



Parkway Sports and Health Science

Welcome Back Letter

July 30, 2024

Greetings Parkway Families,

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break!

The Parkway campus has been a construction site all summer. When it is all completed (Spring 2025) we will have brand new sewage lines, two remodeled bathrooms, 10 new classrooms in the back of the school, 3 new science classrooms, and a beautiful new office building and front entry way!

The work the construction crews did in such a quick period of time this summer is nothing short of amazing! However, there are still a handful of items that need to be fully completed before the first day of school on August 8th. So... due to construction, we have had to make a few changes. Please read below so you are prepared to kick off the school year at Parkway.

School Office - NOT Open to Walk-in Traffic August 1st.

Due to the interior of the campus being an active construction site, the school office will not be open to walk-in traffic on August 1st or August 2nd. Of course, we will be taking phone calls and emails to support families as much as we can virtually. The school office will open to walk-in traffic starting Monday, August 5th at 8:00 am.

Thursday, August 1 - New Student Online Orientation & Q/A Session - 5:00pm - 6:00pm

We are trying something new this year by holding an online orientation for all interested new families. This session will give another opportunity to learn important information that will prepare families to start the year successfully. We will do a presentation and then take questions in the chat function of Zoom - and do our best to answer all your questions!

Link: <https://lmsvsd-net.zoom.us/j/84281294854>

**The presentation will include most of the same information we will cover at the in-person orientations on August 7th. Please refer to the second page/below for more information on in-person orientations.*

First Day of School - Thursday, August 8th.

Gates open at 8:30 am - and students can pick up schedules as soon as they walk onto campus. School starts at 9:00 am. Students need to enter campus and hang-out with friends in the designated areas, and then proceed to class when the bell rings at 8:55! 7th and 8th graders will gather in the main quad area, within the blue lines, and 6th graders will gather in the south end of campus near the 6th grade classes.

Wednesday, August 7

6th and 7th (New 8th Graders) Student Orientations

Please Be Advised: This is something that we had to change due to construction!!!

We have two arrival times for orientation in the morning for our 6th grade orientation. Sessions are divided into groups by the student's last name to help manage the size of the crowds.

9:00 am 6th Last Names A - K

9:45 am 6th Last Names L - Z

We will also have two arrival times for orientation in the afternoon for our new 7th grade orientation. Sessions are divided into groups by the student's last name to help manage the size of the crowds. New 8th grade students may also attend this orientation by last name.

1:00 pm 7th Last Names A - K

1:45 pm 7th Last Names L - Z

Both orientations will have a family presentation in the auditorium while students participate in a scavenger hunt led by a few of our current Parkway students! This will serve as a fun, interactive time for your students to familiarize themselves with our students, campus and staff. **ALL STUDENTS Need to Be Accompanied by a Parent or Family Member. This is not a drop off or student-only event. Also, returning students should not attend these orientations.*

Students who attend the in-person orientations will be able to pick up their class schedules and tour the campus. If you are unable to attend an in-person orientation, students can get a hard copy of their schedule on August 8th starting at 8:30 am in the auditorium. Returning students will also pick up a hard copy of their schedule the morning of August 8th.

We thank you in advance for joining us for one of these orientations. We have a lot to share about our wonderful school and the new year we have ahead of us.

Schedule Changes

Parkway's enrollment has increased and we are growing rapidly. Due to the increase, larger class sizes, and the complexity of the master schedule - we are not going to honor schedule changes for the first few weeks. We will only consider making changes to student schedules after student enrollment numbers stabilize. Students will be made aware of potential schedule change opportunities in late August. Thank you for your understanding and your patience.

Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Dismissal

Morning Drop-Off: At 8:30 am gates/doors open for students to come on campus, grab breakfast, and hang-out in the quad or 6th grade areas until the bell rings at 8:55 am. Students may be dropped off in the front parking lot, and will enter campus through the cafeteria (during construction). 6th grade students (and their siblings) may be dropped off in the back parking lot, which can be accessed via the La Mesita Park parking lot (take a left right before the YMCA). ESS drop-off and pick-up will also occur in the back parking lot in mornings and afternoons.

Once students are dropped off or walk up to the school gates, they need to enter school and stay on school campus. Students are not allowed to leave to walk to the liquor store or park. Please help us with this important safety measure. Please be aware that students should not be dropped off or gather in front of school before 8:30am as there is no supervision prior to the opening of campus. Interested parents can see the ESS information on the District's website for additional morning supervision information.

Afternoon Dismissal: The front parking lot is closed due to bus pick-up. The best way to organize pick-up is to locate an agreed-upon spot with your student. There are many spots on the Dallas St. bridge (near the fire station) that offer curbside pick-up. We recommend that you do not use the Michael's parking lot. Parents should not be using the parking lots of the Volterra Apartments (across the street) to pick up students and students should not be on the grounds/property of the apartments at any time.

Please refer to [our website](#) for a map that shows drop-off and pick-up locations.

Student Lunches - Idea of Snacks

School lunch and breakfast is free for students again this school year. Classes will not be interrupted for the delivery of lunch. If families need to drop off a lunch, they can leave it in the school office for student pick-up. Glass bottles are not allowed on campus, and food delivery services like DoorDash are prohibited. All food delivery services will be denied.

Due to our expanding enrollment and the addition of the 6th grade to campus, there will be 3 different student lunches. Because some students will be eating lunch earlier in the day and others eating later, we suggest that students bring snacks that can easily be eaten during passing periods between classes. To avoid pests, food cannot be consumed in the classrooms. The only beverage allowed in class is water, so students should finish any non-water drinks prior to their first class of the day.

School Rules - Phones/Headphones/Electronic Devices/Dress Code

Students are not allowed to use cell phones, headphones or wireless earbuds (Airpods, etc.) during school time. They need to be off when students walk onto campus and remain off the entire day. We request that students keep phones, headphones and wireless earbuds in their backpacks. Phones that are seen or heard and headphones or earbuds in use can be confiscated for the remainder of the day.

Additionally, smart watches (Apple watches, etc.) and all other personal electronic devices need to be turned off and stored away in your student's backpack the entire day.

We have a District-wide dress code, so please take a quick look at it on our school website.

We will go over the school rules in detail with students early next week!

PE Clothes

6th grade students will have a PE class with a credentialed PE teacher. However, they will not dress out for PE during the 6th grade year. They will start dressing out and using the locker rooms in 7th grade.

7th and 8th grade students are required to dress out for PE and wear either Parkway PE uniforms or a gray shirt with sleeves and navy blue basketball-type shorts (or sweats); no logos or school names are allowed, and PE clothes must be different from what students wear to school. Students must also use a school-issued lock for their PE lockers. Parkway PE clothes and locks must be purchased on our website at <https://www.lmsvschools.org/parkway/>

Thank You!

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