

# The Laredo Letter

Serving the students, staff, and parents of the Laredo School Community

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## Happy New Year and Welcome Back to a Great Year of Learning

We hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing break together. We are excited to be back in school, and our teachers have various learning experiences planned for your children! The New Year is often a time for resolutions. We encourage you to think about what you want for all of our Laredo students.

As our students transition back into their academic routines, please remember they need to read 20 minutes every day. Just these few minutes makes a huge difference in their growth in learning. Believe it or not, the second half of the year will fly by.

Additionally, it's important for students to arrive to school on time. The beginning of the school day provides students with a smooth transition to a day of learning. At this time, students review the day's schedule, copy homework assignments, listen to school announcements, get breakfast, and distribute notes and materials from home to their teachers. To provide your children with a positive start to the day, please plan your morning so your child arrives by 7:55. After 8:00, they are considered tardy.

Happy New Year,  
Drew Hoelscher, principal  
Melissa Gibson-Steiner, assistant principal



### Important Dates

- **Jan 10:** Parent Coffee
- **Jan 16:** MLK, No School
- **Jan 26:** PTO
- **Jan 26:** Culture Night
- **Jan 31:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Trip
- **Feb 2-3:** No School

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## Parking Lot Safety

Every Laredo student and family member is a valuable part of our community and your safety is important to us. With the cold weather, more people are driving their students to school. We need to review a few safety expectations. These are intended to protect your child along with everyone at Laredo.

- When pulling into the parking lot
  - The right lane (along the curb) is only for dropping children off. No parking.
  - The left lane (along the parked cars) is for pulling through and parking in a designated parking spot. Never should a child be dropped off in this lane and be expected to cross in front of stopped cars.
- To drop your student off, we need you to pull all the way forward to the designated drop-off spot. Stopping early blocks traffic in the street and prevents students from arriving on time.
- The designated Drop Off spot for students begins after the crosswalk up to the gate in the fence.
- Once your child has stepped onto the sidewalk, please look and safely pull away. Do not wait for your child to enter the building as this blocks traffic in the street.

Thank you for protecting all of our students, staff, and families.