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## An announcement from Principal Brown

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Mon, Aug 12, 2019 at 9:28 AM

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Good Evening Vikings,

Every Sunday you will receive the official "Sunday Update." I will provide you with a quick overview of important information and sometimes a friendly greeting via phone call, but the real information is contained in the email. I know that reading an email isn't always fun, but I ask that you do take the time to read and familiarize yourself with the information in the email. To help, I always put the most pertinent and new information at the beginning of the email and I keep information from the previous week that is still relevant at the end of the email. I also use headings to separate the email by subject area for quick reference. I thank you in advance for the time you will take to read the messages and promise to always do my best to communicate in an efficient but complete manner.

Upcoming Events		
<b>Mon., August 12, 2019</b>	<b>Wear Your College Gear</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>Mon 8/12- Fri 8/16</b>	<b>International Students Visit</b>	<b>All Week @ Walker</b>
<b>Tues August 13, 2019</b>	<b>Late Start</b>	<b>School Starts @ 8:50AM</b>
<b>Tues, August 13, 2019</b>	<b>Intramural Sports Begin</b>	<b>Meeting 2:30-2:45 GYM</b>
<b>Thurs., August 15, 2019</b>	<del>Collegiate</del> <b>Tryouts</b>	<b>3:00pm- 6:00pm</b>
<b>Thurs., August 15, 2019</b>	<b>AUHSD District Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm @ the district office board room</b>
<b>Fri., August 16, 2019</b>	<b>Wear your Walker Spirit Gear</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>Fri., August 16, 2019</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome Dance</b>	<b>2:30-4:00PM</b>
<b>Fri., August 16, 2019</b>	<b>Facilities Site Walks</b>	<b>8:15 &amp; 10:15</b>

## International Students

Walker is an international destination school. Throughout the year we will have visitors from all over the world come and spend time with our students and learn about our school. Our students serve as ambassadors and guide these students through their day as a typical Walker student. This experience allows for cultural exchanges, building social skills and being members of a global community.

## Homework Club

Homework Club is open to all students on campus and runs from 2:30-4:00PM. It is a drop-in program and does not require a special sign up. We will keep track of student attendance through our check in and check out system on 5 Star Students. Students do earn 1 point every time they attend. Students do not need to attend for the entire time

and may choose their own times. Below are the locations and teachers hosting Homework Club:

- Monday--Fieldson (28)
- Tuesday--Ward (6)
- Wednesday--Takehara (33)
- Thursday--Blackshear (22)

### **Intramural Sports**

#### **1st Quarter (2019-2020)**

- 7th Girls' Volleyball – Degala Pickel
- 8th Girls' Volleyball – Lauren Rankin
- Boys' Tennis – Roland Preciado
- 7th Flag Football – Austin Fullmer
- 8th Flag Football – Tim Dodd
- Assistant Flag Football - TBD

**\*Intramural Practice is Monday – Friday from 2:30 -4:00\***

8/13 – Intramurals begins with brief meeting (2:30-2:45)

8/14 - 9/12 – Intramurals 2:30 – 4:00

**ALL STAR INFORMATION**

9/12 – All Star Teams posted AFTER PRACTICE

9/13 – All Star Pizza Party in MPR

9/16 – 9/20 – ALL Star Practice

9/23 – Walker @ Sycamore

9/24 – Walker vs. Ball @ Walker

9/25 – Walker @ Oxford

9/26 & 9/27 – All Star Practice

9/30 – Walker vs. OV @ Walker

10/1 – All Star Practice

10/2 – Championships – TBD – Walker will be traveling

**Important Parking Lot and Student Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures**

We spent time explaining parking lot procedures to parents and students and provide you with a parking lot map. Unfortunately, many people continue to ignore those procedures and cause chaos and traffic jams and unsafe conditions in the parking lot. We ask that you please follow the procedures daily- even if you are in a hurry or tired. We are also looking for volunteers to be in the parking lot before and after school to guide traffic and students. If you are interested please contact the office, or just show up and volunteer. We have safety vests for you!

**Agenda Policies and Procedures**

Every student was provided an agenda planner for the school year. It is the expectation that the students will use the planner to record assignments and stay organized.

Additionally, all students and their families are expected to read and be familiar with all policies and procedures listed in the front of the planner. Please be sure you know and adhere to the dress code, attendance policies and be familiar with important dates and activities.

