

# Newsletter for the Families of Skyview Community Middle School

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SKYVIEW MIDDLE  
SCHOOL

## SKYVIEW SKYWRITER

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The faculty and staff of Skyview Middle School are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the 2009-2010 school year. We once again are fortunate to have an exceptional team of teachers who are excited to meet all the new students as well as welcome back those who are returning.

This issue of the *Skywriter* contains a great deal of information that Skyview Middle School students and parents will need to know for a successful start to the new school year. Please read through this carefully so we can all get our school year off to a great start.

Our annual Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2:00-7:00 p.m. All students and parents are encouraged to attend on this day.

Students will receive their class schedules and locker assignments, giving them an opportunity to find their classrooms, meet their teachers and practice their locker combinations. We have found that this is an excellent chance to ease some of those first day jitters.

Also on September 2, there will be **special informational sessions** for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents. The meetings for 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be held at 3:00, 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. in the choir room (261). The meetings for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be at 2:30, 4:00 and 5:30 p.m., 7<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the choir room (261) and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the band room (161). Each session is identical, providing you with information to help you get started with your middle school experience and you are strongly encouraged to attend one of these meetings.

Included in this mailing is a **Health Emergency Card**. This is to be filled out completely and returned to school on September 2nd. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE GIVEN A CLASS SCHEDULE UNLESS THEIR EMERGENCY CARD IS FILLED OUT AND TURNED IN!**

Also included in this mailing is an **Athletic Pamphlet**. Please note that any student participating in interscholastic sports must have a physical form on file in the health office. These physical forms are good for three years. No student will be allowed to participate in practices or games unless a current physical form is on file.

I hope you are enjoying the remainder of the summer and will be refreshed and ready for another excellent year at Skyview. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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# ATTENTION

## **SCHOOL BEGINS**

Tuesday, September 8th marks the first day of the 2009-2010 school year for students. Classes begin at Skyview Middle School at 7:45 a.m. with students reporting to their *HomeBase* classroom.

## **CLASS SCHEDULES**

Students schedules are computer generated. Students are randomly assigned teachers and class periods and class sizes are balanced. No schedules will be changed so that students may have specific teachers or classes during specific periods.

## **HOMEBASE**

All students will begin the school day in their HomeBase classroom. HomeBase lasts approximately ten minutes and is used for announcements, pictures, yearbook and other activities as the year goes on.

## **STUDENT AGENDAS**

Skyview students will once again be provided with agendas, which include the student handbook and a special assignment notebook. Our agendas are designed specifically to help students organize their time and be more accountable for daily assignments and long-term projects. Students are **REQUIRED** to carry their agenda to **EVERY** class. Teachers will check periodically to see that students are recording daily assignments. The student agenda also acts as a hall pass. Replacement agendas will be available at a cost of \$4.00 for students if loss or damage occurs.

## **BUS ROUTES**

Bus routes can be found online at [www.isd622.org](http://www.isd622.org) starting August 17<sup>th</sup>. For those without access to the Web, the bus route information will be posted at our Open House on September 2 or by calling 651-770-4764.

## **LATE BUSES**

Late buses are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:30 p.m. **These routes are different from the regular daily routes.** Students should be aware of which late bus they should be taking. Buses will NOT be available for those involved in athletics this year. **Students will need to get a pass from a staff member to ride this bus home.**

## **HEALTH OFFICE/IMMUNIZATIONS**

Enclosed in this mailing is a **Health Emergency Card**. Please fill this out **COMPLETELY** and note any immunizations your child has received over the summer and any health concerns that your child may be experiencing. All health forms (immunizations, sport physical, medication forms, etc.) should be turned in to the health office on September 2nd if possible.

Students entering 7th grade for the 2009-2010 school **must** have proof of their Hepatitis B series, second MMR, Td Booster and Varicella (Chicken Pox Vaccine or date student contracted Chicken Pox) immunizations.

**STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL UNLESS WE HAVE THE PROPER DOCUMENTATION OF IMMUNIZATIONS!**

## **UPDATE INFORMATION**

If you or your children have had **ANY** changes in name, address, phone number, marital status, place of employment, etc., please stop in the main or guidance office to make these changes or send a note with the pertinent information. (Our records are not updated from the Health Emergency Cards.)

