

S.J. WELSH MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020

Welcome to S. J. Welsh Middle School. We are looking forward to a happy and productive school year. We encourage each of you to become actively involved in the various programs offered at S.J. Welsh and to work hard in order to achieve your personal goals.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Tuesday, August 13, 2019. Girls report to the Girls' Gym; boys report to the Boys' Gym. First bell 7:40 a.m., report to homeroom by 7:45 a.m. Sixth grade students will remain in the gym until homeroom teachers call them. Class schedules will be provided during homeroom.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS: Are mandatory and **MUST** be worn the first day of school. Please pick up a school uniform policy handout. ID Tags will be issued to all students during the second week of school and must be worn at all times. T-shirts (\$12) will be available for sale throughout the school year. PE uniforms (\$18) will be purchased in the front office. CPSS PE uniforms may also be worn.

BACKPACKS: Lockers are **NOT** available for student use. You will be expected to carry your backpack with you from class to class and to lunch. Teachers have designated areas in their classrooms for backpacks to be stored.

PE LOCKERS: PE teachers will issue each student a PE locker. Please bring a combination lock (absolutely no key locks) for your PE locker once they have been assigned. Locker sharing is not permitted. It is important that PE lockers remain locked when not being used.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Bring pencil or pen and paper for the first day. A supply list is posted on the CPSB web site. www.cpsb.org. These lists will indicate if a school supply is to be left in your homeroom, kept in your backpack, or given to a particular subject/teacher. Specific supplies may be announced by individual teachers at the beginning of the school year.

REGISTRATION: A registration fee of \$45 per student is required. The money collected will be used for publishing school newsletter and calendar, I.D. tag and lanyard, and the purchase of a variety of supplies, copy paper, consumables, classroom printer cartridges (students are allowed to print in the classroom), projector and promethean board bulbs, curricular activities, and education rewards and incentives.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH: You must fill out a free lunch application either online or a form every year. Your student will be allowed to continue with free or reduced meals while your paperwork is being processed. However, if you are turned down for free/reduced meals, you will be responsible for meals prior to notification. **We encourage every student to fill out a Free/Reduced Lunch form regardless of whether they intend to buy or bring their lunch.** Monies from this program benefit our school. Calcasieu Parish policy states that students may not charge for meals in the cafeteria. Questions and/or problems may be handled through the Administrative Office.

(LUNCH - \$1.50; reduced - .40) (BREAKFAST - .50; reduced .30)

HOMEROOM ASSIGNMENTS: Homeroom teacher lists will be posted on the front glass of the school by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2019. **NO PHONE CALLS OR TEACHER REQUESTS PLEASE**

PROCEDURES AND RULES: All students will remain with their homeroom teacher for approximately one hour on first and second days of school. An abbreviated schedule will be followed both days so that students will be able to attend all of their classes. Homeroom teachers will go over school procedures and give students a packet containing a student handbook, a CPSB Code of Conduct, and other important paperwork. Students will be required to sign stating that they received a packet. Please review the student handbook and Code of Conduct with your student. Teachers will inform students that parents will have forms in the Code of Conduct to be signed and returned the next day. There will be a general assembly by grade for all students the second week of school to further discuss school procedures and rules.

Bobby Jack Thompson, Principal

6th Grade Scheduling Questions 2019-2020

- Any student can sign up for French or Spanish class. We check the most recent spring LEAP 2025 test scores to determine if a student is academically able to handle the rigor of a foreign language class and the one-hour English class that students also must take. A strong comprehension score on the state test is necessary. So just because a student signs up for a foreign language class does not mean they will be placed there for the upcoming school year.
- Our advanced math class is also determined by LEAP 2025 test scores, not a placement test. We will use the most recent scores. A student must be strong in Major Content and Additional & Supporting Content. These are subgroups within the Mathematics test.
- Students are randomly placed in an enrichment class at the beginning of the school year. Once they are in a class, at the end of each nine weeks, the whole class rotates to a new class. Students cannot choose which enrichment they will take and cannot change their enrichment during the school year.
- If a student joins orchestra, choir, or band, this is a yearlong enrichment, so the students will not take any of the rotating enrichments during the year.
- If a student is interested in orchestra, band, or choir, they must choose one of these classes. They cannot take 2 or all 3. Students must also tryout with the director of the class. Once the teacher of the class emails me, I will schedule the student into the class.
- It is best for students to be scheduled into one of these classes before school starts so their schedule does not get rearranged after the first day. Please contact the teacher of the orchestra, band, or choir class to make sure I have their name.
- You can email any of these teachers from the SJ Welsh website as well as email any staff member.
- Parents can email the counselor at the end of July to see whether their child has been placed into a French/Spanish class, or advanced math.
- Email counselor during the summer with questions.
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