

SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of the Lobos!



Lobos News End of Year 2018

Message from Principal Goertz:

Wow! Another year has passed us quickly. Students have grown and learned, educators have become better at learning practice and parents continue to support our students and staff. While I find this year coming to an end much more quickly than I had anticipated, I'm so excited for the next school year! We have changed several structures in our school to better support our students, we have great plans for continuing to grow as educators, and are designing learning experiences that are students will enjoy.

This time of year typically calls for me to do some reflection on the goals I've met, both professionally and personally, and plan for continued growth into the future. I want to say a heartfelt thank you for all of you for your support to students and their growth. South Middle School is an amazing community of people who are devoted to helping our children grow. As we begin to plan all of the work for next year, I want to invite each of you to join us and continue to support the development of our community! To do this consider joining one of many of family and community events that we will be holding this next school year. Our community is STRONGer together and we need your voice to help continue to push our success forward. I look forward to continuing to develop a partnership with you all in support of our students.

Have an amazing summer break, enjoy extra time with your kids, and we look forward to continuing to serve you next year!

Courtney Goertz
Principal, South STRONG

Aurora Public Schools Mission:

In partnership with our community, we accelerate learning for all students to develop the knowledge, skills and character necessary to shape successful futures.

Aurora Public Schools Vision:

Every student shapes a successful future.

South Middle School Mission:

We create challenging learning environments that foster collaborative critical thinking, provide relevant learning experiences and empower self-directed goal setting for students to become STRONG citizens who will success in post-secondary opportunities and compete in a global workforce.

South Middle School Vision:

Learn. Inspire. Lead. Empower.

South Middle School STRONG Values:

Success, Trust, Respect, Optimism, Noble-minded & Grit

MIS #1:

Identify, implement, and monitor systems and skills necessary for highly effective professional development initiatives aimed at improving teacher/leader effectiveness.

MIS #2

Identify, implement and monitor systems and structures for student data reporting and standards based unit/lesson planning.

MIS #3

Identify implement and monitor the trajectory of talent growth using systems and skills necessary for highly effective observation and feedback aimed at improving teacher effectiveness.

Upcoming changes to Student Registration!

Parents:

For the 2018-1019 school year Aurora Public Schools is introducing an electronic option for updating annual registration forms. You will be able to verify your address, phone numbers, email addresses. For each student you will be able to update emergency contacts, health card and annual permissions.

* What can you do to prepare? Make sure that your email address on file is correct.

* How can I check my email address?

Login in to your parent portal account and verify your email address.

*Don't know your parent portal login?

Contact Ms. Diggs, at extension 25805.



Important

Dates to Remember

- Online Check-In Workshops:
 - Friday, July 13, - Tuesday, July 17 and Thursday, July 26.
- August 4- APS Back to School Kickoff at Aurora Mall
- August 6- 6th grade student orientation. 8:30am-12:30pm
- August 6- South Back to School Night 5:30-7:00pm
- August 7- First Day of School!
- August 17- Picture Day
- August 28- Fall Title 1 Meeting
- August 31- Early Release Day

South has a New APP!

Download our Mobile App for Free!

Stay in touch with South Middle School while on the go.

APP FEATURES:

- News/ Noticias
- Notifications
- Calendar/Calendario
- Absence/Ausencia
- Staff/Facultad
- Resources/ Recursos



Thank you Volunteers!

We appreciate YOU! Many thanks to all the wonderful parents who volunteered for 5th grade family night AND those who provided an amazing teacher appreciation lunch!

Special thanks to our Community Partners: Peace Mennonite Church, Parkview UCC, King Soopers, Brad Martin(Santa), Skate City, Aurora Youth Options, Asian Pacific Development Center. We're grateful for your support!

We are South Strong!

S-Success

T-Trust

R-Respect

O-Optimism

N-Noble Minded

G-Grit

WE ARE SOUTH S.T.R.O.N.G!



FREE MEALS AT AURORA SCHOOLS!

