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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

As the 2022/23 school year winds down our excitement for the inaugural St.Lorenzo Ruiz Middle year grows. There are a few items that we want you to know about in anticipation of this special upcoming school year (2023/2024).

Below, you will find bell times, supply lists, a school year calendar, and other information. Please note all of this information can also be found on our website. Prior to the first day of school, we will send an email with your child's class placement and homeroom teacher. Every Friday we will send a Week at a Glance via text message with a link to upcoming events. You can also follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for information and pictures!

Our Meet the Staff and Open House will be on August 30th at 3:30 pm

- We aim to notify parents of class placements by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, August 29th, 2023.
- Meet the Staff and Open House will be on Wednesday, August 30th from 3:30 to 4:30pm.
 - This will be a great opportunity to drop off students' school supplies prior to the first student day.
 - More details regarding this event will be shared on August 29.
- Staggered Entry
 - Based on parent feedback and staff feedback we will be doing a staggered entry. We also shared with our student advisory group but had little feedback on this particular question. From the parent feedback survey 67% of parents shared their preference for staggered entry.
 - Grade 6-9 students whose last names begin with letters A-L will attend classes on Thursday, August 31st and those from M-Z on Friday, September 1st. All students will attend on Tuesday, September 5th. This will provide the opportunity for teachers to make individual connections with students in a more relaxed atmosphere that is less overwhelming for the students.
 - Foundations and Blended classes will have a staggered entry process of their own. Those parents will be given the necessary information in August.
- More Information will be provided to families regarding school entry doors, and student drop off with maps included before the beginning of the school year.
- For Supply Lists by grade please <u>click here</u>.
- Cell Phone Policy: During our Open House we had some questions regarding SLR <u>Cell Phone Policy</u>. We reviewed policies throughout the division and received feedback from staff. Please see our Cell Phone Policy for next year.
- Here you will find links to view our <u>2023-2024 Division Calendar</u> and <u>school calendar</u>.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For the safety and protection of students, we require ALL VISITORS to report to the office when entering the school. As a reminder our first bell is at 8:35 am and our end of the day bell is 3:09.

Prayer for End of the Year

As the school year draws to a close, we give you thanks Lord for the blessings that we have received this year. Lord. Watch over us and keep us safe as we have many new adventures this summer. Be with us as we join together with both new and old friends. And when we return in the fall, through the guidance of St.Lorenzo Ruiz let us be ready to

embark on on our mission to know you more deeply and to greet old friends and meet new ones in joy and laughter. Amen

"Ask and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you." Matthew 7:7

Yours in Catholic Education,

Rob Coumont