



OLD REDFORD ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Dear Old Redford Academy Middle School Families:

It is my honor and a pleasure to welcome you to the 2025– 2026 school year! I hope you all are doing well. I am so excited to welcome our returning and new families back into our learning environment. We hope that you were able to meet and greet the returning and new staff. This letter contains a great deal of important information needed to jump start the school year.

Uniform Policy:

Students are expected to be in uniform on the first day of school. We are allowing some exceptions if they were unable to get their new uniform shirts in time. They may have on grade/color appropriate polo. No yellow polos. The shirt must have a collar/be a polo-no exceptions. Pants must be Khaki, Navy or Black pants. Any issues or questions please send the student to the office.

It's imperative that all students are in uniform. There are no exceptions, and students must comply to attend the academy. We want students to dress for success together, while promoting academic excellence and preparing them for a successful future.

Cell Phone:

Please note the following pertaining to bringing a cell phone to school:

- **The use of cell phones will not be permitted during the school day.** This is without exception.
- Upon entering the school building at arrival, each student will be given a Yondr pouch to secure their cell phone, then placed into their class bin.
- Upon leaving the school building at dismissal, each student's pouch will be unlocked, and the pouch returned. Any student that is non-compliant with cell phone policy will face swift disciplinary consequences.
- **Please note:** If a student intentionally damages a Yondr pouch, a \$40 replacement fee will be assessed.

Arrival:

Students may arrive for breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. All drop-offs will continue to take place in the back of the school, located at the intersection of Redford St. and Rockdale Ave. Instruction starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. Please ensure that your student is a "Raven **H.E.R.O**" Here Everyday Ready to Learn and On time. Students will then be picked up from breakfast (cafeteria) by their homeroom teacher to begin instruction by 8:00 a.m.

Early Pick-up:

After 2:30 p.m., there will be no early pick-up; students will only be allowed to be picked up for emergencies. Parents must complete a brief emergency pick-up form when picking up students between 2:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m. Students will remain in classroom instruction until parent arrives. Please contact the main office ahead of time in the case of an emergency/early-pick up. Parents are encouraged to refrain from picking up students early for non-emergency situations. We motivated families to support great attendance toward academic achievement.

Dismissal:

Students will be dismissed from school at 3:00 p.m. Teachers will be walking students to the sidewalk of the front entrance parking lot at 3:05pm off McNichols. We will follow all direct safety precautions for students. Students that are picking up siblings will still be dismissed from the back doors leading to the Elementary.

District Goals:**Student Proficiency**

- Minimum of 25% of students will meet or exceed the 50th percentile on NWEA in Reading.
- Minimum of 20% of students will meet or exceed the 50th percentile on NWEA in MTH.

Attendance

- The percentage of students that are chronically absent will be less than or equal to 47.8%.

I look forward to a great school year and to continuing our collaboration to provide your children with an effective and engaging educational experience. We will look to our families to be positive partners in this year's journey. We understand the daily complexities and challenges our community continues to face. **We understand because we *are* family.**

As always, my door is open, and we welcome your input. Please feel free to contact me via email at the address below or call to make an appointment to speak with me to discuss any ideas you feel will make this the best year yet!

Respectfully,

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