

August 1, 2019

Dear Silex R-I Parents and Students,

It is that time of year again—time for school to begin! We have been planning all summer for an exciting new school year, and we have several new faces in the district. Classes will begin for all students on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. Daily school hours are from 7:40 am- 3:10 pm and Classes run from 8:00 am to 2:55 pm. Students should not arrive at school before 7:40 am. except by bus or for a scheduled meeting with a teacher (early practice, club meetings, or tutoring). Students must leave the school by 3:10 p.m. unless they are meeting with a teacher (practice, meeting, or tutoring). Loitering before or after school will be discouraged.

As the start of school approaches, there are several key dates and activities that students and parents need to know about. The following information is provided in order that you might be able to plan your calendar, answer several questions, and provide contact information as you have further questions both now and throughout the school year.

Some people you might want to contact are listed below. If you have questions or concerns about school or your child's education, please feel free to contact one of us to address your questions. The main district phone number is (573) 384-5227.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent-David Deets

Elementary Principal-Suzie Plackemeier

High School/Junior High School Principal-Rod Hamlett

Food Service Director- Debbie Shaffer

Activities Director- Kent Hufty

Food Service Accounts- Trecia Groshong

Transportation Director- Ron Counterman

Maintenance- Leonard Hopke

Special Ed Director- Suzie Plackemeier

Counselor- Hillari Lagemann

Another convenient way to stay connected and up-to-date on school activities is to access the school website (<http://www.silex.k12.mo.us>), or follow the school's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/SilexR1SchoolDistrict) SilexR1SchoolDistrict) . The district also has a very handy phone app that can be downloaded at iTunes or from the Google Play store. This phone application puts contact information, calendar events, and announcements right on your smart phone!

New Student Registration for grades K-12 will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, August 6th through 8th from 8:00 am-3:00 pm in the Guidance office. **Kindergarten students** must be at least five years old by August 1, 2019 to register. In order to register all new students to the District must bring a copy of birth certificate, shot records, and proof of residency (for

example: utility bill, property tax lease agreement). According to State Law requirements, all students attending Silex R-I Schools must have up-to-date immunization records on file by August 16, 2019. Transferring students will also need to have a copy of shot records on file before they can attend school. There is no grace period. Please contact the school to resolve difficulties fulfilling this requirement.

Schedules for new and returning students in grades 6-12 will be passed out on **Tuesday, August 13th from 1:00 to 5:30**. It is very important that parents come with students in grades 6-12 to pick up schedules because the district will need to confirm phone numbers, address, and email address. Parents and students will also receive drug/alcohol consent forms for anyone participating in extra-curricular activities or parking on school grounds.

Back to School Bar-B-Que: We will plan to have the back to school BBQ and Meet Your Teacher night along with an open house on Thursday, August 15, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided, and elementary students (Grades Pre-K through 5th) will have an opportunity to receive their classroom assignments and meet their teachers. Middle school and high school students (grades 6th through 12th) will also have a chance to meet their teachers, find their lockers, and find your way around campus using your class schedule. Lockers may be decorated on the inside only with school-appropriate pictures and items.

Athletic Meeting All students wishing to participate in athletics in grades 7-12 and their parents are encouraged to attend an athletic meeting on August 15 from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the gym to learn about participating in athletics. We will also hand out code of conduct rules for athletics and Silex Gold Card sales packets at this time.

Athletic Practice Schedules will be as follows: High School Cross Country, High School Baseball, and High School Softball starts August 12 at the ballfields. Softball practice will be held from 7:00-10:00 am on August 12. Practice schedules will be handed out that day. Cross Country practice for high school athletes will begin on August 12 at 5:00 pm. They will meet at the baseball field. Official practice for junior high athletes wishing to run cross country will begin August 20. Practice schedules will be handed out will be handed out the first day of practice. Boys High School Soccer starts August 12 at the Elsberry soccer field. (Players are responsible for own transportation to Elsberry). Practices are from 6:00-7:45 pm until school starts and will practice right after school when the school year begins. Junior High Softball will start August 20 from 3-5 pm. All athletes must have completed MSHSAA physical form and a copy of their insurance card turned in to Mr. Kent Hufty before the first practice at Silex or Elsberry. As of the 2019-2020 School Year, physical evaluations are required every two years in order to be eligible to participate. Students who received a sports physical during the 2018-19 school year will not need one this year. However, the MSHSAA pre-participation documentation is required each year. The 2019-2020 form is available in the high school office, from the coaches, or on our school website. There is still time for any student who wishes to participate in one of these sports, but they will need to contact the school right away.

