



Steger School District 194

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Venus Smith
Principal

August 18, 2021

Dear Steger Primary Center Parents and Families,

Welcome to the new school year! I want to take a moment to share our gratitude for you. We're living in unprecedented times, and your partnership is so invaluable. Together, we'll work to support the academic and social-emotional needs of our children. The statement holds true that it takes a village to ensure that our children receive the support needed to flourish successfully in life. Thank you for being in that village with us.

Starting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, your child will be starting their first day of school beginning at 8:00 am until 1:30 pm. **Early dismissals occur every Wednesday at 1:30 pm.** The regular school day is from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. This will be a special time for students to get to know their new teachers and meet/reconnect with friends. Your child's attendance and timely arrival are extremely important. For the start of the school year, we'll be adhering to the Governor's mandate that all students, staff, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, must wear masks when inside our schools. Students will not wear masks while eating or while they are outside.

A.M. Drop Off/Important Routines:

- Doors will open at 7:30 am and school will start promptly at 8:00 am. If your child will be absent, please make sure to call the attendance line at (708) 753-4100. If your student is experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, please keep them at home. Please inform the teacher and office if this occurs.
- Drop off will occur in the front parking lot on the south end of our building - there will be a lane designated for vehicle entry. **No parking should occur before 8:00 am on 30th Street, the front lot, or the staff parking lot.**
- Please do not let your student exit the vehicle until the 7:30 am bell rings. Supervisors will be outside to assist - please follow the directions of the supervisors.
- All students will enter through the Main Entrance, Door 1.
- Bus riders will be assigned seats. All bus riders must wear face masks at all times.
- Breakfast will be served from 7:30 am to 8:00 am.
- Pre-Kindergarten students (AM and PM classes) should be dropped off at Door 10.
- Students may bring their own water bottles to school - water fountains will only be available to fill water bottles, not to drink from.

P.M. Pick Up/Important Routines:

- Dismissal is at 2:30 pm for walkers/car riders. Early dismissals occur every Wednesday at 1:30 pm.
- Kindergarten and first grade students will be dismissed from the south end of our building. **No parking should occur after 2:15 pm (1:15 pm on Wednesdays) on 30th Street or the front lot.**
- Pre-Kindergarten students will be dismissed from the north end (AM and PM classes) at Door 10.
- It is expected that buses will leave the school property by no later than 2:35 pm. (1:35 pm on Wednesdays)
- If there are any changes to how your student is to be transported home, you'll need to contact the school office by no later than 1:00 pm. Unless notified otherwise, students will be sent home their usual way.

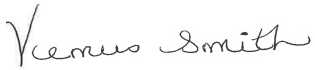
To ensure all students, staff, and stakeholders learn and grow together as a community

Friendly Reminders:

- **Monday, August 23, 2021** - We look forward to seeing all of our families during our Open House event from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. You can visit at any time during this timeframe.
- **Wednesday, August 25, 2021** - First day of school
- **Monday, September 6, 2021** - No school due to Labor Day
- **Week of September 6, 2021** - The Steger Primary Center staff and students will be practicing all state required emergency safety drills - this includes the Law Enforcement Drill. Please contact the office if you would like for your child to opt out of this drill.

Please look out for our Steger Primary Center Newsletter and check out our district webpage, www.sd194.org. We look forward to having a safe and memorable school year with you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Venus Smith".

Venus Smith
Principal
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