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July 15, 2022

### **Welcome back Altadeña Panthers!**

We hope you all enjoyed a restful summer break. We are excited to welcome back our returning students as well as welcome our newest Panthers to the Altadeña family. Please see important Back to School information below:

#### **Meet the Teacher**

Meet the Teacher will be held on Monday, July 25th from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM. Unlike last year we are not dividing the evening into two sessions based on last name.

During Meet the Teacher families and students will follow their daily schedule starting with their Advisory class. It is important the schedule is followed in order to limit the number of individuals in any one area at a time. This is not an open-house event and we appreciate your help with not congregating and socializing inside the classrooms.

Gates open at 4:45 PM with the first session beginning at 5:00 PM. As previously shared, students will first go to their Advisory teacher for a presentation about Altadeña and to learn more about the Advisory curriculum. The school bells will signal for families to transition to the next class for another curriculum presentation and to meet the next teacher. When families reach their students' lunch hour families are welcome to visit the PTSO table located by the gym, Panther athletics table located by the gym, or visit with fellow Altadeña families.

**Advisory 5:00-5:15 PM**

**First Hour 5:18-5:30 PM**

**Second Hour 5:33-5:45 PM**

**Third Hour 5:48-6:00 PM**

**Fourth Hour 6:03-6:15 PM**

**Fifth Hour 6:18-6:30 PM**

**Sixth Hour 6:33-6:45 PM**

## **Seventh Hour 6:48-7:00 PM**

We are encouraging students and parents to access schedules in advance through StudentVue and/or ParentVue. Student schedules will be available on Monday, July 25th around 2:00 PM. In an effort to save paper and reduce crowding, we will not be passing out paper copies of student schedules. Please consider adding the ParentVUE mobile app to your phone for easy access. If for some reason you cannot access your child's schedule through [ParentVUE](#) or StudentVUE please contact the Altadeña front office at 480-541-6000.

Schedule changes will only be considered in cases where a student is scheduled into a class that is the wrong level or is missing a class. We will have schedule correction forms available for parents to submit if this is the case.

### **ParentVUE Mobile App**

The ParentVUE Mobile application helps parents stay informed and connected by providing day-to-day insight into their child's academic experience. ParentVUE Mobile for the iPhone/iPod Touch works with the Synergy™ student information system in much the same way as the ParentVUE web portal, allowing parents to access near real-time information on assignments and scores, attendance, and demographic information. ParentVUE offers parents a single sign-on to view all of their children's information regardless of school. Go to [ParentVUE Mobile App](#) for directions and login.

### **Meet the Teacher Parking**

Families are welcome to park in the two lower parking lots, upper parking lots, as well as the upper field. Community volunteers have generously agreed to assist with parking on the field. To access the fields please enter the upper parking lot, enter the open fire gate by the tennis courts/bike rack and follow the fire lane towards the basketball fields. We ask for everyone's patience as numerous families are arriving simultaneously. We kindly ask that families do not park directly on Desert Foothills Parkway or in the neighborhoods adjacent to Altadeña. Carpooling would greatly assist in reducing traffic.

### **Athletics/Clubs**

For information about registration for Athletics please visit the Kyrene webpage and look under the Programs and Services tab. If you have any questions about Altadeña Athletics please visit the [Kyrene Athletics Homepage](#) or contact Anne Saccoman in Student Services in the Altadeña front office at 480-541-6004.

Fall Sports - boys soccer, cross country, volleyball

Winter Sports - boys basketball, girls soccer, softball, wrestling, cheer

Spring Sports - girls basketball, baseball, track and field

There will be opportunities throughout the year for students to get involved in clubs. Students can find information by way of our daily announcements and KAMS TV. Parents can find information in the weekly Panther Newsletter which is emailed on Fridays and linked on our school webpage.

### **Supply Lists**

Supply lists will be distributed during Meet the Teacher Night. These specifically requested supplies are not required on the first day of school and if families need help acquiring any of the suggested items please contact the front office. Additional supplies may be requested throughout the school year and specifically for some of our elective classes. Thank you for helping to prepare your child for school.

