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Dear Joseph Shanklin Families,

Welcome Back! This promises to be a year filled with golden opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways that we can 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 and activities certain to encourage our Sand Dollars to be involved and stay connected!

Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities, both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize opportunities to *Learn, Lead, and Make a Difference!*

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 and value your involvement and support in your child's education! Your active participation is key to the success of your child(ren) during these critical years of their education.

Please know that we highly value home/school communication here at Joseph S. Shanklin Elementary School. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student's success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to stay in the know about your child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings.



Our **Back to School Drop-In** is scheduled for **Thursday, August 16th** 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, order spirit shirts and much more!

Please check your e-mails for your *snapcode* to register your student(s). **Registration** requires 2 forms of current proofs of residency. The proofs of residency can be uploaded as an attachment on InfoSnap or may be brought by the school. If you need assistance or have not received your code, please call the school at 843-466-3463.

The first day of school is Monday, August 20th. School begins promptly at 7:45 a.m. and dismisses at 2:45 p.m. Parents are welcome to walk their students to class the first week. 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!

Students are **not** to be dropped off at the school prior to 7:15 a.m. 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. **All changes in transportation must be made in writing.** 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 under the Parent Information tab. <https://ses.beaufortschools.net/>

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.

Families new to JSES are invited to a **New Family Orientation on August 28, at 9:00 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!

Twitter @JSESPrincipal

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

Again, we welcome you to **JSES** and to our wonderful learning community. Our school is a place alive with much energy, enthusiasm, and a high standard of excellence! It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here's to an **AWESOME** new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

Yours,

Dr. Celestine LaVan
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