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September 1, 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians and Loved Ones,

Thank you for a great first month of school. Our Scorpions are on track and following our school's expectations. We are so happy to have our Scorpions back. We have concentrated on team building, positive behavior expectations, and the Scorpion Code: Being Positive, Respectful, Ready to Learn, and Being Responsible. There is a lot to share with you this month regarding upcoming events and items to certainly put on your calendar.

**Parent Teachers Conferences:**

On **September 18th and the 19th**, we are holding Parent/Teacher conferences. Our conferences will include a short check-in with parents regarding academics. Our conferences will also include concerns that we may have about classroom observations and some recommendations that we have for our students as they go forward. Our teachers are currently contacting parents to invite them to attend a conference. Please communicate with our teaching staff if you would like to have a conference and have not yet been contacted. On these days, we will be observing an early out schedule. **Our students will leave school at 11:45 on September 18 and 19, and Friday, September 20.** Conferences will begin at 12:30 pm daily. On Thursday afternoon, our teachers will stay until 7:00 pm to accommodate our parents who are working and need a later scheduled conference.

**Sports update:** During the 1st Quarter, we are proud to announce that our Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball will be on the courts and ready to win. We have some dynamic coaches, and the teams are excited. You can find the schedule of events on the website or our Facebook page. Please come out and route on our Scorpions.

We will have girls' basketball and boys' volleyball next quarter (Oct-Dec). We have hired coaches for both teams and are looking forward to the 2nd Quarter sports as well.

**Student Council:** We are currently in the election process for our new student council. Our students have several distinct positions that they can be elected for: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sargent of Arms. Our students have created wonderful, creative, and exciting election posters. Thank you, families, for helping our students with these awesome election items.

**PTA/Site Council:** Parents, guardians and loved ones, we will be holding our 1<sup>st</sup> PTO/Site Council meeting this month. We will be sending out a Parent link/email inviting you to an upcoming meeting soon.

The end of the first quarter is fast approaching. Our last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is October 3. If you need to reach a member of our teaching staff, please email them. All our staff's email addresses can be found on our website. Secrist Middle School homepage. Also, if you would like to leave a message with our office staff, Ms. Flowela Frejoles and Ms. Gloria Soto-Wilson will be more than happy to assist you.

Parents, Guardians, and Loved Ones, it truly is taking all of us to make this year successful. We are truly fortunate to have all of you standing behind and beside us. We thank you for your continued support of our kids, our teachers, and our school.

We are and will remain Secrist Strong.

Go Scorpions!

Thank you,  
Miss Garcia