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South Park School District

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 building, we will host our highly successful "Transition Day" on **August 20th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. 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 any of the "new school" anxiety that typically accompanies the transition.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students will be given their 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 prior to the beginning of school.

Regarding school arrival times for car riders, parents should drop off their child in the rear of the building at the cafeteria entrance from 7:53 to 8:03 a.m. Students will report to their appropriate area upon arrival. **Please note that home room will begin at 8:05 a.m.** Students arriving after 8:05 a.m. must come to the main entrance and report to the office for a late pass. Please note these modified times for the 2019-2020 school year.

Parents picking their children up at dismissal should arrive between 2:55 p.m. and 3:05 p.m. and report to the rear 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. when the buses are dismissed.

Please note that the middle school open house will be conducted for grades 5 through 8 at the middle school on September 25, 2019 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. As in the previous years, parents will have the opportunity to hear information pertaining to the curriculum and the expectations relating to each class.

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 abreast of any new updates as most of our information is communicated electronically. Our site address is http://spms.sparksd.org/. If you do not have access to electronic media, please notify the middle school office in writing so that we can accommodate your needs.

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 26th for the first day of school!

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Monaghan, M.Ed. Principal

Lynn C. Como, M.Ed. Assistant Principal