



# Knighly Messenger

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## What's New?

*We have a few changes to Cambridge...*

- New CPC Leadership
- New Faculty Members
- PE and Health Ed Expanded
- Curriculum Enhancements
- School of Logic Expansion

We want to express our gratitude to all involved in helping us make improvements.

## Any questions? Call us!

## From the Dean of Academics...

### GEARING UP FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

**School Supplies.** Don't pass up all those great bargains at Staples, Office Depot, Wal-Mart, and the like. The list of school supplies is available on-line on our web site's home page. Please ensure that all of your child's items are purchased before the first day and placed in his/her big brown bag with his/her name printed boldly on the outside.

**First Day Assembly.** The first day assembly will be held at 9 AM. Students will arrive between 8:05 and 8:20 AM and line up at/by 8:25 AM ready to go to their classrooms. Parents will not be permitted in the classrooms after 8:25a.m. in order to allow students the transition to the first day schedule with their teacher. From 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM, there will be a parent reception in Harris Hall (1<sup>st</sup> floor). Alderman Preckwinkle (4th Ward) will then join us as we gather outside and she rings the bell signaling the start of the school year for Cambridge's fifth year!

**Registration Information.** Still haven't turned in your registration information from the welcome packet? You will want to submit this information before school begins as your child will not be able to attend school until we have these items.

**Summer Reading Requirements.** How's the summer reading going for you and your child? The summer reading is required for all incoming and returning students.

The parent required reading is:

**Shepherding A Child's Heart** by Tedd Tripp.  
**For the Children's Sake** by Susan Shaeffer Macaulay.

Parent books are available in the office. The Summer Reading List is available on the Web site, under Newsletter archives. Students will be rewarded at the first day assembly for their summer reading, so keep your log of all reading and encourage more reading.

- Mrs. Lambert

## Welcome the 2009-10 Cambridge Faculty & Staff!

Ms. B. James, Primary Class I (PK) Assistant Teacher  
Ms. K. Fisher, Primary Class III (K) Teacher  
Mrs. T. Maddock, Grammar Class III (3<sup>rd</sup>) Teacher  
Mrs. P. Johnson, Grammar Class V-VII (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>) Teacher  
Mr. A. Raines, Grammar Class Enrichment Teacher  
Ms. T. Power, After School Enrichment Teacher  
Mrs. L. Lambert, Dean of Academics

Mrs. P. Bailey, Primary Class II (JK) Teacher  
Ms. A. Kistler, Grammar Class I/II (1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>) Teacher  
Mr. Z. Ward, Grammar Class IV (4<sup>th</sup>) Lead Teacher  
Mrs. K. Laude, Grammar Class Enrichment Teacher  
Mrs. C. Andrews, Physical & Health Education Teacher  
Mr. A. Weston, Office Administrator  
Mr. D. Barber, Founder and Executive Director

*New Cambridge Parent Council leadership will be announced at Back to School Night on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>!*

## Afternoon Carpool/Pickup Procedures

Want simple tips to make afternoon pick-up smoother?

1. Clearly communicate your carpool desires to Cambridge.
2. Plan on arriving promptly between 2:55p.m.-3:00 PM.
3. Remain in your vehicle in the carpool line on Ellis Ave.
4. Allow teachers to conclude the day.
5. Allow students to be dismissed from school.
6. Drive carefully out of the carpool line.
7. If you need to leave your vehicle, park your car in the parking lot.

For more information, please review the Family Handbook, available On-line at [www.cambridgechicago.com](http://www.cambridgechicago.com)!

## Preparing for School

Returning to school is always a pleasure for both parents and students. The first day is exciting, yet the anticipation also brings with it some apprehension. With the Back to School Socials, the Individual Learning Plan conferences, and the Welcome and Introduction Letters from faculty, we attempt to make the transition to Cambridge smooth and easy.

However, there are also some things that you, as parents, can do to help us with a smooth and easy first day! Here are some suggestions:

1. **More Sleep.** The summer hours are over. Start getting your child to bed early (8 PM) and awakening your child early (7 AM) so that they are accustomed to the pattern by day one. Giving your child a nap each day is also a great way to help with the needed sleep and developing a scheduled nap is part of the daily routine at Cambridge for Primary Classes.
2. **More Reading.** Visit the library at least twice each week. Develop this routine now. Children need to be reading daily.

## Be on time!

### School bell rings @ 8:25 AM!

Students must be in class, ready to work at 8:25 AM, not just arriving!

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### September

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| 7  | Labor Day—Student and Staff Holiday                |
| 8  | First Day of Classes                               |
| 17 | CPC <i>Back to School Night</i> , 6 PM (mandatory) |
| 22 | School Photos                                      |

## First Day Uniforms

The first day of school, September 8<sup>th</sup>, will be here sooner than you think. Have you purchased your child's school uniform yet? Now is the time to make that trip over to Martinelli's on 95<sup>th</sup> Street and purchase the uniform.

On the first day, students are required to wear the full dress uniform. Once in the classroom, we will make students more comfortable. Students without the proper uniform will not be admitted, so don't delay. Martinelli's has the uniform requirements in the store. Label your child's uniform items!

## Back to School Socials

We had our Back to School Social this past Monday. It was a pleasure meeting all of the families that attended. We trust that you left excited about the upcoming school year. This is just the start of a year of Greater Expectations!

Remember that what got you in the school is what will keep you a satisfied parent—your level of involvement! So, Get Involved at Cambridge!

## Did you get all School Supplies?

**FACTS Tuition Payments.** Your first FACTS tuition payments began on August 5th or August 20th. Please ensure that your accounts are prepared. We are able to make any changes to effect the September 20th date. Please note that an annual enrollment (re-enrollment) fee is assessed to every FACTS account.

**2009-10 Calendar.** The official Cambridge School calendar for 2009-10 school year is available on-line under "Newsletter Archives" on the home page.

#### **Ambassadors Club After School Program.**

Ambassadors Club will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have registered your child for Ambassadors Club, you need not do anything else. We will ensure that your child is in attendance to the after school program. You may still register for Ambassadors Club!!!

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**CAMBRIDGE CAMP PHOTOS ARE ON-LINE!**