

# PAREDES MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Hidden **GEM** of South Austin 

## Parent Orientation

2023-2024






## OUR VISION


Paredes Middle School believes that all students can be successful.


## OUR MISSION


Our mission is to empower students and staff by creating a safe environment, implementing best practices, and focusing on high expectations to encourage personal growth and enrichment.


## OUR COMMITMENTS


 We will strive to create an environment where all students and staff feel safe emotionally and physically everyday.

 We will communicate with students and staff respectfully.

 We will work collaboratively, share ideas, and ensure everyone's voice is heard.

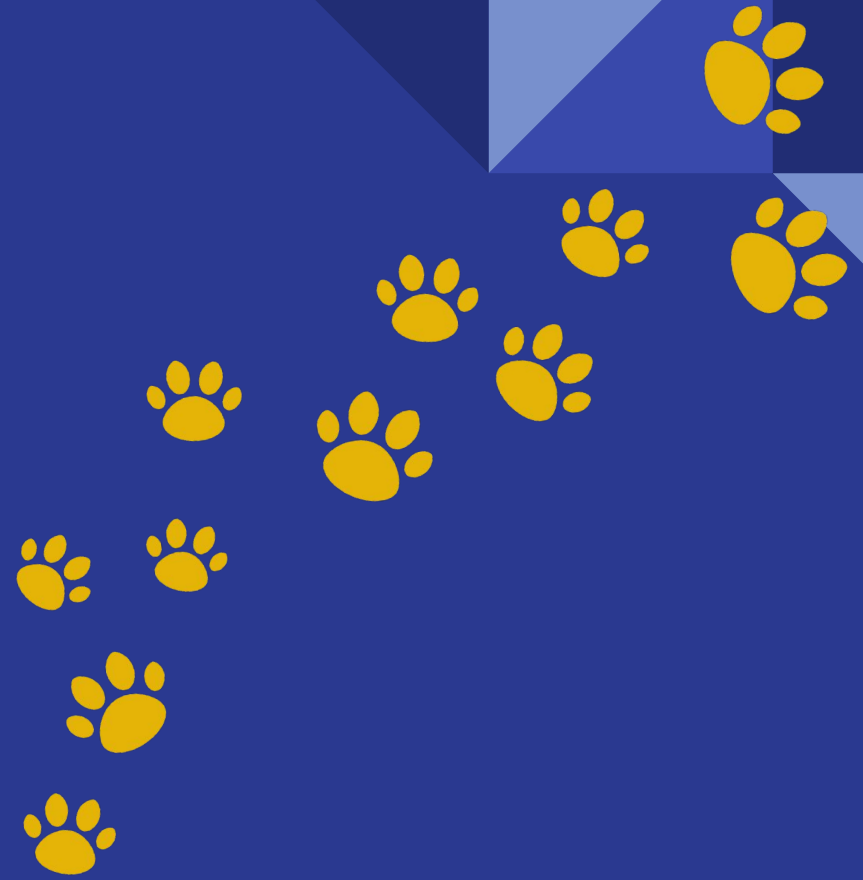
 We will practice empathy by being present to someone's experiences without judgment.

 We will invest time and positive energy into getting to know our students, their families, and our staff in order to build a stronger community.

 We will empower those around us with the support and resources needed to grow.

# Today's Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Bell Schedule**
- **Attendance**
- **Cell phones**
- **Dress code**
- **Grades & Assessments**
- **Additional Programs and information**
- **Meal Program**





