



Colchester School District

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CSD Community,

We have a few updates, information, and announcements to share.

Upcoming Dates to Know:

- Now [Kindergarten Registration](#) is open for next year!
- May 10 Virtual Family Night: Supporting Anxiety and Worries in Children
- May 30 Memorial Day, No School
- June 10 Last Day of School for Students (**NEW!** See below for more information)
- June 11 CHS Graduation Day (*Congratulations, Class of 2022!*)

The Last Day of School has CHANGED!

As we previously announced, the last day of school fell on Monday, June 13 because of several snow days this winter. A recommendation was made to the school board on Tuesday evening to change the last day of school for students to Friday, June 10. They reasoned that elongating the school year into just one day the following week (and in some cases, it's only a half-day) created challenges for camp commitments, travel plans, and childcare for working families. Vermont law requires students to be in school for a minimum of 175 days but because our calendar has 176 student days, it gave us some flexibility to explore other options.

At Tuesday's School Board meeting, the board unanimously approved the recommendation to make the last student day of school Friday, June 10.

It will be a full school day in all K-8 schools with dismissal occurring at the normal time. CHS will follow their modified exam schedule and preschool will follow their normal half-day schedule. Each school will be sharing more about their end-of-year plans later this month. Teachers and staff will use Monday as an additional day to complete necessary grading and documentation and begin the logistical work to close their classrooms for the summer.

The calendar for next school year is also up on our website, www.csdvt.org/calendar. Please note the first day of school next year is Wednesday, August 31.

May 10 Virtual Family Night - Your Questions Answered

The final Virtual Family Night's topic is **How to Talk About Worries with Children** and will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, May 10 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Presenter Jayme Gaudent is currently a Behavior

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Specialist for the Colchester School District and recently accepted a new position as our districtwide Social-Emotional Learning Coordinator. She earned her Master's Degree in Education from Johnson State College with a focus in ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis). Before working at CSD, Jayme worked for the Howard Center's Baird School as a Behavior Specialist and Integration Specialist for 13 years. [Keep this Zoom link handy if you'd like to attend.](#)

Registration Open for Kindergarten

Do you have a child who will be five before September 1 that will be starting kindergarten in the fall? Registration is now open! For more information and the link to apply, please visit www.csdvt.org/register.

We have some beautiful weather in store for the next week. We're excited to get outside even more with our students to enjoy the benefits of our beautiful campuses!

Amy Minor
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