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Dear Joseph Shanklin Families,

Welcome back to the start of a new year at Joseph Shanklin Elementary School! We are incredibly excited to begin another year of learning and leading. This promises to be a year filled with golden opportunities for all our students as we strive to find ways that **we will** be even better than we have before! We embark on this journey with a pledge to you, our students, and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful, and rigorous work in our classrooms combined with special events- clubs, activities, performing arts, and leadership events certain to encourage our Sand Dollars to be involved and stay engaged. **#WEWILL**

For all students, our **Back to School Drop-In** is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 15th** from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Families will be able to obtain additional information about bus routes, our Connect2Learn iPad initiative, PTO and SIC membership, purchase spirit shirts and much more!

The first day of school is Thursday, August 17th. School begins promptly at 7:45 a.m. and dismisses at 2:45 p.m. Parents are welcome to walk their students to class. Students arriving between 7:15-7:30 will remain in the multipurpose room until dismissed at 7:30 to go to their classroom. **You will need to bring identification and sign in through Lobby Guard in the front office.** Expect longer than usual wait times and congestion the first week. Your patience is appreciated!

Please do not drop off your child to school prior to 7:15 a.m. unless they are enrolled in our **Early Morning Program**, call the front office for more information. Also, **students cannot be signed out after 2:15 p.m.** Emergencies and doctor's appointments are the only exceptions. Remember, early dismissals count toward truancy. More detailed information about arrival and dismissal procedures and policies will be available at the Back to School Drop-in and in the **Family Handbook** located on our school website. https://ses.beaufortschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_173762/Image/JSES_Family%20Handbook%2017-18.pdf

We are excited that this year we will once again be a 1:1 technology school, meaning all our students will have the opportunity to utilize devices daily. Our **3rd – 5th graders** will have the opportunity to bring devices home daily, if parents choose to pay a **\$20 take home fee**. Be on the lookout soon for more information with additional details and directions for payment.

Parents new to JSES are invited to a **Coffee Chat with the Principal on August 31st at 8:45 a.m.** You will hear about our initiatives, curriculum and programs as well as learn about opportunities to volunteer and serve in leadership roles in the school community.

I'd like to invite you to visit our school website, Twitter account and Facebook page. Be sure to listen or view your **School Messenger** emails and voicemails as they also serve as an important communication tool.

Follow us!

School Website: <https://ses.beaufortschools.net/>

Twitter @JSESPrincipal

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Joseph-S-Shanklin-Elementary-School/934389269919901>

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want...we need...and we value your involvement and support in your child's education!

Again, we welcome you to Joseph Shanklin Elementary and to our wonderful learning community...a place alive with much energy...enthusiasm and a high standard of excellence. Here's to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to learn, lead and make a difference.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. LaVan', written in a cursive style.

Celestine LaVan, Principal

Learn. Lead. Make a difference.

#WEWILL