### **Walker Greeters:**

As part of our ongoing quest to bring our community together and welcome parents to the campus, we are now instituting the Walker Greeter Program. The basic idea of the program is to bring parents and community members on to campus before school and after school to welcome students to school. This program will place adults on campus to visit with and get to know students. We want students to learn to communicate and develop positive relationships with adults. The goal of greeters is not to supervise, not to correct students, or monitor them in any way. The goal is simply to be a smiling face and a polite conversation for students. Having more adults on campus will not only help student learn to better interact with adults and help the students feel more welcome, it will help increase campus safety by extending the reach and observation opportunities of our community. If you would like to join in as a Walker Greeter, you must first work with Lilia Palos Bergado to complete the fingerprinting and background check process. Then once you have been cleared you will meet with Silvia Van Wye our FACES to receive an official Greeter Ribbon. All Greeters must always wear their official "Greeter Ribbon" when serving as a greeter on campus.

### **Important Reminders:**

**LOCK UP** your skateboards and bicycles individually. The bike/skateboard rack is locked during the school day, but after school it is opened and students enter and grab their own items. We have no way of monitoring whose item is whose. So, the only protection is an individual lock. ***See Mrs. Brown for a skateboard lock \$20.00 each.***

This is a friendly reminder from our neighboring businesses. They are working hard to provide our community with the best quality goods and customer service, however, that

is difficult when customers can't even get to the business due to our students. **Walmart, 76, Poki, Subway, and Coffee Bean are NOT pickup and drop off locations.** Neither are any of the other businesses in the area.

If your student is patronizing those businesses before or after school please remind them that they are a representation of Walker and our family and we want everyone to know that we have the best students in the world, not annoying teenagers. Additionally, **if your student is not purchasing anything, then they are loitering by waiting in those areas and violating the no loitering laws.** Not to mention, students walking across the parking lots in front of cars is very dangerous! Please help us by keeping visits to these businesses for patronage only. Thank you!

### **Social Media:**

The students often ask me why they aren't allowed to use their cellphones during academic time and I explain every time that it is because their underdeveloped brains aren't ready to handle the responsibilities and effects of Social Media. I explain how their peers often misuse Social Media, Cyberbully and post both inappropriate, or simply immature things. While as a school we want our students to learn to function within society and appropriately use new technologies, we cannot stress enough that Social Media can be a very dangerous tool in the hands of a middle schooler. A good portion of our issues stem from Social Media posts including group chats and texting. The school cannot solve these issues alone, we need your help and we need you to understand that no one is immune from the dangers of Social Media. We've dealt with our top students in Honors classes with no other issues- students who are very sweet and unassuming in person, being cyberbullies to a classmate online.

We need to work together as community to put an end to mistreatment of others and any unkind actions- it is simply not OK to make fun of, tease, "roast," or socially isolate peers. Parents, you are the first line of defense, talk to your kids, teach them to be kind, teach them to stand up for others and that we are all human beings deserving of kindness and respect.

Cyberbullying is a threat to our children's well-being. So, please if you chose to allow your child to have Social Media, be vigilant by reviewing all Social Media activity. If you are not sure how, attend the **Social Media Workshop Series** Part 1 on **August 27h** for more information. (Informational Flyer coming soon...)

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## Administration in Classes

You should know that the Walker administration has made a commitment to spend as much time as possible in classrooms working with teachers and students. The goal is to work as a team. Please know that if your child reports that an administrator spent time in the classroom it is not because a teacher or students are being evaluated. Instead administration is lending their support to all on campus.

## Stay Connected!

Aeries has rolled out an APP for both iPhone and Android devices. It is a great way to stay up to date on all your student information right from your phone. You can search for the app in the App Store or Google Play using the keywords: Aeries Mobile Portal

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## Walker Social Media:

We really want you to be informed, be connected and follow us. We know that Walker is the best junior high around and want to share that- so invite everyone you know to follow us and see what it means to be a Walker Viking.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100015958419241>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/walvikings/?hl=en>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/walvikings?lang=en>

Youtube: Walker Vikings [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCp7TNIPzMMKB7i8ZkWxPGA/featured?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCp7TNIPzMMKB7i8ZkWxPGA/featured?view_as=subscriber)



That's all for now, on behalf of the staff at Walker I want to say Welcome to the 2019-20 school year. We are excited and ready for this to be the best year ever. See you on Wednesday!

Sincerely,

**Principal Brown**

***Vikings Lead the Way as we SAIL to Success!***



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