**FOOD SERVICE**

All students will be receiving a personal identification number (PIN) for their food service account. Keep this number confidential. Food service personnel will be available during our Open House if students wish to deposit money in their account or practice their PIN.

For the 2009-2010 school year the price for school lunch is **\$2.60** and for breakfast the price is **\$1.50**. An application for free and reduced lunches is included in the District 622 calendar mailed to homes in August. Families need to apply for this program every year. If you have any questions regarding the Food Service program please call 651-748-7530.

**STUDENT PICTURES**

Student pictures will be taken during the Open House on September 2nd. Picture package information is included in this packet. You can get an actual order from at Open House. Students who do not wish to purchase a picture package still need to have their picture taken for school records and the yearbook. For those unable to attend the Open House, the make-up day for pictures will be Wednesday, September 9th.

**LOST AND FOUND**

The Physical Education Department and the General Office each maintain a lost and found area. Students should check these areas periodically if they have lost items. "Lost and Stolen" forms are available in the main office for students to fill out which may be helpful in recovering lost items. Students are advised not to bring valuable items or large amounts of money to school.

**ANNOUNCEMENT LINE**

One great way to keep in touch with what is going on at Skyview is the Student Announcement Line (702-8008). This is a recording of the announcements that our students hear each morning. Get updates on student council, sports, after-school activities, yearbook sales and much more.

**SKYVIEW E-NEWS**

Another great form of communication is *Skyview e-news*. This is an innovative service notifying subscribers via e-mail about school closings, late openings, Parent Organization meetings, etc. Daily announcements are also sent out through *Skyview e-news*. If you are not already a subscriber to our Skyview e-news; to subscribe, simply send an e-mail to [listsrv@isd622.org](mailto:listsrv@isd622.org). In the body of the message, type the following (inserting your name):

Subscribe skyview-e-news LASTNAME, FIRSTNAME

You will then receive an e-mail confirmation.

**SKYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT ORGANIZATION**

The first meeting of the Skyview Middle School Parent Organization will take place on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at John Glenn Middle School at 6:30 p.m. The primary goal of this group is to ensure a successful education for our children by working with parents, faculty and staff. Please take advantage of this opportunity to join the Parent Organization and help make Skyview the best it can be for our children.

**FUNDRAISER KICKOFF**

Skyview Middle School will again be sponsoring a Magazine Subscription Fundraiser beginning on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you, your relatives, friends or neighbors should receive renewal notices for magazines, please save them and renew through our fundraiser. There are over 950 magazines titles available and many are at discount prices.

# SCHOOL POLICIES

## **ATTENDANCE**

Regular school attendance is vital to a successful education. Excessive absenteeism is disruptive to the educational programs and puts students behind in school. We strongly encourage families to plan trips around the school calendar. If a student is to be absent from school, parents/guardians are to call our 24-hour Attendance Hotline (702-8022) by 7:15 a.m. You will be asked to record the student's name and grade, parent's name and telephone number and the reason for the absence. It is the responsibility of the student to contact his/her teachers for any makeup work.

## **LATE ARRIVALS**

Any student arriving tardy for school (after 7:45 a.m.) should report immediately to the office. The student should have a written excuse from a parent/guardian stating the reason for the late arrival. A tardy slip will then be issued which will serve as a permit to class.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Any time a student needs to be excused during the school day for an appointment, the student **MUST** bring a parent's note to the office that morning. Parents/guardians must sign their child out from the office when picking them up for an appointment.

## **DRESS CODE**

The staff of Skyview Middle School strongly believes that appropriate dress and grooming affects students' self esteem and ultimately their success at school. We have established specific guidelines for student attire, which are included in the student handbook. Included in these guidelines are the following items:

- ◆ Jackets, coats, caps, hats, etc. are to be left in lockers and **NOT** worn in class.
- ◆ Clothing which displays language, illustration, connotation, etc., which may be offensive to others or promote/displays alcohol, tobacco or other substances inappropriate for students is not to be worn.
- ◆ "Short- shorts" (no shorter than 3" inches above the knee) and tank tops are **NOT** allowed. Students' torsos **MUST** be covered at all times.

