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Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year, Cobras!

It is a tremendous privilege to welcome students and their families to the new school year at Robert C. Cooley Middle School!

The first day of school is **Thursday, August 8**, at **9:05am**. School will dismiss at **3:14pm**. In this letter, you will find important information to help you get ready for the first day of school and to support your school year.

7th Grade Check-In Day is Tuesday, August 6 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. 8th Grade Check-In Day is Tuesday, August 6 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>7th Grade</i>	A - L	12:00pm - 12:40pm
	M - R	12:40pm - 1:20pm
	S - Z	1:20pm - 2:00pm

	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>8th Grade</i>	A - L	2:00pm - 2:40pm
	M - R	2:40pm - 3:20pm
	S - Z	3:20pm - 4:00pm

6th Grade Orientation featuring WEB (Where Everybody Belongs!) is Wednesday, August 7 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Lunch is included, and this event is for students only. Parents may join students for Check-In Day. 6th Grade Check-In Day is Wednesday, August 7 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>6th Grade</i>	A - L	1:00pm - 1:40pm
	M - R	1:40pm - 2:20pm
	S - Z	2:20pm - 3:00pm

At *Check-In Day*, the following will be available:

1. Students will pick up their class **Schedules** and **Campus Maps**.
2. Students will check out their **Textbooks**.
3. Students can purchase Cooley **Planners** for \$5.00.
4. Sixth Grade Students only can purchase **PE Clothes**. (7th and 8th Graders can purchase PE clothes the first day of school)

Shorts and Shirt Set	\$25.00
Shorts only	\$15.00
Shirt Only	\$15.00

5. Students can purchase **Cooley Yearbooks** for \$55.00
6. All students will have **School Pictures** and **ID's** taken. Picture packets will be available for purchase. You may order portraits now at mylifetouch.com using Picture Day ID CR059215Q0.

Checks payable to Robert C. Cooley Middle School or cash is accepted for all purchases. (We are not set up for card purchases at this time).

Cooley Athletics is proud to offer the fall season **after-school sports** of 7th and 8th grade Flag Football, 7th and 8th grade Girls' Volleyball, and 6th - 8th grade Cross Country. Information will be available in the daily bulletin. More sports are offered in the winter and spring, and stay tuned for announcements in the bulletin, website, and through social media.

Attention Cooley Athletes: Students may not begin tryouts until all athletic forms are turned in to their coaches. These will be handed out at the first meeting of every sport. All students participating in sports, cheerleading, and dance must maintain the requirements for try-outs and participation which are listed in the Cooley Athletic Handbook.

LUNCH! Lunch at Cooley Middle School is from 12:07pm to 12:40pm. (On Monday, lunch is from 11:55am to 12:28pm). Students may bring healthy snacks and drinks for passing periods. Energy drinks (such as Monster, Red Bull, etc.) are discouraged. We welcome parents to volunteer at lunch any day you can!

Cooley Bell Schedule:

Monday		Tuesday - Friday	
Period	Time	Period	Time
1	9:05 - 9:44	1	9:05 - 9:53
2	9:47 - 10:31	2	9:56 - 10:44
3	10:34 - 11:13	E	10:47 - 11:16
4	11:16 - 11:55	3	11:19 - 12:07
Lunch	11:55 - 12:28	Lunch	12:07 - 12:40
5	12:32 - 1:11	4	12:44 - 1:32
6	1:14 - 1:53	5	1:35 - 2:23
		6	2:26 - 3:14

School Supplies: Please see the attached lists for suggested school supplies. Every student should have a sturdy backpack.

The Cooley Student Handbook: This important publication is included in the Cooley Planner. “The Handbook Test” (Open Handbook) will be given to every student. We encourage students and parents to complete the test together. Other activities are planned to help students understand school expectations as well.

Cooley School Rules: Cooley Middle School participates in PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports). More information on this program can be found in the handbook. The Cooley School Rules are: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Kind. All students are taught these rules at school, and we thank our families for being partners in supporting our students’ commitment to these school-wide expectations.

Dress Code: Please see the Dress Code listed in the Planner, and please read and discuss it with your student.

Student Drop Off/Pick Up: The side parking lot is closed for student drop off and pick up. Thank you for helping us keep our campus safe for students by not entering this area for drop off and pick up. Thank you for driving safely throughout the year in and around school to ensure the safety of our students.

Just Read! Throughout the school year, parents ask, “What can I do to help my son/daughter do well in school?” There is no greater academic support that you can give to your child than encouraging reading. Reading just 30 minutes each night will greatly increase your student’s abilities in both academic classes throughout the year and on CAASPP testing that each student will take in the spring.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP): The California Department of Education’s website (www.cde.ca.gov) has important information about the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). The CAASPP is the state’s standardized testing which will be given in the spring. More information will be shared by our staff, and parents can reference the tools on the CDE website to help prepare students for the CAASPP.

Cooley Parent Teacher Club! Information about joining this amazing support for your student and for the school will be available at Check-In Day. Please support our Parent Teacher Club! This organization makes our school the best school every day! Check out the PTC website at <http://www.cooleypc.com>.

Stay Informed! Stay informed about Cooley by using these supports: Use the **district website** (rcsdk8.org and click “Schools”). Like us on **Facebook** (RCS D Cooley). Check out our **Twitter** account: @RcsdCooley. And follow our **Instagram** account at: [cooley_leadership](https://www.instagram.com/cooley_leadership).

Welcome again to the new school year! We are looking forward to an exceptional year that provides every student with a middle school experience that is safe and successful academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. We are committed to providing an outstanding education for each student. We believe it is a great honor to educate middle school students and work with them on campus each day. Here’s to an outstanding 2019-2020 school year, and here’s to YOU, our incredible students and their families at Robert C. Cooley Middle School!

Go Cobras!



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