

**Subject:** Classes Resume

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Hello Meteor Families!

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Mokena Junior High School, we hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and a very happy holiday season.

**School resumes tomorrow, Monday, January 8, 2024.** Below are some tips to help you be ready for school tomorrow:

**Tonight before your child goes to bed:**

- Find all school supplies and pack your child's backpack for school. Make sure your child has pencils, pens, and all of his/her school supplies. Make sure your child has his or her ID in their backpack. Have the backpack in a place where your child can just pick it up and go.
- Chromebooks need a full charge for the first day of school. Be sure that your child's Chromebook is plugged in and has a full charge by the morning.
- Encourage your child to lay out their clothing so they don't have to think about it in the morning. Odds are your child has not been getting up early during winter break. Take a look and make sure that their outfit meets the school dress code. The more you can have ready the night before, the easier it is in the morning.
- Set an alarm early enough so your child can get ready for school. I recommend that you get them moving a few minutes earlier than normal. They will probably be moving a little slowly on the first morning back and you don't want your child to be late for the first day.
- Talk with your child about their goals for the second semester.
  - Discuss plans about school work, homework, and studying
  - Discuss goals for grades and academic achievement
  - Talk about attendance - While we don't want sick children coming to school, keep in mind that the average student misses 3 or fewer days of school a year
  - Talk about on-time behavior - Being to school on time, turning in work on time, meeting your goals on time, etc. Being on time is a life skill!
  - Share your thoughts about Self-Discipline - How their attitude and self-control are the character traits you want them to always practice.

**Monday Morning:**

- Get up early and get moving.
- Have a good breakfast.
- Don't forget about lunch. Either make sure you have money in your child's lunch account, or send him/her to school with a healthy lunch.
- Make sure to get out the door in time to catch the bus or get to school. The first bell to dismiss to class rings at 7:45 AM and classes begin at 7:50 AM.
- I know this one is not popular with the students, but a hoodie is not a coat. It is winter. Children should be dressed appropriately for cold weather. Coats, long sleeves, long pants, and appropriate shoes are a must. In this wet weather, Crocs are dangerous on tile floors.
- Make sure your child knows how they are getting home from school.

We are excited to begin the second semester. We have a lot of learning and a lot of growth in the coming months and we look forward to working with our families and students to make sure we are always moving in a positive direction.

If you have any questions, our offices open on Monday morning at 7:30 AM. Call the office at 708-342-4870 for the quickest response.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mike Rolinitis

Principal