

Dear Parents and Guardians.

We are honored to extend a warm welcome to all our returning families and an enthusiastic greeting to those joining our school community for the first time. We are excited to have each one of you as part of the Ogden Family!

This summer I had the privilege of getting to know the building and learn a little more everyday about what makes Ogden such a special place. Many of you probably joined me this summer as we spent countless days rooting for Team USA in the Olympics! As we begin our journey together, I couldn't help but find so many connections while watching the events! My hope for this year is to think of our school like an Olympic team, where everyone has a role to play. It is our collective effort that will propel us forward. Like the athletes who support and uplift each other, let us be a team that encourages one another and celebrates each other's victories. This year, let's embrace the Olympic spirit by setting high goals, working together, and remembering that the pursuit of excellence is a journey we share.

At Ogden, our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to providing an outstanding educational experience that supports the academic, social, emotional, and physical growth of each student. We strive to cultivate a love of learning, critical thinking skills, and a sense of responsibility in our students, preparing them for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

We encourage you to stay connected with us throughout the year. We value your input, feedback, and involvement in your child's education. Our <u>school website</u> will serve as a valuable resource for information, updates, and upcoming events. We will be hosting <u>Back-to-School Night</u> on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 6PM. This is where you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn about our plans for the year ahead. We hope that this evening sets your entire family up for success early in the school year. *If you have more than one child, please divide your time up accordingly*. Grade 5 teachers will present as a grade, so you can hear about departmentalization and ask questions to the entire team. Please also take some time to review the student/family <u>handbook</u>.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us or our dedicated staff if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We are here to partner with you in providing the best possible education for your child.

Wishing you and your family a successful and fulfilling school year! We are excited for the year ahead and confident that, together, we will achieve great things.

Here's to a year of gold-medal efforts and memories!

Warmly,

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