February 5, 2020

Dear Future Slauson Parents and Guardians,

This school year is passing quickly and we have already started to plan for next year. Before you know it, your child will be entering 6th grade and starting their middle school experience. Leaving elementary school and moving to the middle school can be both challenging and exciting for students and parents. At Slauson Middle School, we are committed to making this transition a positive experience for both you and your child. Below is our transition schedule and summary of activities for parents and 5th grade students.

For Parents:

5th Grade Parent Orientation on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 6:00 PM. (orientation for parents).

- The parent orientation program will be held in the Slauson Auditorium. We will provide you with an overview of our middle school program and will answer any questions that you may have. At the orientation you will learn about the 6th grade experience, curriculum, classroom expectations, and co-curricular opportunities for students. I am confident that our parent orientation program will provide you with important information about Slauson and that it will also demonstrate our school’s commitment to our middle school students and their families.

Parent/student orientation at August Registration.

- Date and times for the August Registration will be sent to families, through email over the summer. Registration for incoming 6th graders will tentatively be held on August 19th, however no specific date can be confirmed until the 2020-2021 AAPS district calendar is finalized and posted. Information will be shared via the Slauson website in June 2020.
Transition events scheduled for our future Golden Bear members:

- **January 29, 2020**: The Slauson Music Department was excited to extend an invitation to elementary feeder schools to have 5th graders attend a special concert on January 29th. Thank you to those schools that were able to send students for this event. The Slauson Band, Choir, and Orchestra 6th graders were very excited to perform for our Future Golden Bears.

- **February 24-27, 2020**: Slauson Counselors will visit 5th grade classes at feeder elementary schools. Students will learn about 6th grade course options, typical 6th grade schedules, and Slauson school culture (lockers, lunch period, co-curriculars, advisory, etc.).

- **Thursday May 7, 2020**: (Early Release Day for Middle School) 5th graders from each feeder elementary, as well as approved SOC/IDT students, will visit Slauson for the student orientation program in the afternoon. Students will tour the school and visit 6th grade classes to learn more about Slauson Middle School and engage with teachers and staff members.

- **Friday May 8, 2020**: Incoming 6th Grade Slauson “Fun Night” sponsored by Slauson PTSO from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. This is a free family event open only to incoming Slauson students & families. In addition to pizza, snacks and games, the pool will also be open! Parents must accompany elementary students for the duration of the event.

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During student registration, students will receive lockers, class schedules, student I.D. cards, and have the opportunity to register for sports & clubs. Parents will also be able to pay PTSO dues and purchase Slauson gear for students through the annual fundraiser.

Should you have any questions about orientation please feel free to call our main office at 994-2004.

Sincerely,

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At Slauson Middle School we are committed to educational excellence, the development of self-esteem, and the cultivation of academic and social skills in a safe and supportive environment where respect for individual differences and the rights of others guides school behavior.