

# Los Angeles Academy Middle School

“In Pursuit of Excellence”

## Newsletter

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### Welcome to a New School Year!

We are excited about starting a new school year. We have many plans that will ensure your student gets the most out of their time with us. As the new school year begins, there are many items and documents we want all parents to be aware of. Be sure to ask your student about these:

#### Emergency Card

A new one must be completed every year as well as every time your phone number and/or address changes.

#### Parent/Student Handbook

This is published every year by LAUSD, and contains important information regarding grades, graduation requirements and safety issues such as the Anti-Bullying Policy, Anti-Discrimination Policy, and many more. When your student brings this home, be sure to keep it in a handy location for future reference.

#### 3-Ring Binder/Planner

One of each will be provided to each LAAMS student. We expect all our students to keep their school work organized and easily accessible. The binder should be carried to school daily. The planner will contain information about assignments and is also to be used as a Hall Pass. It must be carried by all students at all times they are on campus.

#### Course Syllabus

All teachers will be distributing a course outline or syllabus that explains the topics that will be covered, the grading scale, and much more useful information. Be sure to review this periodically with your child to ensure they are keeping up.

#### Administrative Staff:

**Principal:** Maria A. Borges

**Assistant Principals:** Marva Woods, Ernesto Guerrero, Al Lewis, Jaime Gomez, LaTonya Dover

#### School Safety Rules

Below is a summary of some of the rules and procedures that are in place that help ensure our school is as safe as possible.

#### Visitor Policy

Like all LAUSD schools, Los Angeles Academy is a closed campus. This means our gates are locked during school hours. If you would like to visit our campus, you must check in at the table near the gate on 56<sup>th</sup> Street and obtain a visitor's pass. The pass will enable you to check in at the Attendance Office, Counseling Office, or Dean's Office. Parents who wish to visit a classroom must first check in at the Counseling Office, where our rules for classroom visits will be explained in more detail.

#### Random Weapons Searches

Each day, we conduct random weapons searches on our campus. This search involves checking the contents of backpacks of randomly selected students. We also use a hand-held metal detector to ensure nobody carries weapons on our campus.

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR JULY:

**Saturday, July 12**

Open House

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Thursday, July 17**

Shortened Day

2:12 dismissal

**Back-to-School Night**

5 to 7 p.m.

#### School Mission

We, the Los Angeles Academy Middle School community, provide all students with a positive learning environment in which they are inspired to succeed academically and socially.

#### School Vision

Los Angeles Academy Middle School will be a model school where all students become life-long learners, critical thinkers, and responsible contributors to the global community.