### **PBIS Donations**

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports is a school-wide process for creating positive and safe environments that are predictable, encouraging, and effective for achieving academic success and reaching social goals. Here at Altadeña Middle School, we focus our efforts on helping all children exceed their potential by teaching to and supporting the whole child.

Our students are simply terrific, and the majority of students follow our school expectations, and we want to recognize these positive behaviors. PBIS acknowledges their efforts daily as they demonstrate their best. Through instruction, comprehension and regular practice, all teachers, staff members, and students use and follow a consistent set of behavior expectations and routines across all school settings. All students are directly and explicitly taught school expectations throughout the school year to continually ensure understanding. At times, students make choices that are not positive. When this happens, we view it as an opportunity for re-teaching.

We have adopted a unified set of procedures expected in all common areas. You will see expectations posted throughout the school. Students are recognized daily with LEAD tickets for practicing the 7 Habits and remembering to:

**Leadership**

**Excellence**

**Accountability**

**Determination**

Students will have the opportunity to earn LEAD tickets when they are “caught” demonstrating appropriate behaviors which can be exchanged for prizes and snacks. We are asking for donations to help stock our PBIS store. Items such as small gift cards (\$5 & \$10), earbuds, bags of chips, individually packaged snacks, and cans of sparkling water

would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be given to your child's Advisory teacher during Meet the Teacher or during the school year.

### **Transportation**

Families can access information regarding Bus Routes and Bus Safety by visiting the Kyrene webpage and looking under the Parent Tab or by selecting the following [link](#).

### **Online Payment Portal**

Kyrene School District has a convenient new payment portal for parents to pay for everything from athletics to field trips. The [InTouch Payment Portal](#) will provide parents with digital receipts for all transactions. You can even use it to make this year's tax credit donation to the school of your choice. Register once and use the portal all year.

### **Food Services**

Over the past two years the USDA provided free meals to every Kyrene student. The program ended June 30th, 2022. When we return to school on July 28th students will be required to pay for their lunch, Al-a carte items, or additional drinks unless they receive a free lunch. Breakfast will not be served this year at Altadeña.

Meal payments can be made on the [InTouch Payment Portal](#) this year. Parents can view meal balances or pay by check/cash at schools. Free & Reduced lunch applications are available at school sites.

### **PTO Membership**

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to last year's PTO board members for their dedication to Altadeña.

President - Christin Valentini

Past President - Monica Gellman

Secretary - Dena Patton

Treasurer - Janie Miller

Financial Secretary - Heidi Giebel

Communications - Jenna Corday

Volunteer Coordinator - Tanya Honzak

Hospitality Chair - Sue Donoghue

Fundraising Chair - Kim Graber

Spirit Wear Chair - Andi Baker and Pardis Baradar

Family Dinner Nights Chair - Jen Metzger

8th Grade Dance Chairs - Louise Yanock and Anne Neal

Hospitality & 8th Grade Dance Committee - Jill Graham, Andrea Donoso, Silvia Mascenic

And, I am excited to introduce the PTSO board members for the 2022-2023 School Year,

President - Nicole Koester

Vice-President - Kim Skousen

Secretary - Stephanie Nuttall

Treasurer - Yolanda Powell

Financial Secretary - Heidi Grant

Social Media Chair - Jenna Corday

Communications - Kelsey Makar

Volunteer Coordinator - Vickie Ricks

Hospitality Chairs - Louise Yanock and Andrea Donoso

Fundraising Chair - Andi Baker

Spirit Wear Chair - Rachel Holm

Family Dinner Nights Chair - Carrie Dabau

We are always looking for additional support from parents and will be sharing dates of upcoming meetings and events. The PTSO will be selling Panther spirit wear during Meet the Teacher. Stop by to check out the merchandise and say hello to our newest board members. To learn more about our amazing PTSO prior to Meet the Teacher please visit their [website](#).

## Contact Us

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**School Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:20 am – 3:05pm  
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