



---

July 21, 2023

## Message from the Principal

Dear Altadeña Families,

Thank you for your patience with pick up and drop off delays during these first few days of school. Many of you have expressed concern about the time it is taking to move traffic before and after school under the current system, and I share those concerns as well. Beginning Monday, we will be making adjustments that should improve the flow of traffic during pick up and drop off.

The Altadeña team and I worked closely with Kyrene Transportation and District leadership to identify a solution that is more efficient but still safe for students and compliant with Arizona Department of Public Safety standards.

- Starting Monday we will be having parent pick-up and drop off be from the Altadena upper *and* lower lots. (See maps below.)
- Buses will also be utilizing the upper lot in the parking area that is closest to Desert Foothills Pkwy.
- Students arriving and departing from the school via school buses will be utilizing a new cross walk area that uses the upper lot exit, closest to Desert Foothills Pkwy.
- When bus students are using this area to cross, a staff member will be stopping onsite upper lot traffic in order to allow the safe crossing of those students.
- Please do not block the upper lot exit. This will prevent buses and parents from exiting, thus slowing the flow of traffic.
- Parking is available in both the upper and lower-level lots but will be limited in the upper lot due to the staging of the buses.

Please remember to take turns and allow the left hand turn of cars approaching from Chandler Blvd turning into the lower lot.

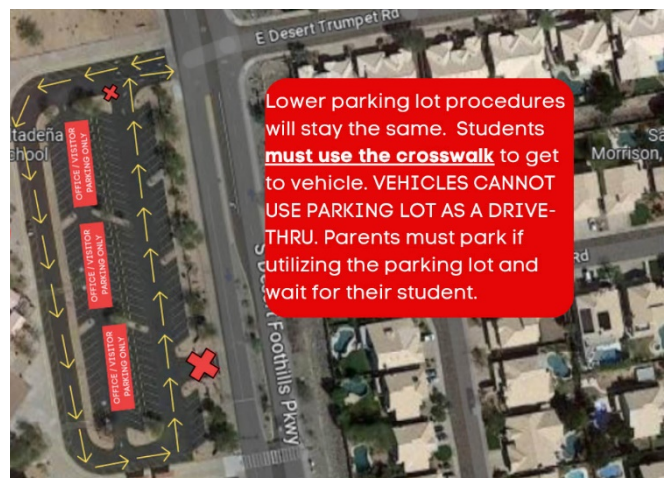
Much time and expertise go into traffic planning, and I appreciate the willingness of Kyrene's Transportation and District teams returning to the table to come up with an improved solution for our Altadeña community that is more efficient but still safe for our students and their families.

As we utilize this new system, it is important for parents/guardians to talk to students about pedestrian and traffic safety (for example—not crossing in front of cars, not getting into or out of cars on Desert Foothills Parkway, utilizing crosswalks). Your children's safety is of the utmost importance to me and everyone on our Altadeña team. Thank you for your partnership in keeping students safe and ensuring this new procedure is a success.

As we continue this revised arrival and dismissal system, please do not hesitate to reach out to me to share your feedback or concerns. I appreciate communication and I am here to support and serve you and your children

