



August 18, 2022

Dear Riley, Marcy and New Dawn Community,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We are thrilled to start the school year with you and our students. To ensure a successful start to the school year, I have some important news for you.

The first day of school is Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Our school hours are as follows:

Riley K-8 8:55-3:45

Marcy/New Dawn High Schools 8:45-3:35

Information regarding bussing will come to you in a letter from the District's Transportation office. If you have questions or need help with transportation, please contact the Transportation Department at 858-496-8781.

Please find attached our school's Family Handbooks. These Handbooks have a wealth of information that is important for you and your child to know and understand. Please read through this so you are aware of what to expect this school year in regard to staff contacts, the District calendar, bell times, rules and expectations. You can find these handbooks on our school website and they have also been emailed to all parents at the beginning of the school year.

Every student will be coming home with a Beginning-of-School Year packet on the first day of school. Please ask your child for this upon their arrival home and ensure all required forms are completed and returned back to school during the first week of school. All classes that have all of their forms turned in within the first two weeks of school will receive ice cream treats! Thanks for helping to make sure this happens for your child's class.

We will be having Open House at our school in-person this year! The dates for Open House are as follows:

Riley School- Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm

Marcy HS- Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 pm

New Dawn HS- Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 pm

Please mark you calendars! If you require transportation to attend, no problem! We will provide a ride. Please email Jasmine Cone, at [jcone@sandi.net](mailto:jcone@sandi.net) to reserve this.

All students will be provided a laptop at school again this school year. Students are not to take their laptops home unless they have homework and if so, please ensure your child brings their laptop back to school the next day. Laptops are not to be used for personal or social media use.

We ask that students do not bring cell phones to school and if they do, that cell phone rules are followed. If your child is bringing a cell phone to school, remind them that cell phones are NOT to be used during instructional time (and required to be turned in at Riley School). I cannot express enough

how much cell phones have impacted the grades and learning of our students. Your child will receive a more optimal education if the temptation to be on their phone is removed, by students simply not bringing it to school. If a student has an emergency, we will always ensure that you are contacted.

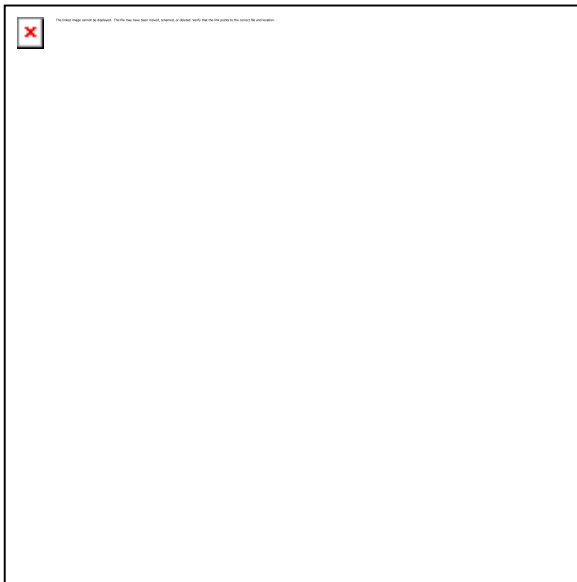
Please know that our school provides all school supplies to our students at school. Students do not need to bring school supplies with them and back packs are not allowed at school. Please do not have your students bring bags to school. If they bring a healthy lunch or snack, this needs to be brought in a clear ziplock bag. All students receive free breakfast and lunch at our school every day.

Within the first week of school, middle and high school parents will be receiving an email from one of the Rehabilitation Specialists assigned in your child's homeroom class. This email will have a link in it that gives you access to your child's daily point sheet. You can see your child's earned points with comments throughout the day, anytime you wish. Elementary point sheets will still be sent home in paper form with students unless the parent requests to receive the electronic link in place of paper copies.

COVID Update: We are starting the school year without a requirement for masking both in and outdoors. Of course, masks are welcome to be worn by any one and mask wearing, along with other COVID mandates, are subject to change at any time. If you would like COVID tests for your home, our school has plenty! Feel free to come by our Riley front office at 5650 Mt. Ackerly Drive and we will be happy to provide you with test kits.

I look forward to partnering with you in your child's education and social/emotional well-being this school year! Our school and your children mean the world to me and bring me great joy every day. It is my commitment to do the best job possible in serving them, so they are happy, educated and thriving future citizens and leaders!

Please see exciting below news from our school District regarding Middle School athletic opportunities:



### **Expanded Middle School Sports Coming this Fall**

Students in grades 6-8 will now have the opportunity to take part in organized team sports this fall, thanks to an expansion of the San Diego Unified School District's new middle school athletics program.

[Registration is now open](#) for basketball and track & field, which will run concurrently this fall with a start date of Tuesday, September 6. All students in grades 6-8 will be invited to tryouts and practice for whichever of the two offered sports they choose.

Earlier this year, San Diego Unified announced one of the biggest expansions of its athletics program with the launch of middle school soccer, bringing official district-managed sports to middle schools for the first time.

While sports clubs had previously existed at some individual schools, middle school athletes across the district now have access to qualified coaching and a chance to represent their community in competition against other schools.

Teams will play at their neighborhood high school athletic facilities, giving the young students a chance to establish a connection and familiarity with their future schools.

The district plans to offer additional sports for winter and spring, including flag football volleyball and soccer. For basketball and track this fall, all 6th - 8th grade parents are encouraged to [sign up as soon as possible](#).

Thank you and I am always here for you! Reach out to me anytime. My email address is [pbusch@sandi.net](mailto:pbusch@sandi.net) and my office number is 858-302-3300.

Here's to a great school year,

Pamela Busch, Principal