



CREC John J. Allison Jr.
POLARIS CENTER
 Guiding students to learn and grow

**AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2023
 NEWS & NOTES**

**CHECK OUT THE
 FRESHLY PAINTED
 CAFETERIA!**



WELCOME BACK!

It is hard to believe summer break is already ending. I hope you all were able to relax and enjoy the sunshine.

While the students & staff are away, we try to get as much done as possible to improve the building and our instructional resources. This summer was no exception. The facilities crew worked hard on many upgrades throughout the building. We have new flooring, A LOT more color, pottery wheels & a kiln. The new interactive boards in each classroom will engage & support student learning. I am excited to hear the reactions from the students and observe these changes benefiting them.

Our first day of school is **TUESDAY, August 29**. Dismissal is at 2:00 on the first day. **Wednesday, August 30th** is a shortened day with 12:30 dismissal. Parents and Caregivers are invited to **Back to School Night** on **Wednesday, September 13** from 5:30-7. Please come visit our school, meet our staff and see the improvements.

I look forward to our continued partnership and seeing you at **Back to School Night**. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

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HOW CAN WE HELP?

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2023-2024 POLARIS CENTER HOURS

**Monday, Tuesday,
 Thursday & Friday**
 8am—2pm

Wednesday
 8am—12:30pm

NO SCHOOL
 Monday, Sept. 4

OPEN HOUSE
 Sept. 13 5:30pm-7pm

NEW STAFF 2023-2024

CAMILLE BENT

Behavior Intervention Specialist

JOHN MARIANO

Special Education Teacher

ERIC MARKOW

Associate Instructor

WILKINS MIRANDA CINTRON

Kitchen Assistant

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