

Comal Independent School District

NEWS RELEASE

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Back-to-school information; first day of school is August 25

The summer break is winding down and the 2008-09 school year is only weeks away. Registration is in progress on all Comal ISD campuses and parents and students need to familiarize themselves with some important changes and “new” items this coming year.

A Back-to-School link on the district’s homepage at www.comalisd.org has all the information parents and students are looking for this year.

- For a complete list of registration dates, times, and locations visit www.comalisd.org or call your children’s school.

Students new to the district must have the following documents when they register — birth certificate; updated shot record; social security number (optional); two proofs of residency; and, last report card. Custody papers may be required in some cases.

- Information on each elementary school’s Meet the Teacher night also is available on the district’s website or by calling the school.

- Bus routing information for 2008-09 will be available beginning Aug. 4 at <http://www.comalisd.org/Departments/DOT/index.htm>

- Start and stop times at the middle and high school levels are changing to 8:30 am to 3:55 pm. Elementary schools’ times are the same, 7:45 am to 2:45 pm.

- Three new schools are opening on Aug. 25 — Morningside Elementary in New Braunfels; Timberwood Park Elementary in San Antonio; and Mt. Valley Middle in Sattler.

- School lunch prices are increasing to \$2.10 for elementary students and \$2.35 for secondary students.

- All elementary schools for the first time will be prekindergarten/kindergarten — 5th grades; middle schools will be 6th — 8th.
- Parents are invited to the district's first Parent Community Summit on Saturday morning, Sept. 20, at Church Hill Middle in New Braunfels. A nationally recognized speaker and several workshops, along with door prizes and food, will make up the day. More information is forthcoming.
- Changes to board policy EIC (Local) mean the valedictorian and salutatorian will be declared only at the END of all four years of high school (last semester of senior year). The students ranked 1 and 2 at the end of the third nine weeks of their senior year will be selected to give an "honors" address at graduation.
- The district's bus fuel budget is increasing by almost \$174,000. Bus routes, cluster stops to pick up and drop off students, and idling time are subject to modification as the district deals with rising fuel costs.

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