



# OPTIONS secondary Program

*A Discovery Program School*

Littleton Public Schools

August 5, 2019

Hello Options Secondary School Students and Families,

School will be starting again soon and we are excited for the 2019-2020 school year. I have missed each of you over the summer and I am looking forward to reconnecting and starting our journey of bringing Options High School, Options Middle School and our Phoenix Programs together in August.

The main entrance for all Options Secondary students will remain the main entrance into the Whitman building. All students will enter and exit from this location. **Our school hours will be 8:00am-2:25pm.** Students will be permitted into the building beginning at 7:45am. As an important reminder, all Options Secondary **students will have a one-hour late start AND a one-hour early release EVERY Wednesday** throughout the school year. On **Wednesdays, school hours will be 9:00am-1:25pm.**

If your student will be absent, tardy, or leaving early for an appointment **please call Julie DeLauter at 303-347-3580.** She will be the main point of contact regarding attendance for all students on our campus.

LPS is offering bus transportation, to and from our school, for students who live within LPS boundaries and are beyond the walking radius. To check your bus transportation route and pick-up times, **please login to your Parent Portal Infinite Campus Account.** Any questions about bus transportation should be directed to LPS Transportation at 303-347-4775. At this point, we will not have a late run bus. If your student is staying after school, please arrange transportation home.

With the merging of Options Middle School and Options High School, students will have graduated expectations and responsibility regarding technology.

- **Options Middle School & Phoenix 6-9:** All students will continue to check-in personal electronic devices (ie: cell phones, iPads, MP3 Players, headphones, etc) at the beginning of each school day. Devices will be returned at 2:25pm each day.
- **Options High School & Phoenix 10-12:** Students are permitted to keep their electronic devices with the understanding that they stay out of sight throughout the school day, unless being used for academic reasons as directed by a teacher.

**Please note that you are welcome to call the main telephone line, 303-347-4725, anytime and we will deliver messages to your student.** We have learned that many young people are struggling to find a balance between electronics and being engaged in the world in front of them. Research states that technology addiction is becoming a trend in our society. Whereas we see the incredible benefits of technology, we also believe that personal devices can interfere with being a part of a community and potential learning. We will remain as a **1-to-1 computer school** where your student will have access to a chromebook throughout the school day to continue deepening their technology skills as tied to academic learning. Chromebooks will not be permitted at lunchtime as we value students eating, socializing, and moving during this time. Feel free to call me or email me with any questions regarding this policy.

We have had a few staffing changes for the coming school year. The biggest change is that we are aligning our school grades 6th-12th with me serving as the Principal for our entire campus. **Eric Martinez** and **Jeff Pickering** will be joining us as our two Assistant Principals. Welcome, Jeff and Eric!

- **Susan Davis** and **Brian White** will be our two Dean of Students on campus. They will alternate supporting students as Dean of Students while also taking turns teaching the Discovery class with our newest middle school students.
- **Carol Boorum** will continue teaching at OMS while expanding her responsibilities to include Options High School while coaching other teachers with instructional techniques. **Adam Williams** will continue as our other Instructional Coach and OHS teacher while expanding his responsibility to include teaching a couple Language Arts classes for our middle school students.
- **Maria Fraietta** will be our new Family and Consumer Studies teacher at Options High School. She is coming to us from Littleton High School.
- **Jen Muller** will be our new Health Assistant in the main office. Jen is joining us from Sandburg Elementary.

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- **Carleah Wright** has moved away from the Littleton area and will no longer be with us at Phoenix 6-9. We will miss Carleah greatly. Jolene Zummo, from Options High School, will be filling this position. We are in the process of hiring Jolene's replacement at OHS.

We are very excited to welcome our new staff to the Options Family!! Please join me in welcoming each of our new staff members to our special community.

Please update your parent portal (address/phone changes, current pick up information, etc) through Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you are unable to access your Parent Portal account, please call Julie DeLauter (303-347-3580) or Lisa Arnold (303-347-4725) for help. Also, this will give you an opportunity to pay your school fees online. You may also pay by check, if you prefer.

School Supplies for the 2019-2020 School Year include:

- 1 package of pens (blue or black)
- 1 package of pencils (mechanical or wooden)
- Package of lined notebook paper
- 7 Spiral single-subject notebooks
- Annual school fee of \$120 (this pays for all of our other necessary school supplies, monthly student/staff socials, our evening family events, and our out of the building adventure experiences). Feel free to reach out to Lisa Arnold at 303-347-4725 if you would like to set up a payment plan spread over time.
- Pack of copy paper
- Lysol wipes
- 3 Kleenex boxes
- 1 package of index cards

Below, I have listed a few important Back-to-School dates for you to add to your calendar. Please feel free to call, text, or email me with any questions. I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Best,

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### **Important Back-to-School Dates for 2019-2020**

- Friday, August 16th – Orientation and First Day of School for **ALL** students (regular school hours from 8:00am-2:25pm)
- Saturday, August 17th -- Western Welcome Week Parade at 10am in downtown Littleton
- Wednesday, August 21st – Wednesday Late Start/Early Release Day (**school begins at 9:00am and releases at 1:25pm**) EVERY Wednesday is a 1 hour late start/1 hour early release.
- Wednesday, August 21st – Back to School Picnic and Meet the Teachers from 5:30pm-7:30pm (students welcome!)
- Friday, August 23rd -- Picture Day for all students
- Friday, August 23rd – Staff/Student Ice Cream Social & Celebration for our Custodial Team from 2:15pm-2:25pm
- Monday, September 2nd – NO SCHOOL for all LPS students (Labor Day)
- Wednesday, September 25th -- Parent/Student Conferences from 2:30pm-5:30pm & FAMILY Game Night from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Dinner served.
- Thursday, October 17th -- Teacher Workday (**No School**)
- Friday, October 18th -- No School, Building Closed (**No School**)
- Wednesday, November 7th -- Current Options Parent Info, Update and Accountability Meeting (ALL Parents & Guardians invited and encouraged to attend! **RSVP will be required**). Dinner served at 6:00pm, meeting from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

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