



# Thompson K-8 International Academy

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Happy New Year !,

Please read below for information and updates.

## WELCOME BACK

Today marks our return to school after the Winter Break. I hope that all TK8 families had a restful, safe and healthy time off. As we continue our remote learning, please keep in mind that any changes in our current teaching and learning format will be dictated by local and/or state wide decisions. For the most up to date information, please visit this website:

<https://www.southfieldk12.org/district/return-to-school/> .

## MYP ROTATION SCHEDULE

Mon., 1/4: EVEN

Tues., 1/5: ODD

Weds., 1/6: EVEN

Thurs., 1/7: ODD

Fri., 1/8: ALL



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### UPCOMING

Mon., January 18: NO SCHOOL

Fri., January 22: NO SCHOOL

### NEW STAFF

Please welcome two new staff members:

- Mrs. Laura Hesse is our new 6th grade Social Studies teacher (replacing Mrs. Busbee). She comes to us from Arkansas and has taught ELA and social studies since 2010.
- Ms. Diana Williams is the long-term guest teacher for Ms. Lisa Biles, who recently retired. Ms. Williams has previously been a guest teacher in SPS, with her most recent position at McIntyre.

### iReady WINTER TESTING

The Diagnostic 2 session in reading and math opens on January 11 and closes on February 5 for all K-8th students. Teachers will share their schedules with you shortly.

### SCHOOLGY PARENT ORIENTATION

The district has launched a Parent Orientation Schoology course to help parents navigate the major features of the platform. Directions on how to view the video is below.

1. Log into Schoology. If you don't know how, watch this video [Parent Schoology Login Video Guide](#)
2. Click on courses-->my courses (on the right)
3. Click join course
4. Enter the code: F6QW-9255-NC87N

### OAKLAND SCHOOLS: PARTNERSHIPS AT HOME

Attend a variety of virtual workshops tailored to families who are adjusting to remote learning. All sessions are free of charge, but you must register. Click this link and you'll find registration information: <https://www.smore.com/sb0xg-partnerships-home>

### PTA

We are ready to re-start our PTA, so please click here to join. Dues are only \$10 per family. Click here to sign up: <https://forms.gle/nhmU76Kihn4LKJGa7> . Parents and staff are encouraged to join!



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Take care, be well and stay safe!

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*Celebrate endings--for they precede new beginnings.*

Jonathan Huie

