

Dear Middle School Students and Parents,

As the first day of the 2021-2022 school year rapidly approaches, Los Primeros School of Sciences and Arts(LPSSA) would like to extend a warm welcome to our middle school students and their families. We look forward to an exciting school year!. The upcoming year will be one of rigorous learning and numerous adventures as the students begin their academic careers.

Middle School Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Students MUST be accompanied by a PARENT. Each student should have purchased a locker lock and a separate lock for PE (\$7.00 each). Locks MUST be purchased from LPSSA and can be used for 6th, 7th and 8th grade years. If you have already purchased one you will pick it up that day and if you have not, we will have additional locks on hand for purchase. Students can also buy an optional ASB card (\$10.00). Students will pick-up textbooks, a Chromebook, locker assignments, locks, PE uniforms and class schedules.

PE Clothes: *We are planning to dress for PE, students will need at least one PE shirt and one pair of shorts.*

Please understand that students and visitors are mandated to be masked while indoors on campus. We will be holding orientation out front of the school this year and masks will be required outside at orientation as well. Please come with a mask if possible. Masks will be provided for those who need one. Please be sure to attend your grade level's assigned time and follow the orientation signs when you arrive:

6th Grade – 8:30- 9:30 AM 7th Grade – 10:00-11:00 AM 8th Grade - 11:30 AM -12:30 PM

Make-up session for all grades August 20th 9:00-10:00 AM

If you are unable to attend orientation we will welcome your student on the first day of school.

Reminder to MS Parents: Any parent that has not previously registered for Q Parent Connect (LPSSA's electronic grade book) is strongly recommended to do so. Q Parent Connect provides a parent and student daily access to grades, discipline, attendance, cafeteria balances and much more.

Reminder to MS Parents & Students: You can find the middle school supply lists on the LPSSA's PTO website. When purchasing a backpack for the upcoming school year,

remember rolling backpacks are discouraged, as they take up a lot of space. **Chromebooks MUST BE CARRIED IN A CASE AT ALL TIMES.** Cases are not included with the device. The middle school staff suggests a small, padded netbook case (not a backpack) that travels easily from class to class. Chromebooks must accommodate a 12-inch screen. It should have a pocket to contain power supply and headphones. The power supply **MUST** accompany both devices to school on a daily basis.

Middle School Sports Packet: The middle school sports packet is located on the LPSSA's website. If you wish to be a part of our competitive afterschool middle school sports program, you must fill out all information prior to trying out for a team.

PHYSICALS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN ANY WAY. We are hopeful COVID restrictions will allow students to participate in the following sports:

Fall - Girls volleyball, co-ed football, and cross country

Winter – Boys and girls basketball

Spring – Boys volleyball and co-ed soccer

I look forward to meeting you all at orientation on **Wednesday, August 19.**

Kate Snowden, Principal, Los Primeros School of Sciences and Arts