

Little Oak Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back, finally! We had no idea when we left in March it would be this long before we would be back in the classrooms. We've missed you all and hope you and your loved ones have stayed safe and healthy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Little Oak Middle School is excited to welcome you and your child to the 2020-2021 school year! The faculty and staff will do its part to ensure that each student has a motivating and SAFE learning experience while attending our school. We will spend the first few days going over the new safety protocols and expectations. We will also take time to teach our students best practices to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Below you will find the name of your child's homeroom teacher and room number. This information should be brought to school on your child's first day to help him/her remember his/her teacher's name. All students will report directly to their homeroom teacher. Our district has implemented the "Safe Start" schedule and you will find your child's start date on our district's webpage. After the "Safe Start" dates, grades 4 and 5 will begin reporting full-time beginning Monday, September 14th. Sixth graders will begin Monday, Sept. 14th or Tuesday, Sept. 15th, depending on his/her last name. The school doors will open at 7:05 AM. School begins at 7:35 and dismissal begins at 2:36 PM.

Students do NOT need to bring all of their school supplies on the first day, as we know this can be cumbersome. Please have your child bring the basic supplies on his/her Safe Start date and the remaining school supplies on Monday, September 14. We anticipate that traffic will be very congested on the first days of school. This tends to add anxiety to the day. We will have extra help with duty each morning to ensure that all students find their way to their class. Due to the COVID-19 safety restrictions, parents will not be permitted to enter the building therefore should also not be parking on campus. To enter the car line, you must take a right in front of Boyet Junior High, go through Boyet's parking lot, and loop around on the gravel road, before actually getting to Little Oak to drop off your child.

Please be aware, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to offer an Open House or Meet and Greet as we have in the past. Once school is back in session, your child's teacher will invite you to a virtual Open House Zoom Meeting. Our teachers will also be creating an introductory video to post to our website prior to the official start of school. Once you know who your child's homeroom teacher will be, we encourage you to visit our website at <http://littleoakmiddle.stpsb.org/>, locate the teacher by grade, then view the video with your child once it is available.

Our new schoolwide theme this year will focus around personal health. Our catchphrase will be, "The Best Me I Can Be". We will focus on physical health, mental health, and academic health throughout the year. We are looking forward to working with you and having your family as part of our Little Oak Team!

Sincerely,

Little Oak Middle School Administrative Team