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Morrill Middle School



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Message from the Principal

We are very proud of our students and staff for the making the first two weeks of school a success. The level of excitement, engagement, and positivity is palpable. Our students seem to have settled in well to their new classes and have begun instruction across all content areas. As I walk through classrooms, I am seeing students who are enthusiastic about learning and engaged in the various lessons that are being taught by our teachers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent community for supporting our Parents Day and Coffee with the Principal events. These events were well received by our community and we are thankful for each parent who took the opportunity to participate. Parent engagement opportunities will continue throughout the year, so I hope you will take the time to participate in one of our upcoming events.

As we enter this new school year, we are looking for areas of continuous improvement. One of the areas that has been identified is the serious level of congestion in our BYC parking lot during the pickup and drop-off times. With the significant number of cars coming through the parking lot, we have seen students put at risk as they are walking into traffic to reach their car. Additionally, our school bus access is being blocked, making it difficult for our students to access their bus transportation. We need your help in reducing the number of cars coming into the parking

lot, as well as more attention to overall safety when driving through the parking lot. While we all want to pick up our children in a timely manner, safety needs to be the main priority. Here are some tips for helping make this process safer and easier:

- Use the curbside on Cropley Ave. that borders our field for pickup and drop-off.
- “Walk A Block” – drop students off in the neighborhood and let them walk into school.
- Use the Church parking lot on the corner of Cropley Ave. and Morrill Ave. and allow students to cross the street with the crossing guards.
- DO NOT block the VTA bus stop on Morrill Ave. in front of the school. I was informed that SJPD has been requested to enforce parking violations in the coming days.

We appreciate your support and partnership in making Morrill a safe and productive environment for all of our students.

With Gratitude,

Mr. Thomas Carroll, Principal

Calendar

Please check the Morrill Middle School website regularly to stay up-to-date with school events and functions: [Click Here](#)

09/05 – Back to School Night @ 5:30pm

09/06 – Free and Reduced Lunch
Applications available online (see below for details)

09/10 – Morrill Middle Presentation to the School Board @ 7pm @ District Office

09/13 – Flexible Instructional Space Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @ 3:00pm in Library

09/17 – 09/19 – Walk To School Days (see below for details)

09/24 – School Site Council meeting @ 7:30am in FIS/Library

09/30 – Coffee with the Principal and Title 1 informational meeting @ 7:30am (see below for more details)

Upcoming Minimum Days:

09/04, 09/05, 09/12, 09/18, 09/19,
09/26

No School Days:

09/02 – Labor Day

Job Seekers Wanted

Do you enjoy working with food? Are you interested in working part-time while your children are in school? Currently there are vacancies in Student Nutrition Services as a Food Service Substitute and Food Service Assistant I. For details, please contact Human Resources or review job postings on Edjoin at www.edjoin.org.

Morrill Middle School is looking to hire two more Noon Duty Supervisors to help supervise students during our lunch break. If you are interested, you may contact our front office, or apply online at www.edjoin.org.

State Testing Resources

Are you looking for resources to help your student prepare for the state testing? Below are a few resources you can use to help your student prepare for the State Math, Language Arts, and Science tests. Just copy and paste the link into your web browser to access the websites:

https://login1.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V337/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=California_PT

<https://www.lumoslearning.com/llwp/resources/sbac-practice-tests-and-sample-question.html>

8th Grade Promotion Requirements

Students MUST meet the following requirements in order to participate in 8th grade activities (promotion, dance, field trip):

1. Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above OR 8th grade GPA of 1.75 or above.
2. Positive Attendance record – excessive tardies and absences will restrict participation.
3. Positive Behavior record – excessive referrals and suspensions will restrict participation.

Free and Reduced Lunch

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are still being accepted. You may stop by the front office to pick up an application. You may complete an application even if you are unsure of whether or not you qualify. Starting September 6th, you are able to complete the application online by visiting: www.MySchoolApps.com.

For more information, please call the School Office (include your school number)
 ** Información en español al 923-1902 **
 Thông tin tiếng Việt gọi số 923-1903 **
 如果您需要講中文的服務，請致電 (408) 923-1901



Above: Students participating at our schoolwide Spirit Day. Class competition is always fun and exciting! Thank you to our teachers for organizing another great event.

Walk To School Initiative

October 2nd is International Walk-to-School Day, and in an effort to increase traffic safety around our school, the Morrill community will join the City of San Jose's Walk n' Roll program this fall and participate in this worthwhile effort. This program is intended to decrease traffic congestion around our school and in the neighborhood, help students achieve a healthier and active lifestyle, and reduce air pollution. There will be a monthly Walk-to-School day where Morrill staff will meet groups of students at designated locations a few blocks away from school to form what are called "walking trains." There will also be giveaways of helmets for those who don't have them, bike repair rodeos, and more! Later this fall, we will have designated Walk-to-School weeks where we will count the numbers of students who arrived at school using alternative means of transportation, with an initial goal of reducing traffic around the school by 10%.

If you see a kid, slow down! Additional information can be found at: <http://www.getstreetsmarts.org/walknroll/>

Coffee with the Principal & Title 1 Meeting

On Monday, September 30 at 7:30am, we will host our second Coffee with the Principal event. This is a great opportunity for parents and community members to visit our school, learn about what is happening at Morrill, and ask questions in a Q & A dialogue format. If you have ideas for how to improve our school, have questions about how to support your child, or are curious about the various initiatives taking place, the Coffee with the Principal event is the event for you!

In the September meeting, we will highlight our Title 1 status, explaining what being a Title 1 school means, how this benefits our students, and explain the intricacies of being a Title 1 school. This information will help parents understand the true meaning of Title 1, and will outline how we use Title 1 funds to support all of our students. We hope you will join us for this event!

Parent, Teacher, Student Association

Our Morrill Middle School PTSA is in the second full year of being established and we are looking for your support! Parents, Teachers, and Students are able to join our PTSA! We are trying to build the organization in an effort to provide additional support for the members of our school community. If you have not done so, please consider joining the PTSA today. Just stop by the front office to join!

Back to School Night

Thursday, September 5th is our Back to School Night from 5:30pm-7:30pm. We hope that you will join us for an information evening where you get to tour your student's schedule, meet their teachers, and learn about how your student can get involved at Morrill. We will have club sign ups available, school initiatives on display, as well as Infinite Campus access set up for our new parents. If you plan to get your Infinite Campus login, please bring an ID with you, as the ID is required to verify who we are providing access to. Please arrive early to view our clubs and IC access, which will be available at 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there!