



South River Elementary School

Christian J. Valentin-Gladden, Principal



Welcome Back to School 2026-2027

Dear South River Elementary Families,

We are excited to welcome your children back for another year of learning, growth, and success at South River Elementary School. Our commitment remains the same: to support every child's academic, social, and emotional development, guided by our D.R.E.A.M.S. core values: Determination, Respect, Excellence, Attitude, Making a Difference, and Safety.

Important Information:

- First day of school is Thursday, September 4, 2026. Doors open at 7:55 AM.
- New Student Orientation will be held Thursday, August 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Elementary/Middle School cafeteria on Montgomery Street.
- All families can log in to the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) to view their child's homeroom assignment.
- Please take a few minutes to complete the [Free/Reduced Lunch Application](#) for the new school year.

We believe students achieve their greatest success when schools and families work together. Through open communication, family engagement events, and ongoing collaboration, we are committed to creating a positive and supportive learning environment for every child.

This year, we will continue to strengthen reading and mathematics through data-driven, small-group instruction while fostering meaningful cross-curricular connections across all content areas. Our commitment is to meet every student where they are academically, providing the individualized support, challenge, and opportunities needed for each learner to grow and succeed.

Together with our dedicated staff, I look forward to another year of growth, achievement, and meaningful partnerships. Please click the link to access the [Student-Family Handbook](#) for important information regarding school procedures and expectations.

Thank you for your continued support, and best wishes for a wonderful school year.

In partnership,

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