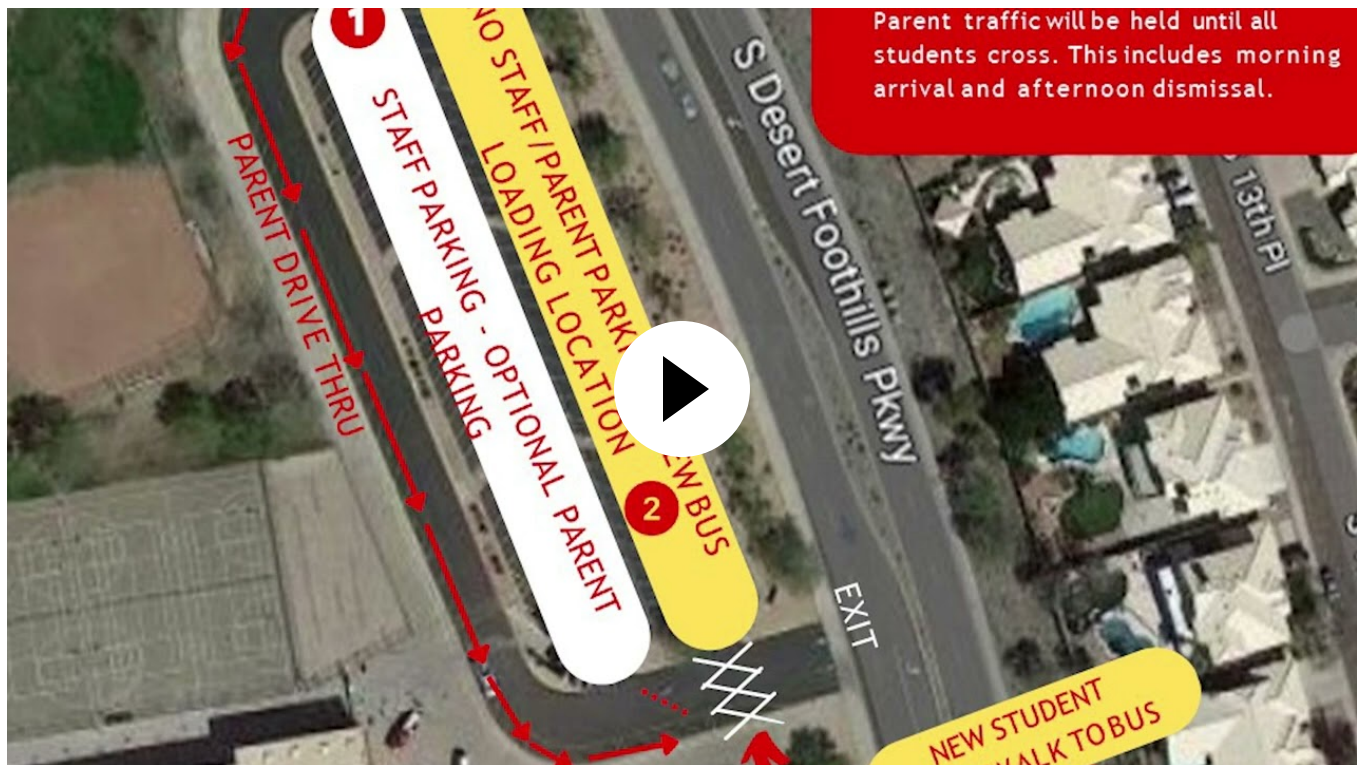
Sincerely,

Juliet Riffenburg  
Principal



This video is being shared by Altadeña Staff with students to review arrival and dismissal changes, which will start on Monday, July 24th.

Please feel free to review with your student to prepare for the changes.



## Upcoming Events:

Beginning of year NWEA testing will take place next week.

Tuesday, July 25th - ELA

Thursday, July 27th - Math

## Altadeña Bell Schedules for 2023-2024

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:20 a.m. - 3:05p.m.											
6th grade	Start time	End time	Minutes	7th grade	Start time	End time	Minutes	8th grade	Start time	End time	Min
Period 1	8:20 AM	9:25 AM	65	Period 1	8:20 AM	9:25 AM	65	Period 1	8:20 AM	9:25 AM	65
Passing	9:25 AM	9:28 AM	3	Passing	9:25 AM	9:28 AM	3	Passing	9:25 AM	9:28 AM	3
Period 2	9:28 AM	10:27 AM	59	Period 2	9:28 AM	10:27 AM	59	Period 2	9:28 AM	10:27 AM	59
Passing	10:27 AM	10:30 AM	3	Period 3 L	10:27 AM	10:57 AM	30	Passing	10:27 AM	10:30 AM	3
Period 3	10:30 AM	11:29 AM	59	Passing	10:57 AM	11:00 AM	3	Period 3	10:30 AM	11:29 AM	59
Period 4 L	11:29 AM	11:59 AM	30	Period 4	11:00 AM	11:59 AM	59	Passing	11:29 AM	11:32 AM	3
Passing	11:59 AM	12:02 PM	3	Passing	11:59 AM	12:02 PM	3	Period 4	11:32 AM	12:31 PM	59
Period 5	12:02 PM	1:01 PM	59	Period 5	12:02 PM	1:01 PM	59	Period 5 L	12:31 PM	1:01 PM	30
Passing	1:01 PM	1:04 PM	3	Passing	1:01 PM	1:04 PM	3	Passing	1:01 PM	1:04 PM	3
Period 6	1:04 PM	2:03 PM	59	Period 6	1:04 PM	2:03 PM	59	Period 6	1:04 PM	2:03 PM	59
Passing	2:03 PM	2:06 PM	3	Passing	2:03 PM	2:06 PM	3	Passing	2:03 PM	2:06 PM	3
Period 7	2:06 PM	3:05 PM	59	Period 7	2:06 PM	3:05 PM	59	Period 7	2:06 PM	3:05 PM	59



