

Colchester Public Schools
Digital Backpack
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

DISTRICT INFORMATION

- 1. Free and Reduced-price Meals Information Update:** Thanks to a USDA Grant, all students and children under the age of 18 can get free breakfast and lunch. This will be in effect until December 31, 2020 or until the USDA Grant funds are depleted, whichever comes first. It is important, however, to still fill out a free and reduced-price meal application if you think you qualify. Once this free meal grant ends, students will go back to the appropriate free, reduced-price, or full pay status. The Colchester Public Schools free and reduced-price meal applications are available to all Colchester Public School students, grades pre-K through 12. For those interested in grab-and-go meals, which are also free, pick up is at William J. Johnston Middle School; Monday and Tuesday 12:30-1:00 p.m., Wednesday 9:30-10:30 a.m., and Thursday and Friday 12:30-1:00 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Leanne Ranheim, Nutrition Coordinator at 860-537-9421 ext 381 or email at lrnheim@colchesterct.org.
- 2. CPS Focus Groups:** Our district-wide Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee would like to hear about the experiences of our students and families. Please click on this link for more information about the focus groups and how to sign up: [Invitation for CPS Focus Groups](#)
- 3. Daily Student/Staff Health Screener *UPDATED PROTOCOL: The daily health screener must be completed every day by Hybrid learners, whether in school or at home during distance learning days.*** This allows our nursing staff and Chatham Public Health to more accurately track potential spread of COVID-19. The results of the screener are confidential and will only be viewed by the school nurse. Please opt-in to our SchoolMessenger system for important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more: **Send a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to the number 67587.** For more information on **SchoolMessenger Text Messaging Opt-In**, please click here: [Text Message Opt-In](#)

BACON ACADEMY - DIGITAL BACKPACK

Bacon Academy’s Digital Backpack link: [Bacon Academy Digital Backpack, September 25, 2020](#)

WILLIAM J. JOHNSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL - DIGITAL BACKPACK

William J. Johnston Middle School’s Digital Backpack link: [WJJMS Digital Backpack, September 25, 2020](#)

JACK JACKTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Jack Jackter Intermediate School's Digital Backpack link: [JJIS Digital Backpack](#)

COLCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Colchester Elementary School's Digital Backpack link: [CES Digital Backpack, September 25, 2020](#)

Community News:

1. Need help managing the stress you and your family may be experiencing due to COVID, school and work/life balance? The UCFS Colchester Behavioral Health Center can help! For more information, please click here: [UCFS September 2020](#)

Colchester Youth & Social Services News:

1. **There's still time to sign up for Youth Services' Full STEAM Ahead Program**, where we will learn all about STEAM while having fun! Register online now. Please click here for more information: [Full STEAM Ahead](#)
2. **Check out Youth Services' September Programs**, including Outdoor Open Youth Center! Registration is open now. Please click on the links below for more information: [Sept. 2020 Calendar](#)
[Sept. 2020 FAQ & Details](#)
3. **For information on School-Based Counseling through Project Courage, LLC**, please click here: [School-Based Counseling](#)

Colchester Parks and Recreation News:

1. **UPDATE:** Please click on the links below for updated information on **2020 Trick or Trunk**: [2020 Trick or Trunk](#)
2. **The October FIREWORKS are canceled**, please click here for more information: [Trick or Trunk fireworks](#)
3. Please click on the links below for more information Colchester Parks and Recreation events:
 - 2020 Virtual Vendor Fair: [Virtual Vendor Fair 2020](#)
 - Colchester Parks & Recreation's wish list: [Wishlist](#)
 - [Soup to Nuts Covid cooking Colchester Community Cookbook](#)
 - [Signing and Singing with Ms. Janine](#)
 - [Food Explorers 10.20](#)
 - Colchester Parks and Recreation: [Press release 9.24.2020](#)
4. **New online registration software** for Colchester Parks and Recreation coming soon: [New Software](#)