



## Parent Welcome Letter 2023

### A Message from Michele on Communication

Communication between home and school is among the most essential elements of your child's success. We want you to feel well-informed about your child and always have your questions answered.

During school hours, the teachers are focused on their classrooms and the education of the children. To that end, they are not checking emails or voicemail messages during the school day. If you have an urgent message, please call the front desk at (231) 929-9325.

We find the best method of communication to be in person or by phone. Please reserve emailing for simple-to-answer questions or to request a time to talk. You will receive a response within 24 hours (aside from weekends). It is our policy to not engage in text messaging.

Every teacher has office hours built into their week, during which they can schedule time for conversations with you. I encourage all teachers to preserve evenings and weekends for themselves and their families, so we appreciate you utilizing these times they have designated to communicate with you.

Thank you!

### **Compass Jr. High Policies and Logistics**

#### **Dental/Doctor/Ortho. appointments etc.**

- Worst times: (in order)
  - Math 1:25-2:25 M-F
  - Mornings: 8:30-11:00 M-Th
  - Spanish: 11-12 M-T

- “Best times” (in order)
  - End of day: 2:25 M-F
  - Lunch: 12:00-1:15 M-F
  - Friday mornings: 8:30-Noon

**Birthdays**

- Bring a treat, no holds barred

**Please read parent handbook regarding:**

- Cell phones, smart watches, etc.
- Dress code (review it with your child)

**Arrival/departure/drop off**

- **Important:** If you are dropping off or picking up your child directly from school, you must drop them off/pick them up in Lot D only. This is by agreement with the City of Traverse City and the other owners at 101 Park. It is essential that you follow this rule.
- **Important:** When walking to and from Lot D, do not cross Park Street at the Grandview Parkway. Only cross Park Street at the Park & Front Street intersection. This also is by agreement with the City of Traverse City and the other owners at 101 Park. It is essential that you follow this rule.
- At the end of any given day downtown, we will release kids at 3:00 to either:
  - Downtown (with your permission, contact Kim)
  - The Corner of Park Street and Lot D entrance (where we can see them from our window)

**Compass Jr. High Room Parents:** Megan Wick and Carrie Goodreau

**How to contact Compass Jr. High:**

- By phone:
  - For all non-emergencies, call the Children’s House land line at 231-929-9325.
  - For emergencies only during the day, call the Jr. High landline: 231-709-4231.
  - For emergencies while we are traveling, call the Jr. High Cell Phone: 231-409-9171.
    - Never text us. We will not respond to text messages.
- By email:
  - Send to BOTH Tree and Kristina
    - [treenen@traversechildrenshouse.org](mailto:treenen@traversechildrenshouse.org)

■ [kristina@traversechildrenshouse.org](mailto:kristina@traversechildrenshouse.org)

- Office Hours **by appointment**
  - Tuesday-Thursday: 11:15 to 11:45 am
  - Tuesday, Weds: 12:45 to 1:15 pm
- Remind App (outward communication from us only)
  - [https://www.remind.com/join/ciono?utm\\_medium=android](https://www.remind.com/join/ciono?utm_medium=android)
  - @ciono



Calendar and Travel Schedule  
**2023-2024**  
*Parent Edition: September 2023*

### **Northern Michigan Experience**

**Friday, September 8th:** Inland Seas Schoolship

**Monday, September 11th:** TBD Day Trip

**Tuesday, Sept 12th:**

8:00 am Depart Main Campus. Drive to Charlevoix, for an 11:30 am ferry to Beaver Island. Stay at CMU Biological Research Station

**Friday, Sept 15th:**

Return from Beaver Island on the 8:20 am ferry. Lunch in Charlevoix. Drive from Charlevoix to Traverse City. Return to the main campus by carline.

### **WORKSHOP: Chemistry and Community**

*September 18th through November 3rd*

#### **Staff PD: No School**

Wednesday, November 1st.

#### **Parent Visiting Day**

Thursday, October 12th; ½ day.

10:30-11:30 am. Parents leave with their children.

**Detroit Trip**

*Tuesday, October 24th through Friday, October 27th*

**First Parent, Teacher, Student Conference**

*November 9th and 10th*

**WORKSHOP: US History- Colonization through the American War for Independence**

*November 13th through December 15th*

**Winter Break:**

*December 16th through January 1st*

**Intermester- Creative Expression**

*January 2nd through January 12th*

**Parent Visiting Day**

*Friday, January 12th*

2:00-3:00 pm. Parents leave with their children.

**WORKSHOP: US History- The American War for Independence through Reconstruction**

*January 16th through March 1st*

**Civil War/Civil Rights Trip to the South**

*Monday, January 29th through Sunday February 4th*

**Monday 1/29**

Depart TCH Main Campus at 7:30 am

Depart 12:05 pm from GRR Arrive ATL at 2:11 pm

**Sunday 2/4**

Depart ATL at 9 am, arrive GRR at 10:57 am

Arrive TCH Main Campus by 4:00 pm

No school Monday February 5th

**Staff PD: No School**

*Friday, February 16th*

**Second Parent Teacher, Student Conference**

*March 14th and 15th*

**Theatre Week/Human Growth and Development:**

*Tentatively- March 14th through 21st*

**Spring Break**

*March 25th through the 29th*

**WORKSHOP: Industrial Revolution**

*April 1st through May 3rd*

**Parent Visiting Day**

*Thursday, April 11th: ½ day.*

10:30-11:30 am. Parents leave with their children.

**Industrial Revolution Trip to Chicago**

*Sunday, May 5th through Friday May 10th*

Monday, May 13th off

**Spring Interlude:**

*Tuesday, May 14th through Wednesday, May 22nd*

**Grandparent's Day**

*Thursday, May 23rd*

**Wilderness/Backpacking Trip:**

**North Manitou**

*Wednesday, May 29th through Friday, May 31st*

**Jr. High Graduation**

*Wednesday, June 5th 2023*

**Jr. High Friday PE Days**

*Friday, September 29th*

*Friday, October 20th*

*Friday, November 17th*

*Friday, January 19th*

*Friday, February 9th*

*Friday, March 22nd*

*Friday, April 5th*