A Note from the Principal

Inbox School Office

Mon, Aug 15, 10:31 AM

to bcc: me

Good morning, Upper Campus parents and students. This is email #3 of the new school year. If this is the first one you've received, check out the other updates <u>here</u>. We're adding more contacts daily.

Start of the school year jitters are totally normal. (Teachers *and Principals* get them too!) If your child is feeling nervous, please know that we are prepared to help them. First of all, we have been praying for them that the start of the school year goes smoothly. Second, you're already on the right track by reading these emails and being as prepared as possible for the first day. Third, our teachers will be coaching along the way and helping ease as much stress as possible for these students. Especially in Middle School, much of the first week will be dedicated to easing students into campus life.

In the last email, I highlighted dress code reminders, but I did not mention shoes. Please remember that students need to wear well-fitting closed toe shoes. No crocs, slides, sandals, or slippers will be allowed. Students without proper footwear will not be permitted to class until they get proper shoes. This is a safety issue. Students should be in proper dress code when they exit their vehicles in the mornings.

We also encourage families to set up a distraction-free workspace at home. Students should expect to have homework every day (even on the first day of school), so be prepared with what they'll need to review work and complete assignments at home. Please let us know if homework is regularly taking more than an hour. We understand that students need a balance of work, fun, relaxation, and family time.

To eliminate distractions at school, students will not be allowed to wear earbuds or headphones and must not use their phones at school. In case of an emergency, please call the office (778-8030) to get in touch with your child throughout the day. All cell phones should be turned off for the duration of the day on campus. We all need to focus!

Finally, being on time to school is paramount to your child's success. When the bell rings at 8:00, teachers start giving important instruction and every student needs to be in their places so learning can occur. Please work out a plan so that you can have your child dropped off in enough time for them to go to their lockers, use the restroom, etc. before 8:00 AM. We really appreciate your help with this.

Keep watching for more reminders and updates. And, of course, reach out to me for any questions you may have.

Open House - Friday, August 19, 6:30-8:00 PM Teacher meet and greet, drop-in style New Student Orientation 6:00

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Sincerely and with love,

Mrs. Wooton