



Welcome MARAUDER Class of 2024!

It is my privilege to serve the Marcus HS community of students, parents and staff! Freshman year is the start of new opportunities and challenges. The 9th grade campus serves students in a smaller learning environment with supportive teachers and staff. Every student is encouraged to get involved and stay connected, through extra and co-curricular organizations. In this unprecedented time of remote and virtual learning, **WE ARE MARCUS, WE ARE ONE**, truly speaks to our strength through communication, support and teamwork. Together WE CAN and WE WILL!

Your children are in great hands! **We welcome all students** and recognize diversity as the strength of our school community. The M9 faculty and staff are trained to meet the unique needs of ninth graders, and they understand the importance of this transition year. Our goal is for your child to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally, in a 21st century learning environment. Our teachers expertly implement web tools for in-person, remote and virtual learning.

Hopefully everyone has accessed the **Commitment Form in Skyward** and made your selection. Please complete any updates, no later than August 3rd, to allow us to capture all information for our August 5th deadline. Visit www.lisd.net/covid19 for **20-21**

Return to School Information:

- In-person and Virtual pathways
- Special Education
- FAQ's

New health and safety procedures will be in place when students return to campus. Our team is working to create contactless systems for many of our procedures. Signage will mark the hallways “one-way” and areas “not in use”. There is additional seating in the cafeteria to allow students to maintain appropriate social distance. We are reviewing **all** of our procedures and plan to share these with students and families, before returning to in-person classes.

During REMOTE and VIRTUAL learning periods, don't hesitate to reach out to your child's counselor or assistant principal for questions or concerns. We are still an integral part of your child's education team, regardless of the learning platform.

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Last names M-Z:

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Parents are an important part of student success at school. I encourage parent participation and feedback. Please plan to partner with us this year, in the following:

- **PTSA membership**, general meetings, and committee work (marcusptsa.org)
- **Parent Education Programs**
- **Open House and Coffee Talk**
- **Marauder Mom and Dads** - contact greenr@lisd.net
- **Volunteers** - contact dinkmeyere@lisd.net

We will use weekly Skylert communications to keep you informed and receive feedback.

I look forward to a great school year!

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