

# MOUNT SINAI MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Middle School Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe the summer months will soon be behind us and the hallways and classrooms will again be teeming with excited and energized students and teachers. Be sure to make the most of the last couple of weeks to relax and spend time together with friends and family before new schedules for classes, homework, and sports become the priority. I hope that your children are looking forward to meeting their new teachers and make new friends with some of the many new district registrants. This letter is to provide you with information about several important matters, as we welcome the return of your children to the Middle School building on the first day of school, **Thursday, September 7, 2023.**

## STAFF CHANGES

The Middle School has a new Assistant Principal, Matthew J. Dyroff and several new or returning teachers as noted in the chart below. We welcome them all and expect your children will have wonderful learning experiences with them in their classes.

Teacher	Subject	Notes
Ms. Lombardi	Spanish	Replaces Mrs. Gajadhar
Mr. Esposito	Orchestra 5 – 8	Replaces Mrs. Panasci
Mrs. Garcia	CTD Grade 5	Transferred from ES
Ms. Holmstrom	CTD Grade 7	Replaces Ms. Rossi
Mr. Joyce	Science	Transferred from HS
Mr. Krucher	Technology	Transferred from HS
Ms. Molina	Spanish	Leave Replacement for Ms. Riegel
Ms. Schreck	Grade 5	Transferred from ES

## HOMEROOM START TIME

Please make note of the Homeroom start time if you are driving your child to school anytime this year. It is now 7:56am – 8:00am. Students who take the bus will be let off in time to make it to their homeroom classes. The bell schedule is also posted on the website as a separate link.

## “MIDDLE SCHOOL MINUTES” WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A weekly newsletter was started last year in late September that posts to the Middle School website every Friday afternoon under the “Middle School Minutes” heading. It includes information and updates on important topics as well as pictures and summaries of school events. We would love for it to become

minimize unexcused absences, vacations should be planned around the school calendar when classes are not in session.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH**

During the past few school years we have seen an increase in the mental health needs of our students. We have resources in school that can help as well as information we can share for seeking outside help. Please reach out to us if your child is exhibiting any changes in behavior. We are here to partner and support our students through their Middle School years. Please encourage your children to say something if they feel something is off with a friend or classmate.

#### **GRADE 7 & 8 SCHEDULES**

Students in Grades 7 & 8 should report to their homeroom/first period class on the first day of school. It will be an "A" Day. A new schedule will be distributed to them at that time that will include the rest of their teacher's names and room numbers.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS**

We have scheduled Back to School nights to take place in the school building on the evenings noted below. Parents will go directly to their child's first period/homeroom classes. Start time will be at 7:00 p. m.

Grade 5 and 6 – Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Grade 7 and 8 – Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Thank you for your attention to the above information. Please do not hesitate to call the Main Office at 631-870-2700 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth E. Hine

Principal

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