



Palos School District 118

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Dear East and West Families,

The information below is to inform parents and students on how to prepare for the first days of school on September 8th and 9th.

SeeSaw Codes

Codes for SeeSaw will be sent out to parents tomorrow so that you can begin to set up your child's account, view schedules and links, and set up parent access. Using our new school-based SeeSaw account, one code will be used to automatically connect to all of your child's teachers.

Meet and Greet Days: Palos East & West

Tuesday, September 8th

- Grades 1-5, Last Names A-K - In-person at Palos East/West from 9:00-12:00
- Kindergarten - Parents should sign-up for a 15-minute time slot for the afternoon (Buildings will be sending out additional kindergarten information and a sign-up form later today.)

Wednesday, September 9th

- Grades 1-5, Last Names L-Z - In-person at Palos East/West from 9:00-12:00
- Kindergarten - Parents should sign-up for a 15-minute time slot for the afternoon (Buildings will be sending out additional kindergarten information and a sign-up form later today.)

On these days, students who attend the Meet and Greet will meet their teachers and classmates, receive instruction on how to utilize their devices, and will bring home workbooks, textbooks, and other learning materials. No lunch will be served. Busing will be provided. Parents can check Skyward for bus information or call the transportation office at 448-4405. Many parents will be driving their children on these days. Like any typical first day, you should anticipate buses running later than scheduled and longer car lines. **If you are scheduled to attend on the 8th or 9th but are not sending your child, please notify the school office by this Friday that he or she will be learning from home (Palos East - 448-1084/Palos West - 448-6888).**

Students who are learning from home on these days will use SeeSaw to complete "welcome back" and "getting to know you" activities in the morning, as well as other independent activities found on SeeSaw. Students should also spend some time getting familiar with their device and programs. In the afternoon, students will attend specials classes (art, music, or PE) via live Zoom. Activities, schedules, and links for live specials can be found on your child's SeeSaw account in the September 8 & 9 "assignments" found in the "To Do" list. To make the transition to remote learning as smooth as possible, all students will be marked present for these two days, and staff will be able to assist families in need of [technical support](#). There are also resources on the [Remote Learning Resource Page](#) to assist families with using SeeSaw, Skyward, Class Link, and safety information for attending in-person school. Building principals will be sending out more information and reminders leading up to September 8th & 9th. These two days are a great way to test our devices, connections, program log-ins, etc. On September 10th, all elementary students must log in to SeeSaw at 9:00 a.m for morning announcements, and then they will connect to their homeroom class by 9:10 to begin live synchronous learning while following their daily remote learning schedules.

Safety Procedures for In-Person Instruction - IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR MEET AND GREETS

In order to attend school on September 8th or 9th, students must wear a face mask. Prior to boarding school buses or entering school buildings, parents must complete the yellow [Daily Symptom Check Self Certification Form](#). If you check any of the boxes on the form, keep your child home from school. In addition to parents taking temperatures when filling out the form, temperatures will be checked again prior to students entering the building. Any student with a temperature of 100.4 will not be allowed to enter, and parents will need to come and pick them up from school. We are asking all parents to please be very vigilant in taking temperatures and filling out the form accurately.

If you did not receive your yellow certification forms, download and complete the Daily Symptom Self Certification Check Form to use on September 8th or 9th.

Student Devices and Home Connectivity

Parents are encouraged to pick up their child's device at their respective school by the end of this week if you have not done so already. Additionally, if you need assistance with home connectivity or are in need of wi-fi, contact the District Technology Department at studenttech@palos118.org.

Please contact your school buildings should you have any additional questions about the start of school. By working together, we can ensure a smooth start to the school year for our students.

Sincerely,

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