



Sisters Middle School

“Home of the Outlaws”

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Dear SMS Students and Parents,

Welcome back! I am very excited to be joining the staff at Sisters Middle School. I come to SMS with 17 years in education. I have nine years of experience as a middle school principal and taught high school English for eight years. My educational philosophy is student-centered and focused on finding ways to best support all students for growth and success. Knowing the strength and dedication of our staff, I am certain this will be another extremely successful school year.

The first day of school has been moved to Tuesday, August 29. On the first day of school, fifth grade students should go upstairs to their teachers at the start of the day. 6th – 8th grade students will receive their schedules on the first day in the commons area in the morning. The school is open to students at 7:30 am Monday – Friday, except on School Improvement Wednesdays when it is open at 8:30 am. Students are welcome to enter the building and wait in the commons area. The tardy bell rings at 8:00 am. All students are expected to be in class on time each day.

There is no late start on Wednesday, 8/30.

We welcome several new staff members to the building this year. Alex Ludwig will be teaching 7th math and PE, Rebecca Jordan, is our Spanish teacher in the 6th grade elective wheel and Kathy Few, is joining the 5th grade team from Sisters Elementary School. We are also happy to have Denice Christiano joining us as a paraprofessional from Sisters High School.

Sisters School District recently implemented an updated student information system. This includes a new parent portal. Some families may have received an email that contained a student schedule. The schedule information displayed did not contain any recent updates or adjustments therefore, we are asking parents and students to disregard any schedule information that was posted. We apologize for any confusion and appreciate families' patience and understanding as we learn and adapt to new technology in the district. In time, the parent portal will be an extremely valuable tool in communicating and supporting student progress.

Please be very careful when picking your student up after school. With safety in mind and to alleviate some of the road congestion, we are asking parents to please use specific drives to pick up students. Parents of 5th and 6th graders should use the east drive (the first school drive, if headed from town) and parents of 7th and 8th graders should use the west drive (the third school drive). The center circle drive is for buses only. Parents and visitors cannot use this drive. If you have students in different grades, both students can be picked up together on either drive.

All students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are required to wear uniforms for physical education class. Students do not need to purchase new uniforms each year. Please have your student check to see if their shirt and shorts from last year still fit. New PE clothes can be purchased in the SMS main office. Shirts are \$9 and shorts are \$11.

School picture day is Wednesday, September 6th. Portrait package and pricing fliers will be sent home with students.

I look forward to working with our families and staff to support students for academic and personal growth for great success. Please contact me or stop in the office anytime.

Sincerely,

Tara Reis
Principal