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South Park School District

August 1, 2017

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

We eagerly await the start of another exciting year at South Park Middle School. Please review the following information to become better acquainted with pertinent dates, times and communication methods.

To introduce our fifth grade students and new students to the new building, we will host our highly successful "Transition Day" on August 21st between 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. During this time, fifth grade and new students will receive an informal orientation that will allow them to walk through their schedules to become better acquainted with the building. It is our hope that this opportunity will alleviate the anxiety that typically accompanies any transition.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students will be given their final class schedules on the first day of school during their homeroom period. All students will find their homeroom assignments posted on the transportation letter that will be sent electronically on August 14, 2017.

Regarding school arrival times, parents should drop their child off in the rear of the building at the cafeteria entrance from 7:55 a.m. to 8:07 a.m. Please do not arrive prior to 7:55 a.m. as it will conflict with the bus arrival time. Students will report to their appropriate area upon arrival. Students arriving after the start of homeroom at 8:10 a.m. must come to the main entrance and report to the office for a late pass.

Parents picking up their children at dismissal should arrive between 2:50 p.m. and 3:05 p.m. and report to the front parking area of the middle school. For the safety of our children, parents will need to check in with the monitor before escorting their child to the car. Car riders will be dismissed at approximately 3:05 p.m. or when the buses have been dismissed.

Please note that the middle school open house will be conducted for grades 5 through 8 at the middle school on September 26, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The open house will be an informal affair that will allow the parents to meet their child's teachers in a meet-and-greet fashion that will provide greater flexibility for parents.

Because communication between home and school is essential to ensuring your child's success, please communicate often with the staff. Also, remember to check the South Park Middle School website frequently to keep up-to-date of any new updates as most of our information is communicated electronically. If you do not have access to electronic media, please notify the middle school office in writing so that we can accommodate your needs. Our website address is http://spms.sparksd.org/.

We hope that you will continue to have a fun and safe summer vacation, and we look forward to seeing all of you on August 28 for the first day of school!

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Monaghan, Principal