

SOUTH LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

January 14, 2010

Dear Parents:

This letter was originally published as well as sent to all parents during the 2008-09 school year and is now being updated.

As you know, our primary concern and focus for our students at South Lake Middle School is threefold:

- Academic achievement and success
- Positive citizenship
- Safety

I am writing to discuss the matter of student safety with you. Of late, a number of our students have been remaining on the school campus or attempting to stay in the building after the end of the school day. They are not here for a specific activity; they either want to socialize or are waiting for a ride. Our main concern, of course, is their safety. Our staff's work day ends at 3:00 p.m. and they are unavailable for supervision. To keep everyone safe, therefore, these students must leave the campus immediately after school is dismissed.

Only those students who are participating in a staff supervised activity may remain for that specific program and designated time.

Please share this information with your child. We have already done so here at school.

We will again begin strictly enforcing this policy on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Students must leave the school grounds no later than 3:05 p.m. on a regular school day and 11:25 a.m. on early dismissal days. It is our hope that this letter and your cooperation will be adequate in resolving the situation.

If this concern is not addressed, however, a St. Clair Shores Police ticket will be issued to a student in violation of this procedure (this is already noted in our Student Handbook). A petition will then be filed, requiring the student and parents to appear in Juvenile Court and to pay a fine.

Thank you for your help in providing for the safety of our children.

Cordially,

Richard Norsigian,
Principal