

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

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Dear students, parents, and guardians:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. We have overcome many challenges in the last year and the faculty, staff and administration look forward to making your child's school experience a happy, safe and successful one. We can't wait to get started!

There is an incredible amount of excitement and anticipation for the start of this school year. We have been working diligently throughout the summer to ensure a smooth transition into this school year. As we know, this year will pose challenges due to COVID-19, but we are ready to meet those challenges and make this an amazing school year.

We will remain steadfast in the commitments of the past as we embark on a six-period block schedule. This new timetable will continue to allow students to receive extended instruction in a framework that provides additional, comprehensive and uninterrupted classroom time. This delivery model will allow teachers to impart more in-depth differentiated instruction which will deepen students' understanding and create a greater sense of content continuity.

Remember to keep up to date with school events via our website at palmettomiddle.com and the Palmetto Middle School PTSA App. All guidelines, calendars of events and pertinent information regarding our school may be accessed on both sites.

As always, your partnership and support are key elements to ensuring that we can succeed in the task at hand-we are "**STRONGER TOGETHER**".

Again, I welcome you to the Palmetto Middle School family and wish everyone a safe, healthy and successful 2021-2022 school year.

Sincerely,

Jesus Gonzalez Principal