



CHANDLER PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A Great Hearts Academy

1951 N. Alma School Road | Chandler, AZ 85224 | Office: (480) 855-5410 | Fax: (480) 855-7789 | www.chandlerprep.org

July 27, 2023

Dear Parents of New Middle School Students,

We want to invite your child to the **Middle School New Student Orientation (NSO) Tuesday, August 1st, from 8:30 am to 2:15 pm at Chandler Prep.** The front doors will open at 8:00 to begin the check-in process. You may pull up to the front of the school after 8:00 and let your child out to come check in, or you are welcome to park and walk your child in. This event is planned and sponsored by our amazing high school Mentors, who have been selected and trained to help your child feel welcome and supported as he or she begins the adventure of attending a new school. Your child's Mentor will be given your contact information and should be calling one to two days before NSO to personally speak to your child about orientation and answer any questions.

If you have made the decision to attend another school, please email our enrollment team at enrollment@chandlerprep.org to let us know. We have students on our wait list, and if we know early in the summer that a spot has opened, we are able to offer your spot. By the time school starts, students on our wait list have often made other decisions and commitments. If your child is going to a different school, we wish you all the best and truly appreciate you taking time to let us know this right away.

New middle school students should **come in their full Chandler Prep uniform** to Orientation. If there is a problem with your child having his/her uniform by that day, please email us. *We do not want a student to skip Orientation because of a uniform issue.* Students should also bring a sack lunch and water with their name on both (that do not require microwaving or refrigeration for a few hours). Please do not send a lock or locker items with your child to Orientation that morning. Since they rotate rooms, it would be difficult for them to keep track of extra belongings.

After NSO check-in, new students will be escorted to specific classrooms where they will have brief time to socialize before participating in the first of several presentations. They will rotate through presentations by the Mentors on topics such as the Honor Code, Dress Code, and Hallway Etiquette. Students will receive a campus tour and get to meet a panel of CPA teachers. They will also be sorted into a Titan House and get a chance to compete for house points! At the end of the day, we will all enjoy a Popsicle Social.

This orientation is for students only; however, when you bring your child to the New Student Orientation, *we urge you to stay and meet the Parent Service Organization (PSO) board.* This will be a great opportunity to ask questions and meet other parents in our wonderful Chandler Prep community. After you drop your child off or walk him or her in, we invite you to come to the gym from **9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** to meet other parents and enjoy refreshments. There will also be a limited quantity of gently used uniforms for sale in the gym by the PSO and information about athletics available from our Athletic Director. You are welcome to park in the lot directly in front of the school, in the shaded parking area for staff, or in the back by the gym.

Pickup: New Student Orientation will end at 2:15. Please park your car and come into the cafeteria to pick up your child and meet their mentor. Pick-up ends right before the back-to-school event for new students begins.

Part of the experience of being a new student at Chandler Prep is meeting with their mentors throughout the first semester through special workshops held after school on every other Tuesday. These workshops are designed to strengthen learners through community. Mentors will be engaging with your children in conversations about goal setting, extra-curriculars, time-management, and more. While we understand the inconvenience of a delayed pick-up, these meetings are mandatory because we have repeatedly seen the value of deliberately connecting our most successful high-school students with our new students as they learn to find their place within the distinctly unique and excellent culture at Chandler Prep.

Please feel free to email us if you have questions or concerns. If you would like to know when your child will be meeting with his or her Mentor once school begins the dates of all nine **Tuesday** afterschool meetings are listed down below, so you can go ahead and put those on your calendar now. For your convenience we have also listed the dates of these nine Mentoring meetings below. We are so looking forward to meeting your child on Tuesday, August 1st, and showing him or her what a tremendous school and community Chandler Prep is!

Sincerely,

David Allen
Mentor Program Co-Director
dallen@ChandlerPrep.org

Molly Gallant
Mentor Program Co-Director
mgallant@ChandlerPrep.org

2023-24 Mentoring Meetings
Tuesdays: 3:15 – 3:45

August 15	October 24
August 29	November 7
September 12	November 21
September 26	December 5

Please note: The annual Study Skill Workshop, a series of presentations by Mentors on topics like organization, time management, and note taking, will be Saturday, September 23, at Chandler Prep. The time for this event is still being determined. This workshop is for middle school students and one parent, and you must register to attend. Watch for registration information beginning mid-August.