

# HAWTHORN MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUTH

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Dear Middle School South Students, Parents, and Guardians,

The 2016-2017 school year has arrived! It is hard to believe it is already here! I am excited and honored to be starting my tenth year as an administrator at Hawthorn and my eighth year at Middle School South.

As you may be aware Mrs. Tamez has accepted a principal position in another district. We are very excited for Mrs. Tamez and this new opportunity; however, she will be greatly missed. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Jamie Kahn as Middle School South's new assistant principal. Mrs. Kahn is looking forward to working with families and students this coming school year. She is going to be a wonderful addition to the Hawthorn family.

Middle School South's goal is to work as a collaborative team consisting of students, parents, and school personnel to challenge all students to reach their maximum potential. In addition, we are dedicated to creating a safe and orderly learning environment where students can excel academically and socially.

Your teachers, office staff, and custodial staff have been working hard to get Middle School South ready for the beginning of the school year. We hope this letter finds you relaxing and enjoying the last weeks of summer vacation. The entire staff is excited and anxious to greet you on the first day of school. **The first day of school is Wednesday, August 24, from 7:40 a.m. – 2:10 p.m. Please note, the first day of school is a full day.**

Included in this mailing is the following information:

- Important School Phone Numbers
- Remind App Sign Up Instructions
- Locker Assignment
- Transportation Assignment
- Student Schedule
- Transportation Procedure: Traffic Pattern for Drop Off and Pick Up
- Picture Day Information
- Food Service Process
- P.E. Uniform & Lock Purchase Information
- Fall Sports Tryout Information & Interscholastic Schedule
- After School Activity Bus Application Form – Season 1 (*September 12, 2016 – October 28, 2016*)
- Middle School South Volunteer Sign Up Form
- **6<sup>th</sup> Graders Only & Students New to Middle School South**: Student Orientation Information and Physical Exams & Immunization Requirements Flyer
- Student Insurance Information (on-line enrollment at [www.k12specialmarkets.com](http://www.k12specialmarkets.com) or phone 800-727-7642)

**See the backside of this letter for upcoming important dates to remember!**

Please note, Middle School South's typical information distribution day is on Fridays. Parents, be sure to check in with your student on Fridays to review important school and district information. The first information distribution will be on **Wednesday, August 24**. Please be on the look out for the following information:

- Picture Day Order Form (**Picture Day is Thursday, September 1**)
- Student Handbook / Assignment Notebook Acknowledgement Form
- Bus Responsibility Pledge – **ALL STUDENTS** (*bus riders and walkers*) **must** sign and return to their homeroom teacher

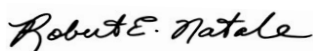
In addition, Middle School South sends a weekly e-mail blast with important information. You can sign-up for the weekly e-mail by visiting our Middle School South website.

We are looking forward to another wonderful school year. As always, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 847-990-4100 or e-mail us at the addresses listed below.

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Sincerely,



Robert E. Natale  
Principal

***Inspire all students to embrace learning in an ever-changing world.***

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

**Tuesday, August 23..... 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Orientation (6<sup>th</sup> grade students only)**

Welcome to Middle School South, 6<sup>th</sup> graders! Please see the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Orientation information sheet for more details. 6<sup>th</sup> graders, be prepared to meet new friends and have some fun!

**2:00 p.m.....** Parents plan to meet your child in the main gym

**Tuesday, August 23..... 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**New Student Orientation**

Welcome to New Middle School South, students! Please see the New Student Orientation information sheet for more details. Be prepared to meet new friends and have some fun!

**1:00 p.m.....** Parents and students report to Tele II

**Tuesday, August 23..... 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Family “Walk Your Schedule” (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

At this time, you may bring school supplies and put them in your locker.

**Wednesday, August 24 ..... 7:40 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.**

**First Full Day of School** – “We can’t wait to see you!”

**TRANSPORTATION: Refer the Transportation Procedure for Student Drop Off and Pick Up Information**

- **Buses** will run in the morning and take bus riders home after school. Bus routes will begin at 6:50 a.m. For the first week it is recommended that you arrive at your assigned bus stop 10 minutes early. As the bus routes establish consistent routines, route timing may change and students will need to adjust accordingly. Your patience will be appreciated, especially in the first week of school. Please wait for your bus at the assigned bus stop.
- **Walkers/Car Riders** should arrive at school between **7:15 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.** Homeroom begins promptly at 7:40 a.m.

**Tuesday, August 30..... 6:30 p.m.**

**Fall Athletics Parent Meeting - “Meet the Coach Night”**

**Thursday, September 1**

**Picture Day** – Bring a smile!

**Order forms will be distributed on Wednesday, August 24, as well as, available online at the Middle School South website.** All students will be photographed for student ID’s and yearbook. Individual portraits will be developed only for those students who order and pre-pay for a package. **Your completed picture order packet, and payment must be turned in at the time the student’s picture is taken.**

**Monday, September 5**

**No School** ..... Labor Day

**Monday, September 12**

**Start day for Season 1 Activity Bus**

**Monday, September 12**

**Fall MAP Assessment Testing..... Monday, September 12 thru Friday, September, 23**

**Tuesday, September 13**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Blue Team: Outdoor Education Field Trip to Camp Henry Horner (details to be distributed at a later date)**

**Wednesday, September 14**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Gold Team: Outdoor Education Field Trip to Camp Henry Horner (details to be distributed at a later date)**

**Thursday, September 15 ..... 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Back to School Curriculum Night (Parents Only)**

Middle School South staff will provide information regarding your student’s academic year. Hope to see you there!

**Friday, September 30**

**No School** ..... Teacher Institute Day