Wednesday Early Release 8:20 a.m. - 1:05 p.m.											
6th grade	Start time	End time	Minutes	7th grade	Start time	End time	Minutes	8th grade	Start time	End time	Min
Advisory	8:20 AM	8:59 AM	39	Advisory	8:20 AM	8:59 AM	39	Advisory	8:20 AM	8:59 AM	39
Passing	8:59 AM	9:02 AM	3	Passing	8:59 AM	9:02 AM	3	Passing	8:59 AM	9:02 AM	3
Period 1	9:02 AM	9:35 AM	33	Period 1	9:02 AM	9:35 AM	33	Period 1	9:02 AM	9:35 AM	33
Passing	9:35 AM	9:38 AM	3	Passing	9:35 AM	9:38 AM	3	Passing	9:35 AM	9:38 AM	3
Period 2	9:38 AM	10:11 AM	33	Period 2	9:38 AM	10:11 AM	33	Period 2	9:38 AM	10:11 AM	33
Passing	10:11 AM	10:14 AM	3	Period 3 L	10:11 AM	10:41 AM	30	Passing	10:11 AM	10:14 AM	3
Period 3	10:14 AM	10:47 AM	33	Passing	10:41 AM	10:44 AM	3	Period 3	10:14 AM	10:47 AM	33
Period 4 L	10:47 AM	11:17 AM	30	Period 4	10:44 AM	11:17 AM	33	Passing	10:47 AM	10:50 AM	3
Passing	11:17 AM	11:20 AM	3	Passing	11:17 AM	11:20 AM	3	Period 4	10:50 AM	11:23 AM	33
Period 5	11:20 AM	11:53 AM	33	Period 5	11:20 AM	11:53 AM	33	Period 5 L	11:23 AM	11:53 AM	30
Passing	11:53 AM	11:56 AM	3	Passing	11:53 AM	11:56 AM	3	Passing	11:53 AM	11:56 AM	3
Period 6	11:56 AM	12:29 PM	33	Period 6	11:56 AM	12:29 PM	33	Period 6	11:56 AM	12:29 PM	33
Passing	12:29 PM	12:32 PM	3	Passing	12:29 PM	12:32 PM	3	Passing	12:29 PM	12:32 PM	3
Period 7	12:32 PM	1:05 PM	33	Period 7	12:32 PM	1:05 PM	33	Period 7	12:32 PM	1:05 PM	33



This is the last week to sign up for Girls Volleyball. All forms must be submitted online by Thursday, July 28th, including a current physical.

Cross Country sign ups will continue until August 4th. Please know that tryouts will be in the mornings, (days and times to be announced) and all 5 meets will be held on Saturday mornings.

Due to the record-breaking heat wave Arizona is experiencing, the decision has been made to postpone the 2023-24 **Boys Soccer** season to the fourth quarter (after Spring Break). Due to the winter Athletic schedule, spring is the soonest opportunity to reschedule the soccer season. More communication about tryouts and games will be forthcoming closer to the start of the season. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and shared goal of keeping student athletes safe.



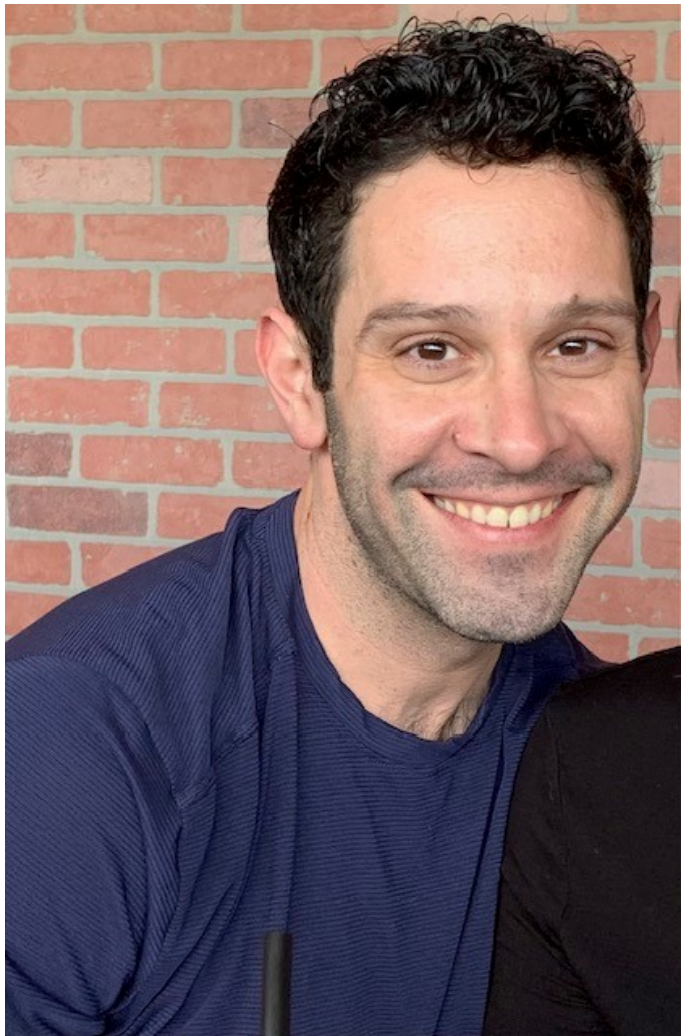
I am excited to start the 2023-2024 school year!

