

## Milby High School

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Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I am thrilled to welcome our students and staff back to school. It has been a busy summer at Milby High School for those students who attended our district widen summer learning programs. We hope that you were able to relax and make special memories with your friends and families. Now it is time to look forward to a wonderful new school year!

Our incredible staff has been in school throughout the summer to prepare classrooms for the new school year. We are excited to welcome many new staff members to our Milby family. We recognize that students may be feeling anxious with the start of a new school year, and we will continue to place a strong emphasis on social emotional learning while focusing on building classroom community. We are aware that we will need to address unfinished learning by using an acceleration model to fill in gaps in knowledge. Instruction will be focused on specialized skills and content needed to learn grade level materials while providing the appropriate tools needed to grasp concepts.

Milby High School is such a special place to learn and grow. We are proud of our beautiful school and have high expectations for each and every student. Our students are kind, compassionate, and resilient. Together with our dedicated staff, we strive to make connections with students to help them feel valued, accepted, and safe. Our Milby High School motto of "Failure is not an Option at Milby High School," will continue to guide our mission to provide a rigorous and joyful inclusive school environment. Our overarching goal is to encourage active student engagement to foster a lifetime love for learning.

Partnering with families will be crucial this year as we continue to face uncertainties following the global pandemic. We encourage families to stay connected and informed by attending our monthly coffee with the principal the second Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. We encourage all students to arrive by 7:30 to eat breakfast, students are considered tardy after 7:50 a.m. Please log on to our school website at <a href="https://www.houstonisd.org/milby">www.houstonisd.org/milby</a> to review our student code of conduct and dress code. For the safety of all students, it is imperative that all students follow our school policies.

## A few quick reminders:

- Early Registration Dates: Monday through Friday July 29th August 9th Saturday, August 3rd
- Freshman Orientation Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7PM
- Sophomores & Juniors: Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-7PM
- Seniors: Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7PM
- First Day of School August 12, 2024
- Meet & Greet TBD

Sincerely, Ruth Peña, Principal Milby High School