

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Ogden Preparatory Academy! We are excited about the upcoming school year. We look forward to a year of continued academic success.

You were sent an Information Update for the 2008-09 School Year. I will reiterate those changes:

1. Uniforms – same colors. Girls may wear a camisole, but the shirt must be buttoned over the camisole so it is not visible.
2. PE Uniforms – grades 5-9. Navy gym shorts not exceed 2 inches above the knee, gym shoes, and navy, grey or school's tee top (\$8.00) must be worn.
3. School Times for MOPA . First bell will ring at 8:05 a.m. and tardy bell at 8:10 a.m.
4. Breakfast at MOPA. Serving time from 7:40 – 8:00 a.m. daily.
5. First Fridays – monthly. Student will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. after their lunch each first Friday of the month.
6. New Families – dinner. Please come with your family for a free dinner on August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Students will meet their teachers and also have a chance to meet the other new students to our school.
7. Back-To-School Nights, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Students with names ending in A-L will meet on August 13<sup>th</sup> in MOPA's gym and after introductions will visit classrooms. Students with names ending in M-Z will meet on August 14<sup>th</sup> in the MOPA cafeteria and after introductions will visit classrooms.
8. School begins, Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.
9. Student fees for grades 7-9 are \$60.00. These fees cover all locker rentals, lock rentals, art supplies, and book rentals.

Staffing Changes:

1. Mrs. Thayne is moving to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Mrs. Feire took a position in Boston.
2. Mrs. Johnson is taking Mrs. Thayne's position. Mrs. Johnson taught reading in Clearwater, Florida, two years at the John F. Kennedy Middle School. Mrs. Johnson will work under the direction of Mrs. Hill, our new special education director at MOPA.
3. Mrs. Hill, our new MOPA special education director, comes from Ogden School District with over 28 years of experience with special education.
4. We welcome Ms. Faba to second grade. Ms. Faba comes with over 20 years of experience of teaching English in Spain.
5. We also welcome Ms. Trigeuros to our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team. She will be teaching Spanish to our middle school students. Ms. Trigeuros also comes from Spain.
6. Our 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade team is joined by Mr. Whitby. Mr. Whitby is a level 4 math teacher who comes with 7 years of experience teaching all levels of higher math.

We look forward to meeting you during the week preceding the start of school. All of us have carefully planned out the new year and are eager to get started. Please remember our doors are always open to input. We can only get better with your help.

Kathy Thornburg

Robert Mitchell

Principal

Assistant Principal