

Dear Ram families,

On behalf of all the staff here at Twin Peaks, I want to thank you for a wonderful first week of school! If the first four days are any indication, we are in for a wildly successful year! I also want to thank you for your patience with the traffic surrounding the school, especially on Thursday morning when several of the streets in the area were closed. Your patience makes all the difference in the world when it comes to keeping our students safe. I would like to tell you that the congestion will improve but it is going to take a couple of weeks as people figure out the routine and what works best for their families. My best advice is to have your student meet you off campus or in front of the school at 3:30. Trust me; you will be glad you waited.

Speaking of traffic, I want to update you on the crossing guard situation. The person we secured to do this work has accepted another job offer, so we are back to square one. If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please contact assistant principal Rod Jiu at rjiu@powayusd.com. We need coverage from 7:05-8:35 in the morning and from 3:05-3:35 in the afternoon. We are open to splitting this position among two people. Please help us in getting the word out.

Students, all elective change requests are due back to Mrs. Myers in the counseling office on Tuesday by 3:30. All request forms must be signed by a parent.

Looking ahead, Back-to-School Night is coming up on August 31st, at 6:00pm. Sixth grade parents and parents of students who are new to PUSD are highly encouraged to attend the PTSA parent education seminar on MyPlan, Synergy, and MyConnect which begins at 5:00 that night in the multipurpose room. It is critically important that you attend so you can learn the best ways to stay informed of your student's assignments, grades, and what's going on in class. One of the biggest mistakes I see parents make when their children transition to middle school is assuming that if they don't hear from the teacher everything is okay. This is not the case. In elementary school teachers are responsible for 30 students. In middle school, they serve 170 students. It is impossible to contact every parent. MyPlan, Synergy and MyConnect are the tools you need to stay connected. We hope you will take advantage of both of these opportunities to support your student's success in middle school.

That's it for now. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow, and remember it's a 4/6/2 day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Burke