



## SECRET MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Loved Ones,

Welcome Back to School!

We have had a great start to the school year! I hope that you have had a great summer break. It is wonderful to have our students and teachers back on campus. We have truly missed them and are so excited that we have all members of the Secrist Family in our classrooms.

We are working on the transportation situation this year once again. Please know that our transportation department is working to solve many of the concerns and questions that our families have currently. We appreciate you getting our students to school and picking them up every day. It truly is taking all of us to make this school year happen. We are fortunate to have incredible parents, adults, and loved ones in our children's lives. Thank you!

Our teachers have been hard at work delivering their introductions to their classes, team building and creating a very positive and welcoming atmosphere for our students to be part of. If you need to reach one of our teaching staff, you can certainly call the front office and leave a message or you can email them at their TUSD email address. Please consult our webpage for all email and classroom direct extensions.

School Supplies: There have been many questions about this. There is a list of supplies that our teachers would like for all students to have. Please send our students with the following supplies:

- 1 Backpack
  - 2-inch binder
  - Dividers (8 tabs)
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- Pencil pouch
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters (3 different colors)
- Pencils (5)
- 1 student size bottle of hand sanitizer

If your student is taking a P.E. class, they will need to purchase a P.E. uniform shirt and lock once again this year. In years past, we have required students to purchase the bottoms that match the shirt. However, we know that our families are having to cover so many other costly expenses at this time. So, with this, we are only requiring our students to have the uniform Secrist t-shirts. Students can utilize their own appropriate athletic shorts, or other P.E. bottoms for their classes.

Something that we are very excited to announce this year is that our school will continue to be providing free breakfast and lunches for all students. Please encourage our students to take full advantage of the meals that are available for them daily. All monthly school menus are available on our TUSD homepage so that our students will know what we be serving.

If there is anything that we can do to make the transition back to school, please contact us. Our office staff, teachers, support staff, and administrative team are always here to assist you.

Some upcoming important dates that are coming up are:

**Open House:** August 17, 6-7:30. Please come visit our school and meet our outstanding teachers. Our teachers will have a short presentation for you. We will be rotating through each class so that you can meet each of your students' teachers. Our rotations will be ten minutes in length and then you will move on to the next class. It is going to be a fun, quick evening. Please attend.

**August 23:** No School for our Scorpions. Our District is hosting a Professional Day of Learning for all staff.

**August 25:** We will be having School Pictures. Students will be called down to the cafeteria during school to take them.

**September 20, 21 and 22:** We will be holding Parent/Teacher conferences. Our students will be getting out early on each of these days. We will be dismissing at 11:45 each day. The conferences will begin at 12:30 pm. On Thursday, September 15th, we will be holding late conferences, if you need to schedule a later appointment with our teams. Please contact our classroom teachers and they can schedule a conference directly for you. If you would like, you can leave a message with one of our office staff requesting a conference and one of our teaching staff will get back to you.

Thank you for supporting our school.

We have missed you!

Thank you,

Miss Garcia