I am Mrs. Holmes, the Altadeña School Counselor. I am here to support your students' social-emotional well-being. I partner with teachers and parents to identify and remove barriers to learning so that your child has all the tools necessary for success.

Students can be seen for one-on-one brief counseling as well as participate in group counseling offered throughout the school year.

If you would like to refer your student for counseling services, have questions, or would like referrals for community supports please email Mrs. Holmes at [kholmes@kyrene.org](mailto:kholmes@kyrene.org) or call Mrs. Holmes at (480) 541-6032.

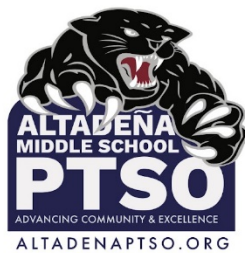
## Staff Spotlight



Our new to Altadeña 6th grade math teacher Mr. Walsh is a former Kyrene student—he attended Monte Vista, Esperanza, Akimel A-ai, and our own Altadeña. He and his girlfriend share a 14-year-old chihuahua named Brooklyn, and two 3-year-old sister cats named Twilight and Luna. He loves sports, sports card collecting, video games, movies and the gym!

This will be his 10th year in the Kyrene school district - 4 years at KMS leading ISI and 5 years at CMS teaching Math, Multimedia, STEM, Social Studies, and now back to math again at Altadeña.

When it comes to teaching he loves creating and forming relationships. “If you can build the class community and relationship with students, you can teach them anything because they will want to learn from you. I always tell my classes ‘we start as a class and end as a family.’” He’s looking forward to working with the Altadeña community. Welcome Mr. Walsh!



**AltadeñaPTSO.org**

- **Stay Informed**
- **Volunteer**
- **Donate**
- **Buy Spirit Wear**



## Upcoming Events for July & August

July 26th    PTSO Meeting 8:30 a.m. in the staff lounge. All are welcome! Hear an update from the board, committee chairs, and Altadeña Principal Juliet Riffenburg.

August 7 - 18th    Step It Up Fundraiser - For this year's fundraiser we have partnered with Step It Up to assist in raising funds for school events, positive behavior incentives, class field trips, campus improvements, teacher supply grants, and so much more. Students will have a Level Up - kickoff assembly on August 7th to get the student excited to participate.

August 10th    Family Dinner Night at MOD Pizza

August 15th      Hospitality Teachers Luncheon - Volunteers Needed  
August 23      Family Dinner Night at Bahama Bucks

### **No cost ways to support Altadeña Middle School School Cents - At Chandler Fashion Center**

If you shop at any of the retailers or eat at the eateries, Altadeña Middle School will receive points. These points could earn our school up to **\$3,000**. All you have to do is submit your receipts.

3 ways to submit 1) online at [shopandlog.com/chandler](http://shopandlog.com/chandler), 2) have your student bring to the front office drop box 3) Before you leave the mall drop off at the box located on the upper-level bridge near Barnes & Noble next to the elevator. Students will receive a flyer on Wednesday in Advisory.

### **Follow the PTSO on social media!**

Stay informed with the latest happenings at Altadeña by following us on Facebook and Instagram.

<https://www.facebook.com/altadenaPTSO>

<https://www.instagram.com/altadenaptso>

## **Altadeña Points of Pride**

A+ School of Excellence

Lead School - Leader in Me

No Place For Hate School

*Member, National Association of Student Councils*

*Member, National Junior Honor Society*

## **Contact Us**

### **Kyrene Altadeña**

14620 S Desert Foothills Parkway  
Phoenix, AZ 85048

**Phone:** 480-541-6000

**Fax:** 480-541-6010

**Attendance:** 480-541-6001

**Office Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 7:30 – 4:00 pm

Wed: 7:30am-2:00pm

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

Wed: 8:20-1:05pm