



Greetings Geeter K-8 Family,

### Welcome

I want to start by saying welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. Hopefully this summer has been filled with fun, joy, and rest. As we embark upon our new school year, we want to draw focus to a few items. The first day of school is August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Registration is open and students can be registered via PowerSchool. We will continue to wear uniforms, and our school uniforms colors for grades K-8 as well as the school supply list by grade level can be found on the school website (<https://schools.scsk12.org/geeter-k8>).

### Academics

This school year we will have a strong focus on our academic progress. Students will be offered several resources to ensure they not only demonstrate growth, but achievement of meeting and or exceeding expectations on the 2025 TCAP. After school tutoring will be offered this school year and information for this program will be sent out in the coming weeks. To meet our academic goals, we will converge upon a partnership with our parents in which we communicate student progress at every measurable level. Students will be submerged in high level rigorous instruction daily with a focus on math, ELA, science, and social studies. Parents will also be strongly encouraged to engage with students when completing at-home push exercises. Our year long MAJOR goal is to move our academic achievement on the 2025 TCAP.

### Discipline

Without a composed and properly behaved classroom instruction will be impeded. At Geeter K-8 School we want to prioritize student learning and growth. Behavioral infractions slow this process and are a distraction to meeting academic goals. The focus in the area of discipline is to minimize all behavioral issues. Students are expected to treat the learning environment and each other with respect. We want parents to be a part of our building up our positive school culture. Research finds that increased parental involvement in schools often leads to increased academic performance for students with a reduction of behavior issues. So, we want parents involved in discipline conversations to ensure an understanding of what is expected. Geeter K-8 School will be an environment with low negative behavioral impact. Accomplishing this goal is simple, students must follow school and classroom expectations. These expectations will be communicated at the start of next week.

### Culture and Climate

Students deserve a school that is rich in academics as well as school climate and culture. This year we will continue to build upon the great school culture that we have started to cultivate with an exciting new announcement. That's right! This fall, after a ten year hiatus, football returns to Geeter K-8 School! Parents practice has started, and if you have an athlete grade (6-8) who is interested in joining the team, please contact Coach Hampton at 901.261.9703. In addition to this, we will continue our tradition of discovering Memphis through multiple fieldtrips to ensure student learning takes place beyond the traditional

classroom experience. Celebrations will also continue with a focus on students with perfect attendance every 20-day cycle, celebrated through our NBA (Never Been Absent), and NFL (Never Found Late) club. Students will also be tasked with meeting all academic behavioral expectations to achieve top marks rankings in our new system called LEVELS. Students achieving high levels will be celebrated throughout the year with ice cream socials, specially planned field trips for their level group, pizza parties, & more!

Lastly, please remember that this school year we WILL NOT have the extra hour. School hours are from 8am-3pm daily. Students will be expected to arrive on time and to attend 95% of the school days for the 180 day academic calendar. Clear backpacks will be required for all students grades K-8. Parents who achieve 25 volunteer hours per semester a total of 50 hours will be rewarded with a surprise gift at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year. Please be on the lookout for a special early registration event in which we will host parents and scholars with free hotdogs and the opportunity to purchase other items with all proceeds going towards the rebuilding of our football department. We look forward to seeing you soon. Please continue to stay safe and enjoy your summer!

Kind regards,

Jeremy Martin, Principal

Geeter K-8 School



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