

Dear South Families,

We hope this message finds you enjoying the waning days of summer and savoring time with family and friends!

On behalf of the staff, teachers, and administrators at South, welcome to the new school year! We are looking forward to the arrival of students and are ready to motivate and engage our students in learning. As educators, we have the grand responsibility of helping each student become a thriving, contributing member of society. At South, we embrace this responsibility and work diligently to meet the needs of all students in creative ways. With your continued support and involvement we are confident that South will continue to exemplify excellence in education.

As we begin the year, we would like to provide important information to help our students navigate the return to school.

When can students enter the building?

- School doors will unlock at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. on Mondays.
- Students are invited to enter the building through doors B, F, L, and Q (map of doors below).
- For the safety of our students and staff, we ask that you use only the four doors listed above to enter the building.
- All doors are ADA accessible.
- Doors automatically lock when school starts. Students who arrive late must enter the building through the secured vestibule.

What if I was unable to attend registration?

- Students who still need to pick up their schedule and books can do so between 7 and 7:30.
- Stop at the front office so we can make sure you are properly registered and provide you with your schedule.
- Pictures will be scheduled for another date.

What if there is an error on my schedule?

- We ask all students to attend the classes that are on their schedule. If there is an error that needs to be worked out, stop by the counseling office between 7:30 and 7:55 to schedule an appointment.
- If there is a gap on your schedule that needs to be filled, go to the counseling office during that class period.

Student drop off and pick up:

There are various modes in which students travel to and from school.

- **Student Drop Off /Pick Up by Parent:** We invite you to use the designated drop off zones on Grosse Pointe Blvd and in front of the Boll Center off Fisher Road. For your child's safety, we encourage students to cross the street at designated crosswalks.
- **Student Drivers With Parking Permits:** Park in your assigned lot (J or S) and space.
- **Student Drivers WITHOUT Parking Permits:** There is open parking on Fisher Road and Grosse Pointe Blvd.
- **Moped Drivers With Parking Permit:** Moped parking is located behind the IA and Boll Center by the batting cages. There are limited spots that require a moped parking permit.
- **Bike Riders:** There are multiple bike racks around campus - front of main building, greenhouse doors, and baseball fence line. We highly recommend bikes be secured with a lock to deter theft.

Please see the map below for parking details.

Within the first week of school, your child will receive a Student Handbook which contains frequently referenced information. The full Student Handbook is available electronically by clicking [here](#).

We invite you to attend Back To School Night on Thursday, September 15th from 6:30-8:30 p.m with doors opening at 6:00pm. This evening is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers and begin establishing a meaningful partnership that will support, encourage and inspire your student to achieve more than they imagined. You will receive pertinent information related to your child's courses and hear from our teachers about the rigorous curriculum expectations and standards that will be taught over the semester. We take great pride in the exceptional level of parental involvement we enjoy and look forward to seeing you on the 15th.

As your administrative team, we will continue to dedicate our energies towards helping every student learn to think with reflection, act with compassion, and perform with honor in high school and beyond. We are committed to ensuring that students are held to high expectations in regards to their academic pursuits, participation in extracurricular activities as well as empowering all students to realize that their voice matters. We take pride in this noble profession and are honored to serve this wonderful community. We greatly appreciate the open line of communication we have with stakeholders and value your input. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the administrative team:

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Best wishes on a tremendous school year.

Let's Go, Blue Devils!

Entrances

Grosse Pointe South High School

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