



August 28, 2023

Dear Middle School Parents,

Ready or not, MS starts tomorrow!

Safety – To enhance security on campus, the doors will be locked during the school day.

Sports - MS cross country and volleyball practices start after school on the first day, Tuesday, August 29.

Lunch orders – due Thursday, August 31, by 3:30. Please see Michelle's email for full ordering details.

Edsby – New parents will receive an email with information to set up their own parent account. Returning parents should already have an Edsby account. If you have questions, please contact Michelle. Edsby will give you access to the class page for each course your child is in, with links for resources, class information, and details on upcoming homework. Edsby will also provide current course grades for 7th and 8th grade students and parents. As part of the 6th grade students' transition into Middle School, the 6th grade team begins the year by sending home grade updates every three weeks to show trends. This starts the year by placing emphasis on the importance of effort and growth, rather than the accumulation of points. Teachers and advisors will guide their students and communicate regularly with parents about student progress.

Communication

- The Parent Portal on the SGS website has a ton of documents and helpful links <https://sgs.org/parent-portal/> (password is *inspiring*).
- Every week during the school year, a **MS Parent Letter** is linked on the SGS email update sent out at the beginning of each week. Please take a few minutes to read my letter for important information and upcoming dates. It will also be posted in the **MS News Group** on Edsby.
- Information will also be shared through Edsby, so check those notification settings!

Important upcoming dates

August 29 – first day of school for the Middle School begins at 8:20

- Back to School Parent Coffee in Peter's Garden – everyone is invited to meet Parent Ambassadors, new families, and catch up after the summer break
- Orientation day for the 6th grade students and parents – at least one parent is asked to attend the first half of the day to set the stage for a great MS experience (parents released at 11:45)

September 1 - Dragon Dance at 2:15 beginning on the Davenport Lawn - Parents are invited to attend this K-12 school kick-off tradition

September 14 – MS/US Parent Back-to-School Night at 6:00

September 20-22 – 7th grade trip to Camp Spalding (more info to be sent)

Go Dragons!



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