



Salt Creek School District 48

Salt Creek Primary & Stella May Swartz

Principal: Sarah Smith

Assistant Principal: Sarah Monroe

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Dear Salt Creek Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I hope that you are enjoying your family time this summer. I am extremely excited about your child's upcoming school year, which is sure to be filled with growth and discovery! Everyone at Salt Creek is excited to be a part of that journey with you and your family. In this letter, you will find information regarding the start of our school year. We can't wait to see you on Wednesday August, 25th!

Meet the Principal:

My name is Sarah Smith and I am honored to be the principal of Salt Creek Primary and Stella May Swartz Schools. This is my fifth year as an administrator for Salt Creek Primary, Stella May Swartz, and Albright Middle Schools. I have learned so much from the staff, administration, and families of District 48 about what it means to be a member of this amazing educational community. Prior to my years at Salt Creek, I taught 1st, 3rd, and 4th grades. I am looking forward to building relationships with you and your child. As your child's principal, I will encourage your child every day and spend time making sure that they know they are valued and have a special place in our school community. On a personal note, I love to read, sing, and am an avid sports fan. I also enjoy spending time with my husband, family, and our dog, Kuma.



Meet the Assistant Principal:

I am Sarah Monroe, and I am honored to be the assistant principal of Salt Creek Primary School and Stella May Swartz. This is my third year with the district. Prior to coming to Salt Creek, I was a special education coordinator. I started my career as a special education teacher with positions ranging from co-taught middle school to



elementary life skills. The list of things I am looking forward to this year is ever growing. Topping the list is spending time with your child and family! I am excited to be working alongside Sarah Smith and the rest of the Salt Creek Staff who create a safe, warm, and inviting environment for your child to learn, grow, explore, and achieve. Outside of the school building, my favorite time is spent with my husband and family. I have two sons- Henry and Elliot and another baby due any day now. I will be on maternity leave until the fall, but can't wait to return!

Meet Mr. Hanus:



Many of you have known me over the past 10 years as your child's P.E. teacher in this great district. I will continue to do that later in this school year, however I am very excited to begin this school year helping out at Salt Creek and Swartz as the Assistant Principal for the first 6 weeks of school! I have been very lucky to be part of District 48 at all grade levels with the help of coaching and teaching. I have 3 children of my own ranging from Kindergarten to 6th grade so I understand the hard work it takes to keep everyone going in the right direction. It has been a great journey over the years for me to see my students enter Salt Creek and learn, grow, and progress and then finally graduate from Albright! I

am very excited to see all the kids return to school and I know all of us in this district are working extremely hard to make this year an amazing one for everyone!

Meet Mrs. Holden:

Another familiar person on our team is Salt Creek's Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Angie Holden. She truly keeps everything running smoothly in our office. She is the person who usually answers the phone when you call and can help you with anything you need!

First Day of School:

The first full day of school for kindergarten and first grade is Wednesday, August 25th. On the first day of school, teachers will greet the students in front of the school as they get dropped off by parents or the bus. They will walk together to their assigned classrooms. We know this is difficult, but please say goodbye to your child outside. The first day of school for preschool is Thursday, August 26th.

Meet the Teacher: Preschool and First Grade

Students will have an opportunity to meet their teacher and drop off their school supplies during the following dates/times:

- Preschool: AM session: Wednesday, August 25th 8:15-9:15 PM session: Wednesday, August 25th 12:15-1:15
- First Grade: Tuesday, August 24th 12:30-1:15

Please wear a mask to attend this event. If you are unable to attend, please send your child with his/her school supplies on the first day of school.

Kindergarten Welcome Event:

Our Kindergarten Welcome Event will be held on Monday, August 23rd from 3:00-4:00. At this event, you and your child will be able to meet their teacher and drop off supplies. Your child will have a chance to hear a story and see our playground while parents will hear a presentation from the principals.

Breakfast and Lunch

Salt Creek School District will offer breakfast and lunch daily. Lunch and breakfast is free for all of our students. Please have a conversation with your child indicating if they will need breakfast and/or lunch. Our teachers take a lunch and breakfast count to make sure we have enough meals.

Snack

Kindergarten and 1st grade students have a morning snack time. Please send your child to school with a daily snack. Our classrooms are peanut/nut free, so please make sure that your snacks do not contain nuts or peanuts.

Masks

All students and staff are required to wear a face mask while at school and on the bus. Please pack a few extra masks in your child's backpack in case they need a new one!

Student Hours

Preschool: AM: 8:00-10:30 and PM: 12:00-2:30

Daily Schedule: 7:50-2:30

Early Dismissal: 7:50-10:50

Pick up/Drop off Information

Knowing your child's transportation home on the first day of school is essential. **Please complete the attached form, "Dismissal Information" and return it during the Kindergarten Welcome or Meet the Teacher Event.**

If your child is riding the bus, please make sure that he/she is at their assigned bus stop 7 minutes prior to their pick-up time. An adult must be with their child to board the bus and must be present for drop off. Students must wear a mask on the bus and will be assigned a seat.

Students may arrive between 7:40-7:50. Instruction begins at 7:50. Please park in the parking lot and walk your child across the circle drive. On a typical day, a staff member will be present at the door to greet your child as they walk to their classroom. On the first day of school, your child's teacher will be present and your child will line up with his/her class.

During pick up, cars park in a circle on the blacktop that is West of the front door (see map below). A staff member will be present to direct cars. Parents stay in their cars and their child is walked to the car. Please do not arrive prior to 2:20 as the blacktop is in use at that time.



If your child is typically a bus rider and will be a car rider on a given day, please follow the same guidelines of calling the office no later than 1:45 PM the day of pick up.

After School Care: LEAP

The Oakbrook Terrace Park District offers an after school program, LEAP, for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The program hours are 2:30-6:00 at Salt Creek Primary. The program is also available on our early dismissal days. Additional information can be found at obtpd.org or 630-627-6100.

Communication Methods

To stay updated on the most current information:

1. Check your email often
2. Visit our district website at www.saltcreek48.org
3. Follow us on Twitter and facebook
4. Download the Salt Creek App for notifications



Salt Creek 48 App

Please make sure to take a minute to download our Salt Creek School District 48 app. This is a great place to get school and district information, as well as see photos, updates on the events at school, and the lunch/breakfast menus (when applicable). We will be using this app for all communication and it's directly tied to our website, Twitter, and Facebook page.

Thank You

Our teachers, custodial staff, and office staff have been working endlessly to prepare for this upcoming school year. We can't wait to have our students back in our lives learning, growing, and smiling!

We also want to thank you for your partnership. We are extremely thankful for the opportunity to build relationships with you and your child.

We will be splitting our time between Salt Creek and Stella May Swartz. Please reach out to either of us at any time! Thank you for your support! We are looking forward to a FANTASTIC year!

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Smith".

Sarah Smith
Principal

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Sarah Monroe
Assistant Principal