

Laredo Community:

Welcome to the 2022-23 School Year! I am honored to begin my 2nd year as Principal serving Laredo Middle School and the Smoky Hill Feeder community.

I hope you have all had some time to enjoy some summer relaxation and are looking forward to the new school year. With all the challenges we faced last year with a return to in-person learning, your support and heart for Laredo was consistently on display throughout the year. I was humbled by the efforts of our staff, our parents, and our students.

As we embark on this year, I would like to stress to everyone that middle school is not about perfection, it is about growth. While we often learn the most from our mistakes, it's the growth we make that allows us to become better and reach our highest potential. Middle school students are going to make mistakes, and it's our jobs as educators and your jobs as parents to support our kids when they do and maintain high expectations for all of them. The more consistent, aligned, and supportive we can be as adults, the more likely our students will rise to those expectations. I am asking that all of us work together in these efforts.

Our staff will be returning to work on Monday for a full week to ready their classrooms and plan lessons for our students. You can expect us to be recharged, aligned, and prepared to meet the many challenges of this upcoming year.

To our returning students, I am so excited for you all to see the many improvements and upgrades you will see this year. Your feedback has been incredibly valuable, and I will continue to seek your input about your experience at Laredo Middle School.

To our new 6th graders, I cannot wait to see what you bring to Laredo. Know that being nervous or excited is normal. We will welcome you, get to know you, and provide the best 1st year of middle school experience that we can for all of you.

I am truly looking forward to a great school year. Enjoy the rest of your summer. Take care of yourself, take care of each other, and always take care of the PRIDE.

Sincerely,

Joe Stuart
Principal