



Dear Magma Families,

August 8, 2025

Congratulations, first through eighth grade students and families! We kicked the year off and had a fantastic first two days! I hope your child came home feeling like the start of the year was positive and is looking forward to a class, a teacher, or a new friend.

I'm going to brag about two grade levels for a minute: sixth and first grade. The sixth graders showed up Thursday morning apprehensive about this new experience, and by the end of the day today, they were moving throughout the school with confidence and happiness. Even when schedules were lost, classrooms couldn't be found, or lunch lines were long, the sixth graders were calm, content, and smiling. We'll iron out the final kinks in the next few weeks, but I already know this group of sixth graders is setting a high bar for groups who follow them.

First grade families: it's a big transition to go from a classroom with two teachers, your own playground, your own bathroom, and a little more protection from the rest of the school to first grade. This group rocked it, though. They followed directions quickly, fell into routines, and were looking like veteran students by the end of the day. If you walked into their classrooms today, you would have thought it was already October!

The success of these two days belongs to the teachers and their careful preparation, as well as all our families. It's inspiring to see the teachers put so much effort into making the first week a success, and equally as encouraging to see families so dedicated to a strong start to the year. While all our teachers are exceptional, I'm starstruck by our first and sixth grade teachers today!

Middle school families: your child was sent home with an "Acceptable Use" form for technology today. Please review this form and sign it with your child over the weekend, then send it back to school on Monday. Your child will have a Chrome Book checked out to them once this form is signed, but it does need to be signed before they can take the device home. Thank you for your help getting these completed!

During sixth grade jump start, I told our families that our parent pick-up is one of the hardest parts of our day. Our student body is on the larger side, and the nature of the beast is that dismissal will just take some time for a campus this size. Yesterday, it took 23 minutes to get kids into cars; today, it took 16 minutes. Students are only loaded into cars along the green line that runs parallel to "D hall," not anywhere else along the curve. We know it is congested around the roundabout, so please just take turns and model patience for our community. We'll get faster as the year goes on, and if you plan on it taking 15-20 minutes, the wait won't feel as long!

Kindergarten starts on Monday, and with that all the feels of this milestone for our tiniest learners. Our 1st-8th graders were rizzlers this week, and we're looking forward to watching them support our five year olds next week by modeling positive expectations. I'm eager to see the chaos that comes with the first day of kindergarten, and the joy that comes with them!



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Thank you for your patience with our small bumps this week. Your grace when ParentVue crashed, schedules flopped, or waits were long are deeply appreciated.

Thankful for your partnership in the education of our community,

*Hannah Mainolfa*  
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