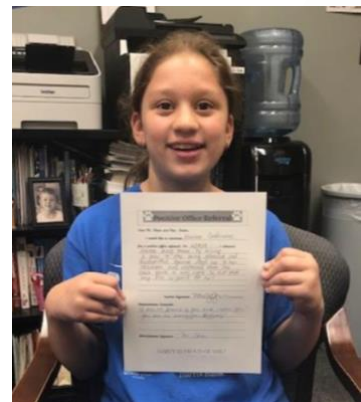


**Which classes will be the first to be “Top Dog” this school year?**



### Garvy's Visitor Policy

All visitors are to enter the building at the Door 7 entrance located on Oak Park Ave. Sign in at the front desk and obtain a visitor's pass. Proceed directly to the main office to announce your business. All visitors are to make appointments ahead of time with teachers and staff. Visitors will not be allowed to interrupt classroom instruction without an established appointment.



### PBIS: Positive Office Referrals

Congratulations to the June 2019 Positive Office Referral nominee. Bulldogs are being sent to Ms. Chron and Ms. Bester for their positive behaviors. Excellent work showing everyone what it means to be a true Garvy Bulldog!

Who will be the first Positive Office Referral of the school year?



Registration is now open for Right at School's before and after school programs.

This program provides parents a safe, comfortable, and fun place for their children before and after school. Led by nurturing and experienced educators, your children will complete their homework, and engage in fitness and enrichment.

The program will run every morning starting at 7:00am and afternoon until 6 pm. Families will have the option to register for any number of days per week. Programs will begin on their first day of school and run every day that school is in session.

For families who only need sporadic care, there is a convenient daily drop-in option or 10-day punch card available.

Further details can be found at [www.rightatschool.com](http://www.rightatschool.com) or 888-287-2466.

### Garvy's Attendance goal is 96%



# MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURE

PLEASE FOLLOW THE TRAFFIC PATTERN TO ENSURE ALL STUDENTS ARRIVE TO GARVEY SAFE AND ON TIME.

OAK PARK AVE. WILL BE ONE WAY NORTHBOUND, RUTHERFORD WILL BE ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND, AND THERE IS NO PARKING ALONG THOSE STREETS BETWEEN 8:10 - 8:40 A.M.

THE ALLEY ENTRANCE ON OAK PARK IS BLOCKED OFF.

THANK YOU!

**KEY**

- DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC: ↑
- TRAFFIC BARRIER: [Hatched Box]
- SCHOOL DOOR: (#)
- GRADE LEVEL: 4<sup>TH</sup>
- LINE-UP: [Horizontal Line]