## **NO SMOKING**

The use of tobacco products by students or adults is prohibited on all District 622 property. This includes parking lots and during athletic events.

## **TELEPHONE USAGE**

Two telephones are available near the main entrance for student use and one additional telephone is located in the main office. These phones are not to be used between classes or during class time. Parents/guardians are asked **NOT** to call and leave messages for students except in cases of extreme emergencies.

**Sky Hawks**

**S**elf-Control

**O**ptimism

**A**wareness

**R**espect

**With Pride!**

# SKYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

***Wednesday, September 2nd, 2:00-7:00 p.m.***

***DON'T FORGET TO:***

- ◆ Bring your completed Health Emergency Card and have all of your immunizations updated  
***YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A CLASS SCHEDULE UNLESS YOU HAVE THESE!***
- ◆ Get your picture taken.
- ◆ Turn in your Sports Physical Form at the athletic table (good for three years).
- ◆ Sign up for Fall, Winter, Spring sports at athletic table.
- ◆ Find your locker and practice your combination.
- ◆ Find your classrooms and meet your teachers.
- ◆ Deposit money in your Food Service Account and practice your PIN.
- ◆ Purchase a Physical Education Uniform.
- ◆ 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and their parents attend one of the orientation meetings.  
Meeting for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade is at 3:00, 4:30 or 6:00 p.m. in the choir room (261).  
Meetings for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade is at 2:30, 4:00 or 5:30 p.m., 7<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the choir room (261) and 8th grade will meet in the band room (161).
- ◆ Update any pertinent information in the main or guidance office.

## ***Bus Route Information Is now available On-Line***

***At [www.isd622.org](http://www.isd622.org)***

***Beginning August 17, 2009***



For those who do not have access to the Web, bus route information will be posted at the Open House on September 2nd or by calling 651-770-4764.

Having this information on –line will provide the most accurate information, as busing changes do occur after the calendar is printed. We believe that providing this information on-line will help us to better serve our parents and students.

## Lifetouch School Portraits

Don't Miss Picture Day!

Skyview Middle School

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

**Color Backgrounds Available:** Gray, Blue, Purple, Green, Red

**NEW!** Add your child's name to all wallets. Only \$6.00

**Retouching Available! \$8.00**

2 -8 x 10s 4 -5 x 7s 4-3 x 5s 12-2 x 3s 8-1 1/2 x 1-Portrait CD	As shown A12 \$47.00  Minus 2-5 x 7s A1 \$38.00  Minus 2-5 x 7s A \$29.00 8-2 x 3s
1- 8 x 10s 4-5 x 7s 2-3 x 5s 12- 2 x 3s 8-1 1/2 x 2 1/2s	As shown B12 \$41.50  Minus 2-5 x 7s B1 \$32.50 Minus 2-5 x7s B \$23.50 8-2 x 3s
4-5 x 7s 2-3 x5s 12-2 x 3s 8-1 1/2 x 2 1/2s	As shown C12 \$38.50  Minus 2-5 x 7s C1 \$29.50  Minus 2-5 x 7s C \$20.50 8-2 x 3s
3-5 x 7s 2-3 x 5s 12-2 x 3s 9-1 1/2 x 2 1/2s	As shown D12 \$36.00 Minus 2 -5 x 7s D1 \$27.00 Minus 2-5 x 7s D \$18.00 8-2 x 3s
2-5 x 7s 1-3 x 5s 12-2 x 3s 8-1 1/2 x 2 1/2s	As shown E12 \$30.50  Minus 2-5 x 7s E1 \$21.50  Minus 2-3 x 5s E \$12.50 8- 2 x 3s
2-5 x 7s 10-2 x 3s 4-1 1/2 x 2 1/2s	As shown F12 \$26.00  Minus 2-5 x 7s F1 \$17.00  Minus 2-5 x 7s F \$8.00 8-2 x 3s

**Mark Your Calendars!**

### Add Extras

Available only with the purchase of a package.

Extra #1 \$9.00 8-2 x 3s	Extra #2 \$9.00 2-5 x 7s
Extra #3 \$9.00 1-8 x 10	Extra #4 \$9.00 18-1 1/2 x 2 1/2s

**Lifetouch order forms will be available at Open House on September 2.**