# Administrators



Erica Ramirez  
Principal

Tisha Gonzales- Reynolds  
Assistant Principal



Dr. Karen Maxfield  
Assistant Principal

# Counselors



6th grade A - M  
7th grade

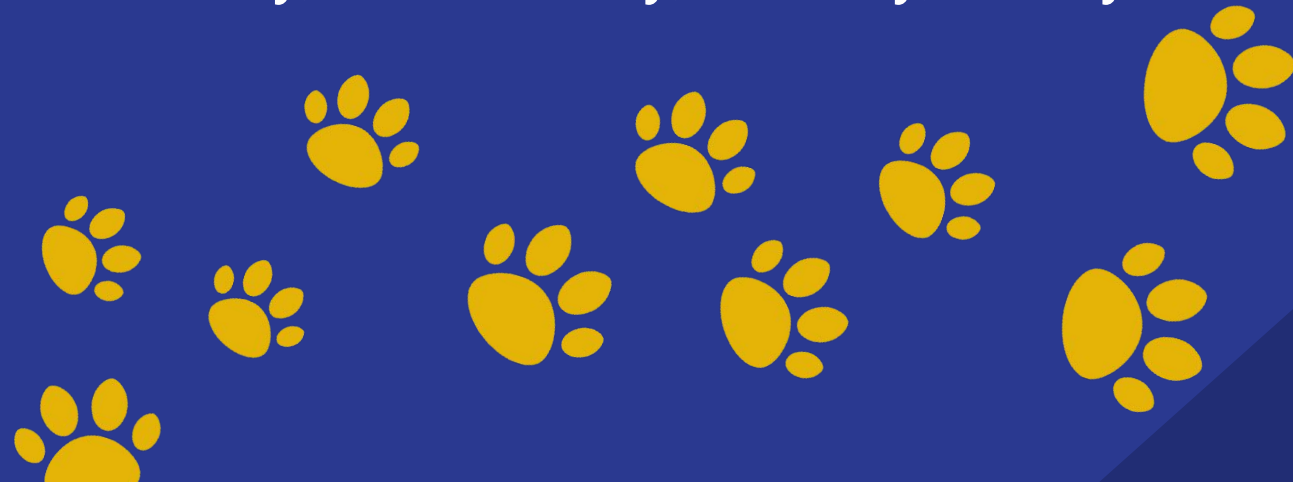


6th grade N - Z  
8th grade

# COUNSELORS

As school counselors, we do our best to help students in a variety of ways. This mainly includes emotional support and guidance, and in attending/planning meetings with students and parents.

The most important part of being a counselor is making sure we do our best to communicate with students and guide them to make the best choices for success. We care about every student and want to make sure we do our best to help students academically, emotionally, socially, or any other way that we can.



# Parent Support Specialist

Mr. Larry Johnson

512-841-6831



Larry Johnson

# Student Success Specialist

Ms. Vanessa Espinosa

512-841-6805



Vanessa Espinoza



# OFFICE STAFF



MS. OLAZARAN



MS. CADENA



MS. BLAIN



MS. BIRDETT



MS. MENDOZA



# Bell Schedules

A/B Day Bell Schedule		
(A day) Monday & Wednesday-(B day) Tuesday & Thursday, Fridays Alternate A & B		
Advisory; 1hr 30min periods, 4 minute passing periods.		
Period	6th/ 7th Grade	7th/8th Grade
Arrival	7:50-8:10 am	7:50-8:10 am
BIC	8:10-8:26 am	8:10-8:26 am
1st/5th Period	8:30-10:00 am	8:30-10:00 am
2nd/6th Period	10:04-11:34 am	10:04-11:34 am
A Lunch	11:38-12:13 pm	
3rd/7th Period	12:17 -1:48 pm	
3rd/7th Period		11:38 - 1:08pm
B Lunch		1:12-1:48 pm
Advisory	1:52 - 2:16 pm	1:52 - 2:16 pm
4th/8th Period	2:20-3:50 pm	2:20-3:50 pm

# Attendance

- More than 5 unexcused absences per semester will result in a need to recover the absences
- Excused absences- do not account towards the 5 days
  - - *only doctor notes are excused*
- What counts towards the 5 days?
  - *parent notes - within 48 hours*
  - *funerals*
  - *vacations*

# Cell phones

- No cell phones during the school day
- Parents can contact their students through the front office
- This policy has led to greater participation and engagement within the learning environment and social interactions.

