



C.F. SIMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Simmons Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! School begins for students this year **on Wednesday, August 25, 2021**. We have been working hard all summer to plan for a safe school opening and implement best practices to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19.

This year, masks are required for unvaccinated individuals. In addition, masking is required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, based upon moderate and above transmission levels. Students will be socially distanced three feet apart to the greatest extent possible during the school day. We will continue to emphasize other mitigation strategies such as proper handwashing and using hand sanitizer to promote good hygiene.

Simmons Middle School is a positive place to learn and grow. We are proud of our school and have high expectations for every student. Our students are kind, compassionate, and curious. As our students return to school for five days a week of in-person instruction, we plan to emphasize their social-emotional well-being. This year, our district-wide theme is "You belong here," and when students feel safe, valued and accepted, it creates a welcoming learning environment.

A positive home-school partnership is critical. We appreciate your support as you work with students at home to practice safety protocols such as wearing a mask and washing hands. We encourage families to stay connected and



informed by following our [district website](#) or reopening plans.

for important updates and information regarding our

Arrival / Breakfast / Dismissal Information

- Students will be provided with breakfast starting at 7:00 am. If you choose to bring your child to school for breakfast, please drop them off at door 6.
- All students will be served a hot lunch and will eat in the cafeteria or the Wood Gym for social distancing.
- If you drop-off or pick-up your child at school, you will drop off your child at door 6. Have a plan with your child where you will pick student up at 2:30 pm. Help us keep our students safe by following all posted traffic signs and watching out for all students.
- Do not use the bus lanes located in front of door 1.
- Students are required to wear a mask on the bus.

Reach your full potential!



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Dress Code

Considering the impact of the pandemic, we want to provide flexibility for our families, so uniforms are *optional* this year.

Upcoming Dates

August 16 – 19

- Technology / Schedule Pickup
- Middle School Building Tours

Time	Monday August 16 Last Name	Tuesday August 17 Last Name	Time	Wednesday August 18 Last Name	Thursday August 19 Last Name
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	A-D	E-L	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	M-R	S-Z
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	E-L	M-R	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	S-Z	A-D
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	M-R	S-Z	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	A-D	E-L
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	S-Z	A-D	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	E-L	M-R
			5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	A-L	M-Z

August 24: Meet and Greet at Simmons Middle School 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

August 25: First Day of School

School Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:30 – 2:30 pm
Late Start Tuesday: 8:30 – 2:30 pm
Half Day: 7:30 – 11:00 am
Breakfast starts every day at 7:00 am

Sincerely,

Mechelle Patterson, Principal
Nitza Carrillo, Co-Principal
James Los, Assistant Principal

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