

SAMUEL R. DONALD SCHOOL

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Let's Grow Together!

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Dear SRD Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We have been working hard over the summer, planning for our students to return in September. This year we will be focusing on academic as well as social emotional learning with our theme “**Let's Grow Together!**” This promotes the ideas of inclusivity and diversity and lets our students know that we are all in this together, working as a team.

We open our doors on Tuesday, September 6th at 8:00 am for students. **Students are marked tardy after 8:15 am.** Please remember to send your child to school with all needed supplies. Supply lists are located on our school website by clicking [here](#).

Below are important details about the 2022-2023 school year at the **Samuel R. Donald School:**

Bussing/Aftercare:

- If your child is eligible for bussing, the parent portal will show the bus stop times and route number.
- Please check the portal for eligibility - **This information may not be there until closer to Sept. 1.**
- **IMPORTANT** -If your child is eligible for bussing, but is NOT TAKING the bus to and from school, you need to send a note with your child, otherwise we will assume they are going home on the bus.
- To officially waive busing, you must complete this [form](#) and email to Donna Costa at DCosta@bloomingtonschools.org.
- **IMPORTANT** - If your child is attending aftercare, please send a note to the school letting us know which days they are attending.

Breakfast/Lunch/Snack:

- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to school as long as it is not glass. There are water refilling stations as well as water fountains throughout the school.
- Students will be able to bring a healthy snack to school. Please refer to the nurse's snack letter [here](#)
- Maschio's Food Services [Welcome Letter](#) with price information and links to the menu. - Lunch is not free this year. Please fill out the [Free & Reduced Application](#) if needed.
- If you are sending in a birthday treat, we are only allowing a small token that is not food, such as stickers, pencils, etc. Food treats will be reserved for school parties held throughout the year. Thank you for your understanding.

Schoolwide Positive Behavior Expectations

- Our SRD Core Values are **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, and KINDNESS!**
- Please take a moment to review the SRD PBS Matrix below with your child.
 - 📄 SRD PBS Matrix 22-23.pdf
- We believe that positive behavior expectations are something that should be taught and reinforced.
 - 📄 SRD Positive Behavior Support Parent Letter

Chromebooks:

- Students in kindergarten through second grade will keep their chromebooks in school.
- Third and fourth grade students will be BRINGING THEIR CHROMEBOOKS to school and back home every day. **Please be sure it is fully charged and in its case.**
- Grade 3 will receive their CHROMEBOOKS on Sept. 6th.
- Grades 3-8 - Optional Chromebook Insurance is available for purchase through the parent portal.
- Email addresses are student first name.student last name @bloomingdaleschools.org
 - Example: kerridyn.trusheim@bloomingdaleschools.org
- Passwords are the **student's ID number** (located in the parent portal) and **bps** for (Bloomingdale Public Schools)
 - Example: 000000bps

Arrival:

- Parents may park and walk students to the playground blacktop or use the drop-off lane closer to the building. **See Map below**
- Parents can begin dropping students off on the playground blacktop at 8:00 am.
- There is no staff supervision prior to 8:00 am, so parents must stay with their child if arriving earlier.
- Students will line up on the blacktop by homeroom from 8:00-8:10 am.
- Teachers will bring students to their homeroom at 8:10 am through the side or rear playground door.
- After 8:15 am, students will be required to go to the main door and ring the bell.
- Arriving after 8:15 am is considered tardy.
- In inclement weather, all students enter through the side playground door and go right to their homeroom.

Departure:

- Please meet teachers on the blacktop at the line-up location for their class by 2:50 pm for dismissal.
- **Any change to your child's transportation, i.e., not taking the bus, getting picked up by someone else, staying for after-care, requires an email to the main office AND the teacher or note.** Please send as early as possible as last minute changes are very difficult.
- **See Map**

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL MAP

All students line up by homeroom and enter through the side and back playground doors at arrival. Parents/Guardians can line up with you on the blacktop the first week but after that they need to drop you off at the gate. So please give them hugs and kisses before you line up with your class or enter the building. Students will be dismissed at specific doors and go to their AM line-up location to meet parents.

Remember your bookbag, snack, and love of learning!



Best regards,

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