

MILTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of 9th Grade Milton Students:

We look forward to the start of school in a few weeks. The first student day will be Monday, August 23, 2010. Please make sure your student has worked on and completed all summer assignments before the first day of school. All summer assignments are listed on the Milton HS website. If you have any questions, please contact the teacher or the front desk.

In an effort to ensure Milton students are ready to learn on the first day of school, we have scheduled specific registration and orientation (R & O) dates and times by grade level. Parents or students may turn in the required *Affidavit of Residency*, obtain class schedules, rent lockers, visit a guidance counselor, and secure assigned textbooks during registration. Each year with the exception of 12th graders, Fulton County Schools requires school officials to collect an *Affidavit of Residence* from parents/guardians of students attending our schools. I am enclosing a copy of this document. We will have personnel available to notarize these documents.

Additionally, those students or parents who wish to purchase advance credit on school lunch cards will have an opportunity to do so. R & O days are also a great time to update vital information including parent telephone/email contacts and special medical information in case of emergencies at school. Copies of the Fulton County Code of Conduct and the Milton Honor Code will also be distributed on these dates.

On August 20th, we will begin the R & O process at 8:15 a.m.

Milton High will have a different school calendar and school hours than in past years. There will no longer be Early Release Days. Please do your best to schedule your child's appointments outside of the learning day. A link to the school calendar can be found on the Milton HS or Fulton County websites. The school day will begin at 8:25 a.m. and end at 3:35 p.m. The new bell schedule has been posted on the Milton website. Information about bus transportation, specific routes and pick up times will be available a few days prior to opening. Route information will be on the Fulton County Schools website under Helpful FCSS Links – School Bus Information.

To continue Milton's success, it is imperative that both students and parents stay active at school and in the community. Please help encourage your student to become part of an athletic team, a fine arts production, or student club/organization. There is something at Milton for every student!

Parents can get involved at Milton in a number of different ways. Three major organizations are PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association), Milton LSAC (Local School Advisory Committee), and the Milton SOAR Foundation. PTSA has included a letter in this package and is a leader in advocating for students and parents in local, state, and national forums. LSAC is a governing body for local school initiatives. There are two vacancies for parent representatives on LSAC. The term of office is two years. Finally, the Milton SOAR Foundation is the newest body of parents dedicated to ensuring Milton's high academic reputation is maintained during decreasing budgetary commitments. I strongly encourage all Milton parents to get involved with their time, their gifts, or their service in any of these or other Milton groups.

If you are interested in becoming a LSAC candidate for one of the open positions, please call the office or email me. Candidates must be parents of currently enrolled Milton students. A minimum of four meetings are scheduled each year. Meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. and typically adjourn by 9:00 a.m. You will be asked to submit a single paragraph indicating your background and experience. We will include this information in a summary document for parents when they vote to select representatives. The deadline for applications is Friday, August 27th. The election will be conducted the evening of our open house on Monday, September 27, 2010.

In conclusion, one of Milton's greatest strengths is our sense of family and community. By valuing all members of our family, we celebrate the contribution each member makes regardless of any differences which may otherwise divide us. Through these differences, we work as a team to prepare the children of our community to be citizens of Milton, Georgia, the United States and the world. Working proactively together to support our children and each other empowers us all and will help us educate our students to insure Milton's legacy.

Should you have any questions during the summer please contact us at 770-740-7000 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. I look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

Clifford Jones
Principal