



GO-TO-GUIDE for the Start of School

➔ First Day of School

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 26, 2020 for grades K-8. Preschool Visitation Day is August 26, and the first day for preschool is August 27.

South students report to the following in the morning:

- 6th grade - Commons
- 7th grade - Gymnasium
- 8A - Media Center
- 8B - Little Theater

➔ Palos South Zero Hour

Zero hour at South begins Thursday, August 27.

➔ Classroom Assignments

Classroom assignments and bus routes will be posted on the Skyward Parent Portal on Wednesday, August 19. Portal login instructions mailed on Wednesday, August 12.

➔ Supply Drop-Off

***NEW THIS YEAR** – Friday, August 21. More info to come.

➔ South Transition for 6th Graders & New Students

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➔ South Gym Uniform Purchases

Gym uniforms must be purchased by June 2 to guarantee availability for the start of school. If unsure about sizes, visit the Palos South office to view sample uniforms. Uniforms may be purchased on the webstore at www.palos118.org/webstore.

➔ South Device & Gym Uniform Pick-up

Thursday, August 13 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 5 - 7 p.m.
Tuesday, August 18 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 5 - 7 p.m.
If unable to pick-up on either day, your child will be given their device/uniform on the first day of school.

➔ Webstore & Student Fees

Student fees may be paid on Skyward Parent Access at www.palos118.org/skyward. There is a \$25 discount if paid before June 2.

➔ School Lunches/Milk Program

School lunches are served daily. Each student has a lunch account with a 4-digit code for lunch payment. Students'

lunch accounts are on the [Skyward Parent Portal](#).

➔ Late Start Wednesdays

Except for the first and last week of the school year, schools will start 30 minutes late every Wednesday. South 8:45 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.

No zero hour on Wednesdays.

East 9:25 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

West 9:25 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

Full day kdg 9:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Half-day a.m. kdg and preschool 9:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Half-day p.m. kdg and preschool 12:45 - 3:00 p.m.

➔ Absence Reporting

Palos East 708-923-7051

Palos West 708-923-7052

Palos South 708-923-7053

➔ Waivers & Insurance

Some families may be eligible for a fee waiver based upon income levels. To apply, parents will need to fill out a form (separate from free/reduced lunch applications) and provide documentation regarding income. Forms are accessible on the website under "Quick Links." Inquiries regarding waivers should be addressed to Kathy Pagoria at kpagoria@palos118.org or by calling 708-761-5816.

District 118 purchases blanket student accident insurance coverage for all students at no additional cost to parents.

➔ Annual Back to School Picnic!

Our annual back to school picnic will be held at Palos South Middle School rain or shine on Wednesday, August 26 from 5 - 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this wonderful community event. Parking at South is limited so consider carpooling. Satellite parking is available at Saint Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church, 8410 W. 131st Street, Palos Park. Shuttle buses will be operating for transportation to and from the event. The continued success of our annual picnic relies on the generosity of volunteers. To sign up, contact Yvonne at yleschkie@palos118.org, or 708-761-5801.

Please note: Dates listed are subject to change.