# Campus Dress Code



## Standard Dress Code

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade will wear solid color **Yellow/Gold** collared “polo” shirt with long or short sleeves.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade will wear solid color **Gray** collared “polo” shirt with long or short sleeves.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade will wear solid color **Navy Blue** collared “polo” shirt with long or short sleeves.
- **Khaki, Blue or Black Jeans/Pants, Capri, Shorts, Skirts/Skorts are acceptable.**
- **NO ripped/ distressed pants**
- **No Crocs or slides**



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

2 Packages Wide Ruled notebook paper

4 Composition notebooks

2 Packages of pencils

1 Box of markers

1 Package of highlighters

1 Package of colored pencils

1 Package of glue sticks

1 Pencil bag/pouch

1 Hand held pencil sharpener

1 Pair of scissors

1 Eraser

2 Boxes of tissues

1 Hand sanitizer

## GYM CLASS SUPPLIES

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM PAREDES MIDDLE SCHOOL PE Department:

- shirt - \$10.00
- shorts - \$10.00
- 1 Combination Lock for the gym locker - \$5.00 (must be purchased from school)
- Used Lock for the gym- \$2.00 (must be purchased from school)

# Grading Periods

## 9 week grading periods

- 1st 9 weeks August 14 - October 13
- 2nd 9 weeks October 16 - December 20
- 3rd 6 weeks January 9 - March 8
- 4th 9 weeks March 18 - May 23

# Grades

- Minimum of 9 grades in each class per nine weeks
- Grades updated weekly
- Review AISD regular grading policy

# Assessments

All students have 3 key assessments this year:

- MAP Growth Math & Reading
  - Fall - last week of August
  - Winter - second week of December
  - Spring - third week of May (after STAAR)
- STAAR
  - Reading - first week of April
  - Social Studies & Science (8th grade only) - second week of April
  - Math - 3rd week of April





# ACE PAREDES PUMAS!

## WELCOME FAMILIES!



The ACE Program is happy to announce that we are returning for another great year! Program will be in-person for the Fall 2021 Semester. We hope to see everyone on campus and in class!

- Classes offered before or after school.
- Purpose: To provide more opportunities for students to focus on STEM, Fine Arts, or physical education.
- Participation is not a requirement, but highly encourage
- Students can explore their interests by attending new classes.
- We also offer events and programs for our families.
- **Programs in the past:** Ballet Folklorico, Robotics, Art, Cooking, pre-athletics (6th graders only), and more!

## REGISTRATION & OTHER INFORMATION

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For more information on dates, times, and how to apply, visit our page at:

[bit.ly/ParedesACE](https://bit.ly/ParedesACE)

Contact Ms. Taylin Ramirez through email ([taylin.ramirez@austinisd.org](mailto:taylin.ramirez@austinisd.org)) or call (512) 841-6800 if you have questions.



# CIS

Communities In Schools of Central Texas surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

(please click to view short CIS video)

[Communities in School](#)

**Catherine  
Hoffer**

**Program Manager**  
**512-841-6804**

# Communities In Schools

is a safe and supportive program for students.

Every child is unique and Communities In Schools offers a variety of programs to help support each individual student. Our services include:

- Individual and small group time to provide support and encouragement
- Assistance for students and their families with basic needs
- Academic support, career exploration, and fun learning activities



PTA

PTA President - TBD

more information to come



# CAC

*Campus Advisory Councils* are committees of parents, students, business and community representatives, teachers, principals, and other campus staff. Specific functions of CACs include providing review and comment on:

- Campus Educational Program
- Campus Performance
- Campus Improvement Plan
- Campus Staff Development Plan
- Campus-Level Waiver Requests to the State
- Campus Budget

The mission of CACs is to promote excellence in education for all students through broad-based representation. CACs provide valuable input to principals, who ultimately have decision-making responsibility for their campuses.

email me to join: [erica.ramirez@austinisd.org](mailto:erica.ramirez@austinisd.org)

# Free Meals for All Paredes Students for 2023-2024

- All students enrolled at Paredes will be provided free breakfast and free lunch
- No program enrollment required!

# Q & A

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Thank you!

For the latest information go to:

<https://paredes.austinschools.org/>