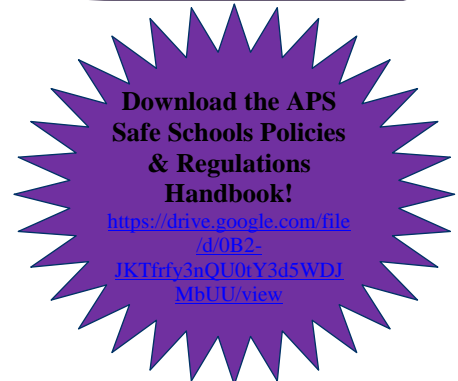
For children ages 1-18

Breakfast 7:30 am-9:00 am Lunch 11:00 am-12:00 pm

**AWCPA (West)
Paris Elementary
Crawford Elementary
Elkhart (lunch only)
Fulton Elementary**

**Kenton Elementary
Vaughn Elementary
Sable Elementary
Virginia Court Elementary**

For more information call 303-326-2198 or text "Food" to 877-877



Take Charge of your Children's Health at the Trojan Wellness Center!

Trojan Wellness Center is a school based health center at Aurora Central High School, now providing medical and mental health services to middle and elementary school students!

Medical services include:

- Sports physicals
- Wellness exams
- Minor injuries
- Immunizations
- Lab tests
- Acute illnesses

**CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT AND FOR SUMMER HOURS
303-326-1570**

Helpful Links:

Have you recently changed your address? Use our new Online Address Change Tool! (Just stop by South and we will walk you through the process if needed).

<http://aurorak12.org/2016/05/11/online-address-change-tool/>

Don't Delay, Update Your Address TODAY!

Notes from the Nurse:

**Shots for Tots and Teens Low-cost Immunizations
2nd Saturday of each month
Aurora Fire Station #2, 12600 Hoffman Blvd**

**10am-1pm -no appointment needed.
For more information call
303-451-0123**

Have a great summer!



Nurse Carmel Devlin

**NEW ATHLETIC FEES FOR
2018-19 SCHOOLYEAR**

**COST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARTICIPANTS:**

**\$35 PER STUDENT FOR EACH
SPORT.**

In order to ensure that the APS Athletics and Activities Department will continue to provide quality co-curricular opportunities for our students, the Board of Education approved a small increase to student athletic fees. The district has seen rising costs for supplies, transportation and staffing throughout its athletics programs.

The modest increase in athletic fees will allow APS to continue offering high quality co-curricular opportunities for all students.



IMPORTANT Information to have:

Dear Parents/Guardians,
 Please take a look at the attached forms.
 As always, you will receive these forms via mail in the upcoming days.
 Please be aware!
 You are not receiving your student's Health Card, Media release form,
 Field trip, code of conduct or Internet contract form.

You will have to fill out these forms electronically, beginning July 1st, 2018.

**Please expect an email from Aurora Public Schools requesting that you begin the online registration process. (Don't wait too long! call the main office to verify that we have a valid email address in our IC system under your student's summary report, as this is the email address you will be using for online Check-Ins).*

If you run into any issues or have questions/concerns about the online check in process, please call the main office at 303-364-7623.

We will be available via phone to answer your questions and/or assist with Parent Portal, Address Changes or Online check in beginning Friday, July 6th. Do NOT stop by the main office without setting up an appointment with a south staff member. We encourage you to take advantage of our workshops, see dates below:

South Online Check-In Workshops/ Talleres de Registraciones en Linea	
Friday July 13,2018/ Viernes 13 de Julio	
9:00-12:00 PM	1:00-4:00 PM
Tuesday July 17,2018/ Martes 17 de Julio	
9:00-12:00 PM	1:00 – 4:00 PM
Thursday, July 26, 2017/ Viernes 26 de Julio	
9:00 – 12:00 pm	1:00 – 4:00 PM

*We are providing help sheets to make this process easier for you!

<https://sites.google.com/aurorak12.org/ic-training/student-check-in-system>

Other News you can use!

School Messenger Text Messaging

APS is offering a new way to keep you informed about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.
 If your cell phone is on file at your child's school, you can now sign up to receive Text Message Notifications.
 All you have to do is *text the word "Yes" or "Y" to 67587*, and you are in!

The only requirement to receive text messages is that you have a valid cell phone number on file in Parent Portal. Please contact South's main office if you need to update your cell phone number. We are excited to offer this new service in addition to the phone and email notifications you are already receiving. Please note that although APS does not charge for this service, message and/or data rates may apply.



Attachments!

- Principal's 2018.19 Welcome Letter!
- Supply List
- South Middle School 2018.19 Calendar
- Online Check-In help sheets
- CDE Immunization Requirements form
- Picture Day flyer
- Volunteer form
- South MS Back to School Night!
- APS Back to School Kick-Off!
- 2018.19 Student & Parent Handbook