



# Sisters Elementary School

“Home of the Outlaws”

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Dear Sisters Elementary Families,

Welcome back to an exciting 2017-2018 school year at Sisters Elementary School! It is our goal this year to create an enriched learning environment that engages each child in our school. Our elementary is an excellent teaching staff with a wealth of knowledge and outstanding support staff, who work in different capacities to support every child's learning. This year's theme is "Change Our Stories, Change Our Lives."

Many of you have been witness to the "change" going on at the elementary school and across the district. We are over the moon excited to be starting the year with many upgrades to our building. With those changes have come some temporary inconveniences that are going to give us permanent improvements. I thank you for your patience as we start a school year "under construction," with the eclipse madness and fire season upon us in Sisters Country.

Our "normal" start to the year is going to look a little different. A lot happens over a summer. We usually send you all placement letters from your home room teachers by this upcoming week. Due to the mailing system slowing us down a bit, construction and new systems for the district, we are going to try something different. If you have read, seen or heard of your child's placement for next year, those were based on temporary spring placements and could possibly change due to increased enrollment since June. Due to these numbers, I am waiting on a "green light" from Mr. Scholl to possibly hire 1 to 2 teachers this week. That will again bring another possible placement change for your child. We will have final placements of students by Thursday evening. Friday, you will be notified by a phone call or directions will be sent to you to access our new Parent Portal system. We are super excited to have this system in place for you all. The launch for the high school happened over a week ago. I apologize for any confusion that may have started. We were unaware that the elementary school would launch at the same time. Our hopes were to send you more communication and directions about what this all means for us at SES.

Due to construction, the parking lot will not be ready for traffic this next week, August 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Our "Stop and Drop" for school supplies will be happening the first day of school this year, **August 29<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00am-9:00am for all 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades (kinders will receive a call this week for individual assessments during August 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>). Please join us all for an extra hour in the morning to mingle, drop supplies, meet your teacher and take in the newness of the building.

Some important times for you:

- **Front Doors Open:** 7:45am - students head to the playground or to breakfast with duty coverage
- **School Start Times:** *Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays* – First Bell: **8:00am** Tardy Bell: **8:05am**
- **Late Start Wednesdays** (starting September 6<sup>th</sup>): First Bell: **9:00am** Tardy Bell: **9:05am**

We encourage you to become active in our school, either by volunteering or joining our Sisters Parent-Teacher Community (SPTC). Being involved is a wonderful way for you to share ideas and support our mission of supporting ALL Kids! Don't forget to check out our school's website <http://ses.ssd6.org/> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/sisterselementaryschool/> . They serve as resource tools for all upcoming events, newsletters, reminders and all things school related. The district also uses a phone/email blasting system along with our new Parent Portal. So don't forget to check those personal emails.

I sincerely believe in a school environment that is collaborative in nature and draws on the strengths of all stakeholders, in striving for improving student outcomes. Working together makes a difference in the lives of our students. I look forward to this year with all of the magnificent people that make Sisters Elementary a great place to learn.

Sincerely,

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