

Family Communication

August 26, 2022

Hello Families,

We are less than a week away from the opening day of the 2022-23 school year! I am so excited to see our students as they enter our schools ready to learn. As you see in the photo, fall sports practices are underway at the high school.



This week our leadership team spent two days together reviewing our District Strategic Plan and learning more about how we can develop emotional intelligence among our staff, schools, and students. Our team is excited for the beginning of the school year and the work ahead. The excitement school districts feel on the first day of school is second to none, and we hope you feel the same.

As a reminder, our students will return according to this schedule:

- Thursday, Sept. 1, for grades 1-12
- Thursday, Sept. 1, SHS 9th graders will arrive at our normally scheduled start time of 7:40 am
- Thursday, Sept. 1, SHS 10-12th graders will arrive at 10:40 am; buses will run regular routes
- Kindergarten will begin the new year on Wednesday, Sept. 7

Transportation Information

District transportation information is now available for grades K-12. Parents can access individual student transportation information online.

Versatrans eLink is the portal to access bus route, stop time, location, and the bus your child will be riding. The "User Name" and "Password" on the login page is your student's 7-digit identification number.

[Click here for instructions on finding bus routes](#)

[Click here to go to Versatrans eLink](#)

REMINDER: All students need to be at the bus stop 5 minutes before their stop time.

Kindergarten Parents: To ensure your child's safety, please arrive at the bus stop in the morning and after school 5 minutes before the scheduled pick-up and drop-off time. Parents or guardians must meet the bus in the afternoon, or your child will be returned to the school or transportation center.

For more information, please call the Transportation Center at 360-629-1229.

Return to Paid Meals for the 22-23 School Year

Federal funding for no-cost breakfast and lunches for all students during the COVID-19 pandemic has ended. Some districts have been able to qualify for no-cost meals to continue due to poverty rates in the community. SCSD does not qualify to participate under the new federal Community Eligibility Provision. This means the district will return paid breakfast and lunch meals for students for the 2022-23 school year.

We encourage parents/guardians to apply for free or reduced meals to determine eligibility for the National School Breakfast/Lunch Program. Completing a meal application takes less than 10 minutes, and parents only need to complete one application per household. Complete information about free or reduced meals is available on our district website [HERE](#).

Respectfully,
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Superintendent