

Rockville Centre Union Free School District



South Side Middle School

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the South Side Middle School faculty and staff I welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year.

We are anticipating a terrific school year. Our Assistant Principals, Ms. Maria LaSorsa, Mr. Jon Wiesenberg and I are so ready to get started! Your child's schedule for this year will be mailed out on August 24th and the parent portal will be open on August 28th.

On opening day, September 5th, we will hold a full school assembly. By introducing all of the members of the faculty and staff to the students, we hope to send the message that we are a community within this school. We are fostering our commitment to continually cultivate an environment of respect and kindness. Our students are expected to be outstanding members of our community. Bullying and teasing will not be tolerated. Every member of South Side Middle School has an integral role in our educational family, which is the message which we will share with our students.

As students enter the building they will be able to go to the Auditorium, the Library or the Cafeteria for breakfast.

Extra help will begin the second day of school, Wednesday, September 6, 2023. The morning extra help program will be held from 7:35AM to 8:10AM. The schedule will be as follows:

Mondays: No Extra help- Math and Technology

Tuesdays: No Extra help - Language Arts & Social Studies

Wednesdays – No Extra help – Special Education, PE and Health

Thursdays – No Extra help – Home & Careers and Art

Fridays – No Extra Help –World Language, Music and Science

The student's responsibility:

- To attend school every day and be on time to all classes.
- To follow the directions of all staff members.
- To come to class prepared with charged ChromeBooks, paper, pen or pencil, and any materials and assignments as directed by teachers.
- To conduct herself/himself as a reasonable and responsible school citizen in accordance with all of the policies and procedures outlined in the student agenda and district code of conduct.

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The staff of South Side Middle School accepts the responsibility:

- To provide a quality instructional program.
- To develop programs and activities which will respond to the social, emotional, personal, and physical developmental needs of each student.
- To assist parents in helping their children develop self-discipline, self-respect, and self-esteem.

The parents' responsibility:

- To have my child attend school each day on time, prepared with all necessary materials, well rested, and appropriately dressed.
- To maintain communication with the appropriate school personnel.
- To provide the support and encouragement for my child in completing all home assignments.
- To encourage my child to be a good school citizen and to monitor his/her progress.

I look forward to working together to make this a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,
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