

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

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The Principal's Page is sent home weekly on Fridays to keep families up-to-date on school events and important information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 15 T-shirt Sales Begin
- 20 First Day of School
- 20 Sip-n-Sob in Cafeteria (K & 1st Grade Parents)
- 22 Fall Pictures
- 23 PTA Chair Meeting (8:15 am)
- 27 PTA Room Parent Meeting (8:15 am)
- 27 CFA Spirit Night (5:00-8:00 pm)
- 2 No School - Labor Day



LIFE SKILL OF THE WEEK

One of nineteen Life Skills is emphasized school-wide each week and is included on the Principal's Page to inform parents. It is our hope that this will be helpful to families and further foster teamwork between home and school.

Friendship
"to make and keep a friend through
mutual trust and caring"

SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

- 7:15 Building Opens
- 7:40 Breakfast Ends
- 8:00 School Begins
- 2:30 School Dismisses



Students must be in the building at 8:00 and should be picked up no later than 2:45. Early dismissals end at 2:00. The first day is Tuesday, August 20.

BE A MEMBER OF THE TEAM!

- Fill out and send in the forms your child has brought home. Read the handbook.
- Enforce completion of school work and require good behavior.
- Communicate regularly with teachers.
- Be an active member of PTA.
- Respect the teacher in front of your children.
- Support the school positively. Talk to the school about concerns and suggestions.



SIGN IN SYSTEM

The sign-in system used by all Greenville County Schools requires a scan of a picture ID to obtain the mandatory visitor/volunteer badge in order to enter the school. All visitor/volunteer entries are through the school's front office.

PTA Corner

- ♦ PTA Information can be found on the PTA Page of the school website.
- ♦ Paris PTA Memberships are \$5.00 or 4/\$16.00 for a family. Join!
- ♦ Fall Fundraiser, Charleston Wrap, will kickoff Monday, September 9. *Charleston Wrap*
Simply the highest quality in fundraising
- ♦ Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night - Tuesday, August 27, at Chick-Fil-A from 5:00-8:00 pm. Third grade teachers will be serving!
- ♦ Mark your calendar for the first PTA meeting on Monday, September 9, at 6:30 pm!

OFFICIAL SCHOOL-ISSUED BLUE NUMBER CARDS

CAR RIDERS - Parents must use the current year's official school-provided number cards when picking up students in the car line. Anyone without the official cards will park and go to the office to pick up their child.

BUS RIDERS - Parents of kindergarten or first grade students who ride the bus must meet the children at the bus stop with the current year's official school-provided number card. Another adult or a student who is in 4th grade or above can serve as a parent's designee. The parent is ultimately responsible for the safety and conduct of his/her child at the school bus stop.

What Happens if Adult or Designee is Not Present? If a 4K, 5K, or 1st grade student, whether alone or in a group, is preparing to depart the bus AND a parent/guardian/designee is not present at the bus stop, the student(s) will be returned to the school. When a student is returned to the school, school staff will contact the parent/guardian via contact information provided. If the parent/guardian cannot be located, the matter could be referred to the Greenville County Schools Law Enforcement Division and/or the Greenville County Department of Social Services (DSS). A child returned to school may result in the loss of bus privileges.

CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website at www.greenville.k12.sc.us/parise is the place to find information and links for everything to do with Paris, Paris PTA, and Greenville County Schools.

One-Stop Shopping With Backpack!



Parents now have a “one-stop shop” to access their children’s grades, assignments, lunch balances, and other information. Parents can also use Backpack to change contact and demographic information, update the list of individuals allowed to pick up their child from school, and ensure they receive important alerts and notifications from the school or district. Parents will also be able to invite others (grandparents, babysitters, etc.) to have viewing rights to their child’s information without giving them access to change any data or pick up rights. Get started by following the steps below!

Create a Parent Backpack Account:

1. Go to <https://parents.gcsbackpack.com>
2. Click on the “I’m a Parent” button.
3. Enter a valid email address and create a 10-character password.
4. Complete your name and click “Create My Parent Account” button.
5. When you receive a confirmation email, click on “Activate Your Parent Backpack Account.”
6. Clicking will take you to the Parent Backpack log in screen. Log in using your email and newly created password.
7. Click on “My Students” to link your account to your child(ren). Have a copy of your student’s latest grade report handy because you will need your Students’ ID Number.
8. Click “Add a Student” and complete the requested information. Click “Request to Add a Student.” You will receive a message that your request has been successfully submitted to the administrative clerk at your student’s school for review.

What’s Next?

Because Parent Backpack gives you access to important student information and the ability to revise key information, Paris Elementary must verify your identity and proof of custody as a parent or guardian IN PERSON. Please plan to visit Paris as soon as possible after the creation of your account. The front office clerk can provide the necessary verification. It is a good idea to call ahead to ensure the clerk will be available during your visit. It is only necessary to do this once for the entirety of your child’s enrollment in Greenville County Schools.

Items that may be needed for verification:

Official birth certificate
Government Issued Photo ID
Divorce/Separation Documents (if applicable)

