

Hello, South School Families,

This is Principal Tim Chipman, and I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. It's going to be a terrific year at South School as we continue to strive for academic and social excellence.

The first day of student attendance is Wednesday, August 17. It is a full day of school with daily announcements beginning at 8:00 and classes beginning at 8:05. The doors to the school will open at 7:35 this year. Kindergarten students will be dismissed from the south end of the building at 2:25 each day. Grades 1-5 will be dismissed at either 2:30 (bus and daycare riders) or 2:35 (walkers and car riders).

Families will be able to see their students' teachers in Skyward Family and Student Access beginning at 12:00 noon on Friday, August 12.

Also, our Back to School Night will return this year. Parents and students are invited to come to South on Monday, August 15, 2022, between 6:00-7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for you and your children to meet their fabulous teachers and see their classrooms. This is also the perfect time to drop off school supplies so your daughter or son won't have to carry them with them on the first day of school. (An up-to-date school supplies list can be found here [INSERT LINK] on our school website. If not all items can be found, no worries. If assistance with school supplies is needed, please contact the school office.)

When you come to Back to School Night, you'll also have an opportunity to learn more about our active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)--whose first meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, August 18 at 6:00. At the Back to School Night, find out how you can become a "Secure Volunteer" at South School. Also, this is a great time for you to inform your child's teacher of transportation status--whether it be bus, bike, car, or daycare.

Should you have any questions about your login information, your child's registration status, or anything else related to school, please don't hesitate to contact me by calling our school office at 217.245.5514 or by emailing me at [tchipman@jsd117.org](mailto:tchipman@jsd117.org)

The best thing we can do for our children is to partner together to ensure that their school year is the best it can be! Here's to partnership with you in 2022 and beyond.

*Skylert to be shared with Families, 8/5/22, 11:00 a.m.*