



# THE DOLPHIN NEWSLETTER

Silver Lakes "STEM" Middle School

Principal: Mrs. Alison Trautmann-Lopez

**Welcome Back to All Our  
Dynamic Dolphins!**

**2019-2020**

**"RISE...to our Potential"**



## Safety Check: Opening Outside Doors

### Q: Why shouldn't students open the doors?

A: Students should not open the outside doors for any reason to make sure we maintain a safe learning environment.

### Q: What should students do if someone asks them to open the door?

A: Students should direct the person to come in through the front office/single point entry.

### Q: What if the person persists?

A: Tell a teacher, administrator or staff member and they will take care of the situation.

## Silver Lakes Middle School Safe Plan

To ensure the safety of all students and staff at Silver Lakes Middle, we all need to adhere to the school's SAFE plan.

1. ID badges will be worn by students, staff and visitors at all times.
2. The bus loop will now be located in the front of the school. Car riders will be dropped off on the WEST side of the school.
3. Students may be dropped off to school/breakfast between 8:30 and 9:10am in the west side car loop.
4. Students **MUST** be picked up by 4:15pm daily.
5. The perimeter gates will be secured from 9:30am to 2:30pm daily. Please call 754-322-4601 to gain access and have your government ID ready for verification.
6. When any gate is open, a car rider ID tag or government ID are required to access to the school.
7. All visitors must check in at the main office/single point entry.



## Principal's Message:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am thrilled to have you as members of our Dolphin family. ☺

This year's focus theme is "RISE". We will be exploring this theme in many ways, from raising our student achievement scores to our behavioral expectations. The RISE will not end there... Dolphins will raise awareness in social emotional learning and citizenship, raise their practice in project based learning, and more! We are so excited for this journey!

Please read this newsletter carefully as there have been changes in procedures as we strive for the highest levels of safety and security possible. We appreciate your assistance and patience with enforcing the new expectations.

Parents, I encourage you to join our team through SAC and/or our PTO. You are critical to school and student success!

Lastly, take a moment to calendar the important dates listed in this newsletter. Information on orientation, school pictures and our first fundraiser "Family Dinner Night Out", as well as other key dates and events are listed.

I am always available if you should have any questions. I look forward to an amazing year! Everyone will RISE!

Alison Trautmann-Lopez, Principal

### MEET THE TEAMS!!!

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mr. Williams, Administrator and Mrs. Starks, Guidance  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Dr. Thomas, Administrator and Mrs. Daniels, Guidance  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Mostal, Administrative Designee / Guidance Director  
Mrs. Powell – Administrator over Instructional Practice/ Principal Designee

**We are all here for YOU!**

### Important Phone Numbers:

Main Line – 754-322-4600

-Guidance

-Administration

-Parent Conferences

-ESE

Attendance – 754-322-4601

-Accepts messages after hours



## Uniform Information

**Silver Lakes Middle is a uniform school. Students must adhere to the uniform policy daily.**

**Shirts:** COLLARED shirts in solid colors – blue, black, grey, white and green ONLY. No large logos or patterns are permitted.

**Pants/Skirts/Shorts:** Navy Blue, Black, Khaki or Gray. Jeans will be allowed this year with NO rips, tears or stringy hems. **NO JEAN SHORTS/SKIRTS.**

\*Students may wear solid colored jackets. For safety reasons, hoodies/head gear and slides are not permitted to be worn during the school day. Earbuds must be worn with one ear open to hear directions and announcements. (safety first!)



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## Dolphins RISE in Student Achievement!



### Mark your calendars with these important dates to remember!!

Save the Date

- New student and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation – Sat., Aug 10 – 9-11am
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade schedule pick-up – Sat., Aug 10 – Noon -2pm
- SAC/SAF/PTO Meeting – Thur., Aug 22 – 5pm in the Media Center
- Open House – Thur., Aug 29 – 6pm – 8:30pm
- School Pictures – Fri., Aug 23, make ups will be in September.

### Tips for Parents:

Here are some tips for a successful school year:

- **Check Pinnacle to make sure all work is turned in and graded.** Keeping up your grades is super important.
  - A "Z" in pinnacle means the assignment has NOT been done and will turn to an "F" if not completed.
  - Email the teacher with any questions – we are happy to help!
- **Students should be spending 30-60 minutes on studying/reading each night!**
  - Students can work in i-Ready, USA TEST PREP, Canvas, Vocab.com or read a book every day if no homework has been assigned.
- **You and your child should have academic goals.**
  - You know your strong areas, and what you can improve to make a gain in your learning. Make a list of the goals you would like to achieve this year.  
#knowyournumber

### Did You Know?

- **All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students MUST have their immunizations up to date to begin school. There are MANY places offering FREE boosters for students! Please call or come in to the front office for locations.**
- **PLEASE fill out your free and reduced lunch applications online.**
  - Myschoolapps.com (This can be done on Sat, Aug 10 to save you time as well!) ☺
- **All vehicles must display the placard cards in the car loops for drop off and dismissal. This helps us quickly identify who belongs on our campus and your student to keep the line moving. ☺**
- **All first day packet paperwork is due by the end of the first week of school. PLEASE update all phone numbers and any other critical information (address, who has permission to pick up your child, medical information, if necessary). Thank you!**

### In the Spotlight!

Congratulations to our Silver Lakes Middle Athletics Dept! Our students were **County Runner-Ups** in Boys Volleyball and **COUNTY CHAMPIONS** in Girls Flag Football! Our Debate Team also brought home several district awards and are a force to be reckoned with! Dolphins on the RISE!!!

GOOOOOO DOLPHINS!!!! ☺

### *2019 County Flag Football Champions*



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- Dr Wayne Dyer

aftercare program sponsored by OIC here at Silver Lakes MS from 4-6pm, Monday – Friday! Registration info. is available at orientation on Saturday, Aug 10 and our front office!