



July 31, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST

AUG 5: First Family Dineout at ZZEEKS PIZZA

AUG 6: 1st Quarter Sports Pictures

AUG 13: School Picture Day

AUG 14: Early Release Day (Planning for Student Needs) 1:05 PM

AUG 17: NO School & Offices Closed due to Staff Development Day



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community,

I want to take a moment to express how incredibly proud I am of our students and staff as we navigate operating across two campuses this year. A transition like this is no small feat, but the flexibility, patience, and positive energy our school community has shown every single day has been nothing short of inspiring. Our teachers are working tirelessly to keep learning seamless, and our students have stepped up to the challenge with remarkable maturity. Thank you for your continued support as we make this dual-campus setup a success!

As we settle into our daily routines, I have a couple of important logistical reminders to help keep our school days running smoothly and safely:

Morning Arrival & Supervision

Please remember that **our campus does not open until 7:50 AM.**

Important: We do not have staff on duty to supervise students prior to 7:50 AM. For the safety of your children, please do not drop students off before this time, as they will be unsupervised outside the gates.

Reaching Our Grade Level Administrators

Due to space constraints this year, our grade level administrators are **no longer housed in the main front office.**

Because they are often moving between campuses, supporting classrooms, or in meetings, **the fastest way to reach your student's administrator is by email.** If you need to speak or meet with them in person, please send a quick email first to schedule an appointment. This ensures they are available and on the correct campus to give you their full attention!

6th Grade – Mr. Phil Collins pcollins@kyrene.org

7th Grade – Mrs. Noel Getting ngetting@kyrene.org

8th Grade – Mr. Jesse Gutierrez jessegutierrez@kyrene.org

Thank you again for partnering with us to make this a safe, supportive, and fantastic school year for all our students.

Warm regards,

James Martin, M.Ed. | Principal

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Kyrene School District

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PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS

We need your help! Every school-year we have important KSD forms that are required to be reviewed and acknowledged at the beginning of the school year. **If you have not already done so**, please go to [ParentVUE](#) to review and acknowledge all beginning of the year forms (Family Handbook Acknowledgement, Technology Agreement, etc.) before August 28. If you have any questions, please call and ask. We are here to help.

EVERY WEDNESDAY IS EARLY RELEASE DAY AT 1:05 PM

Please note that every Wednesday is early release day at 1:05 PM. Students are expected to leave the campus on Wednesdays by 1:15 pm.

STUDENT DROPOFF NOT ALLOWED UNTIL 7:50 AM

Please note, in accordance with the Kyrene Family Handbook and also to promote safe practices, students will not be allowed on campus until 30 minutes prior to the first bell (7:50 AM) and must leave immediately at the end of the school day. We do not have adults on school grounds to supervise students prior to 7:50 AM and after 3:05 PM.

E-BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Please note that motorized vehicles and devices, including e-bikes and e-scooters, are not allowed on Kyrene school campuses. Students may not use them as transportation to and from school, and they may not be operated or parked on campus. This restriction does not apply to approved accommodations such as mobility devices required for disabilities. Those devices are permitted. The City of [Chandler/Phoenix/Tempe] has laws regulating the use of motorized devices, including who can ride them and where. Kyrene's practice is aligned with those laws, and we will continue to partner with police to help ensure the safety of our campus and community.

[City of Phoenix bike and scooter laws](#)

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY - AUGUST 13, 2026

Photographers will be on campus **Thursday, August 13, 2026** to take photos of all CMS students. These photos will be used in the school yearbook. Parents will have a variety of package options should you wish to purchase photos. Pictures will be taken during Social Studies classes. Picture packets will be distributed in Advisory class on August 10. Students should bring the order envelope and money with them on picture day.

Picture day information and online ordering will be available by visiting dorianstudio.com and searching for your school's name on August 10. Your online order can be placed before and up to four (4) days after picture day.

Need More Assistance? Contact our Customer Advocate Team by visiting dorianstudio.com, search for your school, and click on the yellow Help button associated with your picture day.



Hello Parents of CMS Student Athletes,

[Registration](#) is still open for Co-ED Wrestling until 8/7/2025. For a complete list of athletic options in the 2026-27 school year, visit [Kyrene.org/athletics](https://kyrene.org/athletics).

To make payment for Girls Volleyball and Co-Ed Wrestling please go to:

<https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>

Financial Assistance is also available. Act quickly as funds are limited! Apply at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5r_TQ15XAvfHopNrjku2m2Ui4B-vQVV4y39FzR1lLxE9msQ/viewform

If you have any questions, call Sheri Horcasitas at 480-541-6404 or email her at shorcasitas@kyrene.org



Kyrene Positive Parenting - August Presentation

The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

August 19 – Transitioning to a New School Year: Family Support Beyond the Classroom

Unlock the secrets to raising a confident, adaptable child in today's fast-paced world. Discover how your child's brain grows and gain practical, stress-free tools to help them bounce back from challenges, manage big emotions, and thrive through life's ups and downs.

Presenter:

Joronda Montano

Date and Time:

August 19, 2026

6:00-7:00pm

Location:

[Registration/Zoom Link](#)

Arizona Healthy Schools Act

Important changes for the 2026-27 school year



WHAT'S NEW

Arizona's new Healthy Schools Act changes laws governing food in schools, to help kids stay healthy. Schools participating in federal meal programs cannot serve or sell foods with banned ingredients. Additionally, food brought to campus during the school day must not contain any of the banned ingredients.

IMPORTANT! These new rules **do not apply to parents packing their child's individual lunch or snacks**. You can still pack any lunches, snacks, or treats for your individual child.

ALLOWED

- ✓ Food fundraisers held off campus or outside the school day
- ✓ Food brought by parents for their own child
- ✓ Shared food that does not contain banned ingredients

RESTRICTED

- ✗ Shared food during the school day that contain banned ingredients
- ✗ Classroom parties and celebrations with foods containing banned ingredients
- ✗ School-sponsored birthday or holiday treats with banned ingredients

SCHOOL DAY RESTRICTIONS

- School Meals
- School Stores
- Fundraisers
- Class Celebrations
- Culinary or FACS Classes
- Catering
- Vending Machines

For this law, a school day is defined as midnight until 30 minutes after the instructional day ends.

RESTRICTED INGREDIENTS

- Potassium Bromate
- Propylparaben
- Titanium Dioxide
- Brominated Vegetable Oil
- Yellow Dye 5 or 6
- Red Dye 3 or 40
- Blue Dye 1 or 2
- Green Dye 3



For more information, visit www.kyrene.org/foodservices

Quick Links

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School Hours: 8:20 am - 3:05 pm

Early Dismissal Wed: 1:05 pm

Office Hours: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:30 am - 2:00 pm

Every Wednesday is Early Release.

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