

California Middle School

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Greetings California Middle School Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying a restful summer and is ready to get back into the routine and structure of school soon! The Cal Faculty will waste no time in helping students get acquainted with the rules, procedures, and classroom expectations we have designed for their success. The teachers and staff are committed to providing stellar instruction, along with quality athletic and extracurricular opportunities.

Cal is on the move and this summer has brought with it some changes to keep us rocketing forward. This year promises to be the best yet with the district adoption of a new English Language Arts Curriculum, *My Perspectives*, coupled with Cal's commitment to increasing the number and complexity of novels students are reading. The math department has studied student performance data to ensure students are being appropriately placed in supported and/or accelerated classes to meet their individual needs. The master schedule was revised to increase elective choices even more with the addition of: Choir, Dance, Spanish, and (added just this summer) Study Skills and Athletic Conditioning!

Cal welcomes new 7th graders, and we welcome back our 8th graders. We have every intention of providing a fantastic year of academic learning, exploration in the arts, and challenge on the playing fields.

We have redesigned our 7th Grade Orientation to give students actual instruction in how to be ready for middle school. Students will move through sessions that include a more comprehensive overview of our programs, instruction in organization/study skills, a thorough school tour, social and emotional learning, student support services, and how to get involved in school sports and extracurricular activities.

7th Grade Orientation, August 28, 8:15 - 1:30

- 8:15-8:30: Student Check-in
- 8:30 -11:30: Parent Sessions, Kick-off - Gym, then rotate to/Auditorium/Library/Cafeteria
- 8:30- 11:30: Student Sessions, various rooms
- 11:30 - 1:30: BBQ Lunch (FREE hot dog, chips and a drink!)/Schedule Pick Up/PE Clothing Sales

To receive your class schedule, bring COMPLETED EMERGENCY CARD (included in this packet) and proof of Tdap immunization if not already on file.

8th Grade Schedule Pick-Up, August 29th, Main Office

8th graders can pick up their schedules, and turn in **COMPLETED EMERGENCY CARDS**
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Summer Sports Updates!

Volleyball Tryouts: August 6th and 7th, 10:30 -12:00, both days.
Coach: Ted Wong: ted-wong@scusd.edu

Cross Country Parent Meeting, August 29th, 5:30pm, Cal Library
1st Cross Country Practice, September 5th.
Coach: Jenny Hitchings: Runnerjen@surewest.net

Summer Reading Assignment

Students who will be 8th graders in 2018-19 have a summer reading and writing assignment! See Attached!

GO BEARS!!

Warmly,

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