

HAWTHORN MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUTH

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Dear Middle School South Students, Parents, and Guardians,

The 2018-2019 school year has arrived! It is hard to believe it is already here! I am excited and honored to be starting my twelfth year as an administrator at Hawthorn and my tenth year at Middle School South.

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 22, from 7:40 a.m. – 2:10 p.m. Please note, the first day of school is a full day.**

Middle School South has made the decision to go green. We will be using our website and communication applications to share building/district information with our students and MSS families during the 2018-2019 school year. All documents listed are posted on the MSS website <http://mss.hawthorn73.org>. Please review and return documents to your homeroom teachers that require student and parent/guardian signatures.

- Superintendent Welcome Back Letter
- Upcoming Important Dates to Remember
- Student Orientation flyer for 6th Graders Only
- Student Schedule
- Transportation Assignment (bus route and stop)
- Locker Assignment
- Important School Phone Numbers
- Stay Connect by Subscribing to MSS Communication Tools: Newsletter Weekly Friday Email Blast, Remind, and School Messenger
- Transportation Procedure: Traffic Pattern for AM Drop Off and PM Pick Up
- Bus Responsibility Pledge (*bus riders and walkers/car riders*) - **ALL STUDENTS MUST** sign and return to their homeroom teacher
- Picture Day Information & Picture Day Order Form (*Picture Day scheduled for Wednesday, August 29*)
- P.E. Uniform & Lock Purchase Information
- Fall Sports Tryout Information
- Athletic Interscholastic Schedule
- MSS Activity & Clubs
- After School Activity Bus Application Form – Season 1 (*September 11, 2018 – November 2, 2018*)
- Middle School South Parent/Guardian Volunteer Sign Up Form
- Technology Privacy Letter
- Chromebook Insurance
- Food Service Process
- Federal Lunch (free or reduced-priced meals) Program Application
- Optional Student Accident Insurance (on-line enrollment at www.k12specialmarkets.com or phone 800-727-7642 ext 6103)

In order to stay connected to Middle School South building events and real time communication, please subscribe to receive the following communications. You can sign-up by visiting the Middle School South website at mss.hawthorn73.org.

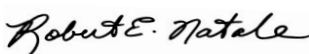
- **Newsletter:** Weekly Friday Email Blast (*weekly school events and upcoming school events*)
- **Remind:** application can be accessed via text message or email for real time communication of building events.
- **School Messenger:** application uses the email provided in the Parent Portal account. This tool will be used to share timely important information throughout the year. *If you sign up to use this tool you may need to check your Spam Folder as the first few messages could be directed to that folder*
- **MSS online calendar**

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 email us at the addresses listed below.

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Sincerely,



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