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Dear Bayside Middle School Parents and Families,

Happy hot summer! I am very excited for the new school year and all the wonderful energy and adventure a new year brings! I am proud to be writing to you today, welcoming you to Bayside Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year. For many of you, it is a welcome back and for the incoming 5th grade and our new families, it is a new journey!

In this letter I will share some exciting summer updates as well as some important dates and preparations for the new school year.

- New this year is our [Steps to Complete Registration](#) page! There will no longer be paper registration packets to pick up but, instead, parents will now be directed to this new *Steps to Complete Registration* page on our website.
- Parents should complete all of the steps on the *Steps to Complete Registration* page including Online Registration (OLR). Simply verify the information that you entered last year, and make any necessary updates. Parents are also strongly encouraged to pay fees online through the Infinite Campus Portal. *Students will not be able to receive their class schedule until OLR is completed and fees are paid, or a Fee Waiver form has been submitted.*
- **Registration Day** On this day you may pay fees (if you haven't already paid online) and receive student schedules. Please mark your calendar for **Tuesday, August 15, 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Students may load their lockers with school supplies on this day, or during the August 30th Open House event.
- New this year, *optional* PE wear will be available through our online School Store in the Parent Portal > School Store > Shop. This extra convenience makes it easy to order your student's PE clothing online. Apparel will only be available *while supplies last*, as we are liquidating our stock this year. Limited quantities will also be available to purchase on Registration Day.
- We would like to welcome everyone for an **Open House on August 30th from 4:30-6:30!** You can meet the teachers, learn a little about class routines and expectations, and bring supplies before the first day of school on September 5th, if you didn't already load lockers on Registration Day.
- Our 5th grade students will spend the first 2 days of school getting acquainted with each other, their teachers, and their routines. All students will attend their regularly scheduled classes but will be spending some additional time practicing locker combinations, finding their classes and navigating the most common routines.
- We will once again host our four-legged friends at school this year through the Pets Helping People organization. Many students took advantage of their time with Griffey, Junie, and Emme during their weekly visits. If you would like to give your student permission to interact with the support dogs, please feel free to check that permission on OLR.

- New to our learning community this year is Ms. Sunaina Talwar who will teach 5th grade ELA and Social Studies, Ms. Madison Aprahamian who will teach 5th-8th grade Spanish, and Mrs. Teresa Cypert (formerly in 5th grade) who will be teaching 5th through 7th grade Computer Science this year! We are also welcoming 3 new Instructional Assistants to Bayside this school year! We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Julie Kotecki, Ms. Cynthia Meier, and Ms. Leah Darling (formerly at PSS) joining our instructional teams.
- Practice those smiles now! Individual **Picture Day is September 13th**. Mark your calendars!
- Our most exciting news is the new building taking shape. This year is going to be a test of patience and wonderful excitement as we anticipate our new learning spaces!! Our groundbreaking was very special and I want to thank all the students and staff who were present. This project will be an architectural award winner and I can't wait to see our learning community experience this beautiful facility.
- Our instructional day will begin at **8:13** and end at **3:30** this year. Bayside Middle School will use these extra minutes to allow us to end our school year early. This is a necessary adjustment for construction to finish on the building for 2024-2025.

As I anticipate the start of the school year, I am so grateful that you have given us an opportunity to educate, guide, learn and grow along with your students. I look forward to working together in the school year ahead.

Warm regards,



Jodi Hackl, Principal