



Tefft Middle School

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August 2020

Dear Tefft Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our Tefft community and to our upcoming 2020-21 school year. Although we are living uncertain times and things are constantly changing, we are committed to support our students and families as much as we can. I am very excited for the opportunity to work with you and serve our students and community. I have been working on the district for the past 15 + years. During this time, I had the opportunity to get to know our community, learn about our needs and the needs of our students. Nonetheless, I not only work in U-46, but I live in U-46 and I am also a proud U-46 parent of 3 children who attend our schools.

Together we will continue striving for excellence at Tefft. I believe in sustaining the traditions of our community and supporting the development of our students. During the upcoming years we will continue providing opportunity for students to explore a variety of experiences that will help them in their progress from dependence to independence. Together we will continue providing the best educational programs to support the learning progression of all our students.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to get involved in our Tefft community by participating in our events, PTT (PTO), and reinforcing the skills that your child will learn in our school at home. Working as a team, we will support the academic achievement and goals of each one of our students. Tefft provides an educational program that encourages intellectual, physical, social and psychological growth to the learner's maximum ability.

The transition from elementary school to middle school or starting a new school year, evokes a great variety of emotions and concerns for both students and their parents. We at Tefft Middle School place a strong emphasis on ensuring a welcoming and comfortable informed transition not only for our students, but for our parents as well. In effort of supporting our students and their parents in the transition of a new school year we have the following activities at Tefft MS-

Registration / Orientation / Schedule pick up.

- Any registration needs, please call our main office (630) 213 5535 to set an appointment.

Orientation

Virtual Orientation - Please visit our Orientation information located on our [Tefft website](#) (link). On this webpage you will find important information such as Welcome back message, overview



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of school, facility virtual tour, meet support staff video, meet your teachers videos, information regarding how to for students and families on tools such as Infinite campus, HERO points, MTSS, academic counseling tips, and much more...

In person Orientation: (prior to Hybrid and all day in person school reopening) : We will be scheduling a day for students to practice their lockers combinations, set their belongings into their lockers, get Student IDs and to purchase P.E. Uniforms). They will also be able to practice routes from class to class, find lockers and place all materials in it. **Date TBD**

Schedules will be available via Infinite Campus on August 21. Please log into your student Infinite Campus to review the schedule for the day and to prepare for the first day of school Monday August 24th.

Open House / Curriculum Night. Sept 3rd (Meet all staff and learn about this year learning goals and supports available to our students and families). This year's event will be via zoom. During this event you will be able to join sessions to meet your teachers and learn about our school and community.

- September 3rd, 5:45 – 8:30pm (Detail information will be provided on a later date). Mark-reserve your calendars for this important event.

Supplies list. Please review the supplies List attached and our [Tefft website](#) (link) for more information.

I look forward to a beginning successful partnership with you as we work together to ensure a positive and successful middle school experience for your child. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Together, we will continue making our school an even better place.

Sincerely,

Dr. Luis Fernando De León
Principal. Tefft Middle School

For more information please visit our website <https://www.u-46.org/Domain/55>