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Dear Scioto Ridge Families,

On behalf of our staff, it is my pleasure to welcome back students, parents, and our entire Scioto Ridge community to another great school year ahead! It is also my pleasure to welcome many of our students and families to SRES for the first time as you join our team! We are thrilled to begin what we hope will be a much more typical 2020-2021 school year. Our teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing our building, classrooms and lesson plans to fulfill our District's mission to facilitate maximum learning for every student. While it isn't quite time yet, please know we will be ready and waiting with enthusiasm for all our Rams to return in August!

Communication with our families is important to us and we have several places you can find back-to-school information now as well as gather pertinent information throughout the year. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these resources and bookmark or download them.

Website: Bookmark [Scioto Ridge website](#). You will be able to retrieve current news stories and information about events in our building here throughout the year. Additionally, you will be able to gain district-level news and contact information here.

OLSD App: If you have not already done so, please download the district's free mobile app, Olentangy Schools, at the Apple Store or at Google Play to stay connected with our schools. Once you download the app, select the school(s) you would like to follow. Doing so allows you to receive customizable news, calendars, and notifications including district and building level news on your mobile devices.

Schoology: Schoology is used for classroom level communication from teachers about assignments, activities, homework and other classroom events. Parents can also communicate with teachers directly through this system. Schoology can also be accessed through the district mobile app. Most of your important daily communication about your child's classroom will come through Schoology.

PowerSchool: PowerSchool is where parents will complete and update important electronic forms at the start of the year, pay fees, receive student grades and report cards and district-level reports and letters.



Understanding and using these various communication tools is the best way to stay in the know about events and information for not only our school but all of our Olentangy Schools.

As is the case with any new school year, we are welcoming some new staff members to the Scioto Ridge team:

Katie Grijak- Assistant Principal
Alec Santa-Emma- SLC teacher
Ashley Hoskins- 5th grade teacher
Megan Evans- Intervention specialist

Please mark your calendars for these important back to school dates and events:

August 11, 4:00-6:00pm- Kindergarten Orientation

August 17, 4:00-6:00pm- Open House, First through Fifth Grade

August 19, First Day of School, Clap in for Kindergarten Students at 8:50am

August 23, 6:00-7:30pm- Curriculum Night, K-2nd grade

August 30, 6:00-7:30pm- Curriculum Night, 3rd-5th grade

As you begin to prepare for your own family's back-to-school routine, you may consider incorporating some of the following activities:

Reading: Read at home together at least 20 minutes each day, making it a fun, family tradition.

Sleep: Getting a good night's sleep is an essential key to a productive day for each of us. Establishing a school bedtime routine a week or two before the beginning of school makes adjusting to the school year easier for everyone in your home.

Healthy start: Planning ahead to start each day with a healthy breakfast helps ensure that your child has a great day at school and can focus on the day ahead.

Once again, I am excited for another year at Scioto Ridge! I look forward to seeing all of you on our first day back to school, Thursday, August 19. If you have any questions, you may contact me at melany_ondrus@olsd.us or 740-657-4800. Enjoy the rest of your summer and Go Rams!

Sincerely,

Melany Ondrus
Principal
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