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Message from the Principal August 2017

Dear Students and Parents,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the new school year beginning **August 14, 2017**. Ramay Junior High continues to push for academic achievement that ensures *all* of our students are prepared for the next stages in school and life.

To improve teaching and learning we will continue implementation of our Positive Behavior Support (PBIS) system and use of LiveSchool Pride points. **PBIS** is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success. We use LiveSchool as a tracking system to incentivize and track Pride Points that students accumulate during the year as we recognize their positive behavior. Students then use these points to buy-in to events/activities throughout the school year. These initiatives have allowed us to continue to improve our school culture and in turn improve teaching and learning for all.

We will continue to focus on providing a more *blended* learning experience with technology integration. Our staff is excited about using Chromebooks on a more regular basis to enhance the learning experience for Ramay students. We will keep you informed as this initiative is implemented in practice as the school year progresses.

Our test scores continue to improve; however, we still have some tremendous work ahead of us as we prepare for the ACT-Aspire, MAPS testing, and other measures of accountability.

Note that attendance is a key to success and we want all parents and students to get off to a great start on August 14th... get to school every day and on time!

OPEN HOUSE:

Come see us at our open house and earn Pride Points by completing tasks that evening... Open House is for all 7th and 8th grade students and parents; we will host our Open House Thursday, August 10 from 3:00-7:00p.m. During this time, parents and students will have the opportunity to get acclimated to the school and your child can receive Pride-Points for completing many of the following tasks...

- *Pick-up your student's schedule*
- *Fill-out all important forms and documents*
- *Find out information on bus transportation*
- *Put money in your school lunch account*
- *Tour the school*
- *Find your locker*
- *Join the PTO and Booster Club*
- *Order/Buy a Yearbook*
- *Talk with the School Nurse*
- *Information on assistance with supplies*

Contact at **Ramay** at **479-444-3064**. Also check out our School website and social media sites

- <http://ramay.fayar.net>
- [Instagram... ramaypride](https://www.instagram.com/ramaypride)
- [twitter... @ramaypride1](https://twitter.com/ramaypride1)
- [Facebook... @RamayPride](https://www.facebook.com/RamayPride)

Thank you for entrusting your child with us. Our staff looks forward to a great year!!!

Sincerely,



David Watkins
Principal, Ramay Junior High

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Some information for the start of school...

Car Drop off and pick-up

- There are two lanes to drop-off/pick-up students in the morning/end of school located on the East side of the building just off of Sang Ave.
- Cars enter Ramay from Sang Avenue and exit accordingly (one way traffic).
- **Please do not drop off students in the gym driveway!**
- Please do not leave your car, if you are in the pick-up lines... be courteous and move up when you can.
- Please be on the lookout for pedestrians in the drop off areas and follow all traffic signs, so that we may keep our students safe.
- Also please allow 5-10 minutes of extra time to wait in traffic in these areas and be patient as other drivers wait on their students.
- Our car pick-up usually is cleared by 3:45 (school is out at 3:30)
- **Bus Drop Off and Pick-up** is on the west side of the building. Please do not enter this area of the driveway.

Start of School Day: Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30 AM. Upon arrival, students are to go to the courtyard in the middle of the building until entering for breakfast at 7:45 or to go to lockers at 8:15. If inclement weather exists, students are allowed to enter at 7:30 AM and wait in the cafeteria (only if eating) or gymnasium until the 8:15 bell. Inclement weather includes rain, sleet, snow, or temperature below 32 degrees.

School Supply List: This list is posted on our website

Tardy Policy: Students arriving after 8:25 AM must go to the main office to get an admittance slip. Students arriving to school late without proper documentation will receive lunch detention for that day. All students are expected to be in class by 8:25 AM each day.

First day of school is Wednesday, August 14th. Students may enter the Cafeteria for breakfast at 7:45, but only if eating. All other students will wait in the courtyard and may enter the building at 8:15am. The tardy bell will ring at 8:25am. Please do not be late!!!

Dress Code: students should dress for success, please wear appropriate attire that is suitable for school. The districts dress code policy can be found on the district website. The current handbook is being updated, but dress code has not been altered.

Schedule Changes: Changes can be requested and will only be made with administrator approval.