SECRIST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Loved Ones,

Welcome Back to School!

We are so excited for this school year to start! I hope that you have had a great summer break. It is wonderful to have our students and teachers back on campus. We have missed them and are so thrilled that we have a "rocking" returning team of teachers. There are a few new additions to our team this year as well. In addition, we are welcoming some new admin team members also. This is going to be an incredible school year! Let's go Scorpions!

For the past couple of weeks, our teachers have been hard at work delivering their introductions to their classes, team building and creating an incredibly positive and welcoming atmosphere for our students to be part of. They are now jumping into our District's new curriculum and its full speed ahead. If you need to reach one of our teaching staff, you can call the front office and leave a message or email them at their TUSD (TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT) 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:

- o 1 Backpack
- o 2-inch binder
- o Dividers (8 tabs)
- Pencil pouch
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters (3 assorted colors)
- o Pencils (5)

- o 2 spiral notebooks/composition notebooks
- o 1 box of Kleenex

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 bottoms that match the shirt. However, we know our families are having to cover so many other costly expenses now. 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.

iPads! Yes! We are continuing to celebrate our Verizon grant and are fortunate to have our very own iPads for all students and teachers/staff at our school! If you have a 6th grader or a new student to Secrist, you must complete the check-out paperwork before receiving a device. Please call our office for more information. This information will be on our webpage as well.

Something we are excited to announce this year is that our school will continue to provide 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 we can do anything 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:

**August 21:** No School for our Scorpions. Our District is hosting a Professional Day of Learning for all. **Open House:** August 29, 6-7:30. Please 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.

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**Upcoming Dates:** 

September 18, 19 and 20: 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. Conferences will begin at

12:30 pm. On Thursday, September 19th, 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