

AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The AMSO faculty and staff looks forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday, Aug. 26th.

Your child's bus information is available in PowerSchool. Students should plan to be at their bus stop early, as the first stop for some buses will be at their first stop at 6:40 a.m. The bus driver will provide you with the correct time to report to your bus stop for the remainder of the year.

The school day runs from 7:34 a.m.-2:18 pm. On early dismissal days students are dismissed at 12:12. Please note that we do not have homeroom at the start of the day so it is important that students arrive at school before 7:34. This will give them enough time to go to their locker and get to their first class on time. Dismissal will be at 12:12 p.m. on August 26th and 27th. Full day sessions will resume on Wednesday, Aug. 28th.

Upon entering the building on the first day of school, 7th Grade students will be directed to the gym. After a brief welcome by the administration, students will be escorted to their classroom by their Academic Success teacher to start the day.

8th grade students will be directed to their Academic Success class to start the day.

Remember to have your child complete the summer reading assignment before school begins. If you misplaced the information, you can find it on our website at <https://www.amityregion5.org/amsb/parents/summer-work>.

Students may bring their lunch from home or choose to purchase a school lunch. Additional snacks or drinks will be available for purchase. Students will use their student IDs to purchase lunch items through MyPaymentsPlus. Temporary IDs will be issued to new students on the first day of school. 8th Grade students should bring their school issued IDs that they received last year. Please see this link for more information on [MyPaymentsPlus](#).

Because we have early dismissal on the first two days of school, we will have a 20-minute snack time rather than a full 30-minute lunch. While snacks will be available for purchase, we expect the line to purchase snacks will be long as new students learn how to use their IDs to make purchases. For this reason, we encourage students to bring a snack from home on the first two days of school to ensure they have enough time to eat.

Please see the following links for information and applications for Free & Reduced-Price Meals.

[Addendum A Orange 2024-2025](#)
[Family Application Free Reduced School Meals FY25](#)

Please visit our [website](#) to view the student handbook, lunch menu, school supplies and a host of other information.

We have several new staff members who have joined AMSO over the summer. Please welcome the following new members to our school community.

Calvin Cooper	8th Grade Spanish Teacher Team T
Jacueline Jones	8 th Grade Math Teacher Team T
William Henry	8th Grade English Teacher Team T
Kelly Borer	Special Education Teacher in SAILS

Our Back-to-School night for all parents and guardians is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. More information to follow in the weekly newsletter.

We know that helping your middle schooler deal with the start of the school year jitters can be challenging. Please see the following resources below that might be helpful. Please remember that we are here to support you and your child.

<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/helping-your-child-fight-and-beat-back-school-anxiety-monster>

<https://www.understood.org/en/articles/5-tips-for-calming-first-day-jitters-in-middle-school>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your child's counselor.

Best wishes to your family through the remaining days of the summer vacation!

Sincerely,



Kathy Burke
Principal
Amity Middle School

“Our mission is to provide a safe, healthy, and caring environment that maximizes the social, physical and intellectual growth of the young adolescent.”

