



Thompson K-8 International Academy  
International Baccalaureate World School

August 22, 2022

Dear Thompson K-8 Students, Parents and Staff,

The past two and a half years have been like no other for everyone. The pivot to relying on teaching and learning via the internet became the norm and the entire Southfield Public Schools community made the necessary adjustments to keep students engaged and committed to excellence.

For me professionally, the “end” of online teaching and learning for the 21/22 school year started with a transfer from my role as principal at Thompson K-8 International Academy to principal at Southfield High School for the Arts & Technology. I am happy to say that as we transition to the 22/23 school year, one week from today, I am also transitioning back to my role as principal at Thompson K-8. I am excited to return to Thompson K-8 and to take it to new heights as an IB World School!

**IF YOU ARE A NEW THOMPSON PARENT, PLEASE READ MORE ABOUT ME:**

Dear Thompson K-8 International Academy Families,

My name is Tracy Hall and I am so excited to introduce myself as the principal of Thompson K-8 International Academy. I am honored to have been selected to join the Southfield Public School District. I will spend a lot of time with your children, getting to know their personalities, learning styles and interests. I will celebrate their successes, small and large. I will encourage them every day and let them know they are valued and have a special place in our school community.

Not only am I excited to begin working with your children, but I look forward to the work we will do together. As former first lady of the United States Ladybird Johnson said, “*Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them.*” I believe that all children are capable of success, and I



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am excited to see your children through your eyes. I cannot wait to share with you the great things they do throughout their days here at Thompson K-8. And of course, I will be here to work with you should they need any help navigating any aspect of the school day.

My goal is to ensure that all children are healthy, happy and safe, so they may learn as much as they can. This has been my philosophy since I began my career teaching with the Los Angeles Unified School District, transitioning to the Detroit Public Schools and most recently, Bloomfield Hills Schools for eleven years as an Associate Principal. As a teacher, I taught high school English, yearbook and newspaper classes for eight years. I then transitioned to administration, where I was the curriculum coordinator at Renaissance High School for four years. My most recent position was administrator for IB and Postsecondary Programs at Bloomfield Hills High School for the past two years, in addition to serving as associate principal. Some of my many responsibilities included writing the IB Diploma application for Lahser High School, building leader of the Bloomfield Hills High School 9th Grade Campus, intervention and support class development, the master schedule, as well as several other administrative duties. But, my greatest achievement comes not professionally, but personally, as I am the mother of two children: Bryce (18), who is a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania and Braden (16), who is a junior at Groves High School.

Once again, I am thankful to have the opportunity to bring all I have experienced and learned with me to the Southfield community. I look forward to getting to know you and your children.

I look forward to meeting you and your children soon!

Warm Regards,

Tracy Hall  
Principal

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## Now, a few updates & reminders...

**NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:** Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Deonna Ector as Assistant Principal! Mrs. Ector most recently was an English teacher at Thompson and is also a proud SPS alumni and mother of 2 SPS alumni!

**REGISTRATION ANNUAL UPDATE:** Please complete the **SPS Online Annual Enrollment** for your child/children. **CLICK HERE:** <https://mistar.oakland.k12.mi.us/southfield/parentportal/>

You **MUST** verify or update the following information:

- Parent/Guardian contact Information (phone number[s] & email address[es])
- Emergency Contact Information
- Health information (seizures, asthma, etc.).

**SUPPLY LISTS:** Supply lists will be sent to all families via email by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, August 24, 2022. This is not an exhaustive list and you may be notified by your child's teacher(s) for additional items to optimize their teaching and learning experience this school year.

**CLASS LISTS/K-5:** Class lists for Kindergarten - 5th Graders will be posted on the front doors by the end at 4:00 pm on Friday, August 26, 2022.

**SCHEDULES/6-8:** 1st Hour Teacher Assignments will be posted on the Gym Doors (to the immediate right of the front doors) at 4:00 pm on Friday, August 26, 2022. Students will report to the Gym on Monday, August 29, 2022, where they will be met by their 1st Hour Teacher and escorted to class.

**STAGGERED KINDERGARTEN START :** In order to acknowledge the first day jitters of kindergarten parents and students, we will observe the following STAGGERED START to the first week of school:



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**Monday, August 29:**

-Students with last names A-F

**Tuesday, August 30:**

-Students with last names G-O

**Wednesday, August 31:**

-Students with last names P-Z

**Thursday, September 1:** ALL Kindergarten Students

**Friday, September 2 - Monday, September 5:** SCHOOL CLOSED/LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

**Tuesday, September 6:** Full Day of School for ALL Students

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**\*\*6th - 8th Grade students attend school ALL DAY  
Monday, 8/29 - Thursday, 9/1**