



Walnut Valley Unified School District  
**SOUTH POINTE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*Home of the Panthers*

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Welcome South Pointe Families:

Our 2019-2020 school year promises to be an exciting one. South Pointe Middle School is proud to be one of the nation's model middle schools as a state and national *School-to-Watch* as well as a *California Gold Ribbon, Distinguished* and *Exemplary Arts* school. We have been working hard preparing for a new school year and discovering creative, and innovative approaches to student learning. I know you are going to enjoy the many opportunities that our school offers. Please be sure to visit our website for further information:

<http://southpointe.wvusd.k12.ca.us>

For students new to WVUSD, your enrollment packet contains all the needed paperwork to begin the 2019-2020 school year. *All families are required to complete this packet, as it contains important medical, legal and personal information.* If you prefer you can complete many of these documents electronically by visiting our website (see above). Please contact our office to schedule an appointment to enroll your student. Bring your completed packet with the required documents on your scheduled enrollment date.

All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students transferring from our Elementary Schools will submit their forms on, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Forms will not be accepted in the school office prior to your registration date.

**Listed below is our Registration Schedule:**

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| <b>Thursday, June 6 @ 9AM</b>                      | <b>Math &amp; Language Arts placement test. <u>(Only students NEW to the Walnut Valley Unified School District are required to take this test)</u></b>  |
| <b>Thursday, June 20 @ 12 p.m.</b>                 | <b>Office closes for summer break</b>   |
| <b>Thursday, July 25 @ 9:00 a.m.</b>               | <b>Parent Orientation (for students new to Walnut Valley U.S.D.) and Make-up. Math &amp; Language Arts Placement Testing <u>(Only students NEW to the Walnut Valley Unified School District are required to take this test)</u></b> |
| <b>9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.</b>                     | <b>New student Make Up test</b>   |
| <b>Monday, July 29<br/>8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Panther Camp-Free Camp for new students and incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade.</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday, July 30<br/>8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Panther Camp-Free Camp for new students and incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade.</b>   |
| <b>12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.</b>                     | <b><u>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration:</u> students/parents – Schedule/textbook pick-up in MPR* (Following Panther Camp)</b>  |

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**Wednesday, July 31**  
**8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**8th Grade Registration:** students/parents – Student ID, schedule/textbook pick up in MPR

**Wednesday, July 31**  
**12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**7th Grade Registration:** students/parents – Student ID, schedule/textbook pick- up in MPR.

**Thursday, August 1**  
**8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**New Students to Walnut Valley USD Registration and Make-up Registration** Student ID, schedule/textbook pick-up in MPR.

**Monday, August 12**

First day of school. Class begins at **8:04 a.m.** **Minimum day schedule,** with a release time at **11:30 a.m.**

Students will pick up their schedules on their registration dates. **They must bring the completed forms found in the registration packet or Panther folder, in order to pick-up class schedules.**

You will have the opportunity to purchase P.E. clothes (required), a yearbook, join Community Club (membership), and register an e-mail address for school communications. All students will get their textbooks for the new school year. Food services will be available to open and update accounts. During registration, students will be cleared by the school nurse, *upon receipt of all required vaccinations* and take a photo for their student ID. **Please note we accept cash, check, credit or debit cards to purchase items. Checks should be made payable to South Pointe Middle School.**

#### **Bell Schedules**

The bell schedule and start of the school day remains the same **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.** On these days, zero period begins at **7:12 a.m.**, the first bell for homeroom rings at **8:00 a.m.** with the tardy bell ringing at **8:04 a.m.** All students will be dismissed at **2:20 p.m.**

**Late-Start Thursday Schedule (and Rationale)** At South Pointe, we are committed to ensuring the success all of all students. This requires that our teachers meet to collaborate on best practices, review student data, and design both intervention and enrichment strategies that ensure our students are meeting their potential. This is known as **Professional Learning Communities**, and this type of collaboration represents a systematic process where teachers work together to impact their practice in ways that will lead to better results for their students, department and school.

In order to do this, we have altered our bell schedule by having a late start on Thursdays. Zero period students will arrive at **7:40 a.m.** for class. Our other teachers will be meeting in their grade level teams during this time. All other students need to be on campus for the **8:44 a.m.** first bell, and in their seats by **8:48 a.m.** **WE WILL BEGIN THE FIRST LATE START THE SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL.**

The 2019-2020 school year will be a remarkable one. Enjoy your summer. We look forward to seeing you back for registration in late July!

Sincerely,



Dr. Susan Arzola, Principal

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