



## August 2019

The anticipation of the first day of school elicits a flurry of emotions for our 118 families. Feelings of excitement, hope, joy, nervousness, etc. occur simultaneously and establish the foundation for life-long memories. To increase the odds of building positive memories, I encourage families to openly discuss the feelings that they may be experiencing leading up to a new school year. Oftentimes, a parent's willingness to listen to their child and provide reassurance by recalling positive memories will help to make the start of a new school year more enjoyable and productive for the whole family. Parents can visit this link for [additional strategies on supporting your child with the transition back to school](#).

### Late Start Wednesdays

Beginning August 28th, school starting times on Wednesdays will be 30 minutes later for all students. This change in school schedules will benefit all students in Palos 118 by providing frequent and consistent time for teams of teachers and specialists to collaborate to ensure that all students are learning at high levels. With the elimination of half-days, there will be no loss in instructional time for students.

We recognize that this change will have an impact on some families, so each school has prepared supervision plans for families who have no other option for care during late start Wednesdays. More information on these plans are available on the District 118 [Late Start Wednesday Webpage](#). Parents must sign their children up in advance if using the Late Start supervision. For more information on Late Start times, transportation, and other frequently asked questions, be sure to visit [Late Start Wednesday Webpage](#).

### Curriculum Nights

Parental involvement in a child's education is an essential component for life-long success. We invite and encourage all parents to attend our buildings' curriculum nights to learn more about what your child will be learning this school year. For parents who cannot attend curriculum nights, [grade level curriculum brochures](#) can be viewed on the district webpage. We look forward to a successful school year.

Kindergarten Curriculum Night (East & West)	Tuesday, August 20	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Palos South Curriculum Night	Thursday, August 29	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Palos West Curriculum Night	Tuesday, September 3	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Palos East Curriculum Night	Thursday, September 5	6:30-8:00 p.m.