



Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! All of us at Riverview look forward to seeing all of you! Grades 1-5 begin on **Tuesday, September 3** and Pre-K and Kindergarten students on **Thursday, September 5**. I am once again honored to partner with you in educating and empowering our youth to be the leaders of tomorrow to change the world and make it a better place for every one of us to live and thrive.

The first day of school can be overwhelming for students. Here are a few things to know so you and your child can prepare.

► **New School Hours**

School begins at 9:30 am and ends at 4:00 pm.

Morning PreK hours are 9:30 - 12:00 pm.

Afternoon PreK hours are 1:30 - 4:00 pm.

► **Breakfast, Lunch and Snack**

All students receive a free breakfast at school, served daily from 9:15 am to 9:45 am through the Breakfast to Go program. As students arrive at school, they can grab their breakfast and eat in class.

Our school is part of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program. That means every student enrolled at our school will receive a healthy lunch at no cost!

Riverview also received a grant to provide healthy snacks Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

► **Before-School Programs**

- Extended Day Learning - Riverview will hold programming on Mondays through Thursdays before school starting from October to May, 7:15am to 9:15am.
- Violin and cello lessons will also be available through the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies (GTCYS) to continuing students and new 3rd graders.
- Campus Kids child care will not be available as planned.

► **After-School Programs**

- Discovery Club: 651-632-3793 or spps.org/discoveryclub.
- El Rio Rec Check: 651-789-3692 or stpaul.gov/facilities/el-rio-vista-recreation-center.
- West Side Boys and Girls Club - 651-222-2212 or sprocketssaintpaul.org/program-finder/boys-girls-club-al-lenzmeier-west-side-club.



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► Stay Connected

Download the MySPPS app and “Follow” Riverview to have instant access to school news and events, track bus delays, review meal menus and much more. Also, “Friend” us on Facebook and “Follow” us on Twitter. Ask your child’s teacher for other ways to stay connected with Seesaw or Schoology.

► School Bus Transportation

If your child is taking the bus to school, you should receive a yellow postcard through U.S. mail in the last week of August. The postcard lists details about where and when to meet the bus. Please arrive at the bus stop **five minutes** before the bus is scheduled to pick up your child. Be sure to track the status of your child’s bus on your school’s website, at spps.org/bus or through the MySPPS smartphone app.

If you believe your student is taking the bus but did not receive a postcard, please call our clerk, Ms. Candace at 651-293-8665 **as soon as possible**.

► School Drop-off and Pick-up

Students are welcomed by staff at the last door in the back of the school (on Isabel St.) from 9:10-9:30, where you can conveniently drop off students at the curb and make a U-turn to leave. Please pull all the way up to allow for a smooth transition. For pick up, you will be assigned a number for curbside pick up.

If you would like to walk students into the building, please park away from the Bus Zone and Drop Off Zone and walk your child inside through the FRONT DOORS. For your safety, do not walk in between parked buses.

The parking lot is closed during arrival (9:10-9:40) and dismissal times (3:45-4:10).





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► Back to School Event

Please join us from **3:00 - 4:30 pm on Thursday, August 29** for our Fall Back to School Event. You will be able to visit classrooms, meet your child's teachers and classmates, drop off any school supplies and learn about new and exciting activities planned for the year.

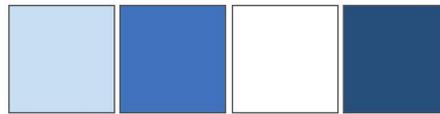
► School Supplies

The school supplies lists are now posted on our website at spps.org/riverview and are also attached.

► Uniforms

Our school requires all students to wear uniforms and closed-toe shoes every day. See attached Uniform Guidelines for more information.

Uniform Colors



► iUpdate Information

You should have received calls asking you to update your family information on iUpdate. The information is also provided at spps.org/onestop. Every family must complete the forms. If you need assistance completing the form, please come to our help session on August 22 from 9:00am-12:00pm at Riverview.

► School Contact

Please check our school website regularly, spps.org/riverview, for information and updates. If you have questions the website doesn't answer, please call our clerk, Ms. Candace at 651-293-8665.

It is my belief that our work in educating our children is done in partnership with families and community. Please remember that I am here to serve you and your family and don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, ideas or celebrations you have about our school!

Sincerely,

Nancy D. Páez, Principal
Riverview West Side School of Excellence