

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for a wonderful year at St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School. It was a year full of opportunity and promise. This being our second year, we continued to grow, as we accepted and welcomed many new families to our school community. Our students showed much courage, kindness and compassion (Golden Eagle Qualities), in building new relationships, and creating new traditions. We appreciate the support our families provided as we worked together to create and strengthen our Golden Eagles community. We would also like to thank our School Council for their tireless efforts in creating opportunities for community building, such as our school dance, as well as many fun student experiences, such as raffles, privilege days and enhancing learning opportunities through field trips they supported. We would also like to express our gratitude to our SLR Staff, for their tireless efforts in supporting our students in Soaring Like Golden Eagles, through compassion, courage, kindness and leadership and respect. Finally we would like to thank our students; their energy, excitement and grace for one another is the fabric of our school community. Our students truly soared like Golden Eagles!

This year, we focused on offering authentic learning experiences through relevant Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) courses that align with career pathways. Guided by feedback from staff, students, and families, our goal was to help students explore their passions and grow in their relationship with Jesus, reflecting the message of Matthew 7:7

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

As we give thanks for our current year we look towards the next and would like to provide you with some information for the 2025/2026 school year. Looking into next year we will continue our vision of authentic learning and career pathways through CTF. We also surveyed families about introducing a schoolwide focus on social-emotional supports for the upcoming year. An overwhelming 95% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this direction. In response, our staff will prioritize supporting students in this area as a key focus next year.

Start and end of day bells remain the same with supervision starting each day at 8:20 am with the opening bell at 8:30 am. Our end of day bell for students will be at 3:03 pm. Also, please check our website as class supply lists will be posted by the end of June.

We will continue with our tradition of staggered entry. Families and staff overwhelmingly voted in the majority of this process in previous years. Staggered entry will assist staff in making individual connections with students in an atmosphere that is less overwhelming for them. On **Thursday August 28** Last Names: A - L will attend, and on **Friday August 29** Last Names: M - Z will attend. All students will attend on Tuesday September 2. Please note that Foundations and Blended Programs have their own staggered entry process and Foundations and Blended teachers will be reaching out to these families on Wednesday August 27 to schedule times.

Please save the date of Wednesday August 27 at 3:30 for our Meet the Staff Event. If you have any questions or would like to reach us our office will be open on Wednesday August 20. Should you want to reach out to us at this time you can come in or contact the school at 403-406-7365. You can expect a letter from the school in the third week of August with information including student entrances, as well teachers will contact families to let them know they are in their classroom on August 27.

We want to wish you and your family a blessed summer filled with rest and relaxation and we look forward to welcoming you back to SLR for the 2025/2026 school year.

Yours in Catholic Education,



Rob Coumont