Bus Routes/Pickup Procedures – New students or students that have significant changes to their bus schedule will be contacted with pick up/drop off times. If you are not contacted, your bus pick-up and drop-off time will be similar to last year. If you are unsure, please call the school at (573) 384-5227. Per student handbook guidelines, please notify the school office no later than 2:00 pm of any transportation changes. All student pickups will remain in front of the high school entrance. We ask that parents remain in their car as we load your child.

Inclement Weather Information – In the event of inclement weather during this school year, parents will be notified of school closings by the School Messenger phone system. This is only one reason why the district encourages you to keep us informed of any changes in your personal information. Information will also be posted on the St. Louis television stations for any cancellations, snow routes, or late starts. A full description of the snow routes and late start procedure will be in the student handbooks.

School Meals: All students are encouraged, but not required, to eat a hot lunch and hot breakfast at school. This year's prices for meals are: Pre-K-2 grade- \$2.55, 3–5 grade - \$2.70, 6-12 grade- \$2.80, Adult lunch-\$3.50, Adult breakfast- \$1.40, Student breakfast- \$1.40, Extra milk/snack milk- \$0.40

Pike Lincoln Technical Students: PLTC will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, August 20 from 4:30-7:00 pm. PLTC staff will be on-hand to share information with new students, their parents, and the community about their programs. Classes for all Pike Lincoln Tech students will begin on Tuesday, August 20. All students attending PLTC will ride the bus each day and must be on the bus by 7:50 am. Students will not be allowed to drive without permission from administration.

Missouri Southern State University Students: There will be a meeting for any student who is signed up for Missouri Southern State University classes on August 15 at 6:00 pm in the library. Students and parents of students taking college classes are strongly encouraged to attend. In addition, an MSSU representative will be at school on August 21 to meet with students, drop off books, and answer any other questions that students might have.

SILEX R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2019 - 2020

August

8/20 - School Starts

September

09/02 – Labor Day

09/27 – Teacher In – Service 12:15 dismissal

October

10/18 - First Quarter Ends

February

02/14 -Teacher In-service 12:15 Dismissal

02/17 - Presidents Day No School

March

03/06 – End of Third Quarter

03/13 – Teacher In-service 12:15 Dismissal

03/16 - 03/20 - Spring Break

10/24 – Dismissal at 12:15

10/24 – Parent Teacher Conferences (1:00-7:00)

10/25 -10/28 Fall Break (No school)

November

11/08 – Teacher In-service – 12:15 Dismissal

11/27 - 11/29 – Thanksgiving Break

December

12/20 – End of Second Quarter

12/20 – 12:15 Dismissal

12/21 -12/31 – Winter Break

12/25 Christmas Day

January

01/01/ - 01/03- Winter Break

01/06 - Teacher In-service No School

01/20 – Martin Luther King Day (No School)

April

04/10 - 04/13 Easter Break

May

05/15 - Graduation 7:00 pm

05/19 – End of Fourth Quarter

05/19 – Last Day of School 12:15 Dismissal

05/20 – Teacher In-service Full Day

Inclement Weather Make-Up Days

45.17 hours built in

Total hours - 1,089.17

School Day 8:00 am - 2:55 pm

BELL SCHEDULE

Period	Begin	End
First (Advisory)	8:00	8:23
Second	8:26	9:16
Third	9:19	10:09
Fourth	10:12	11:02
Fifth	11:05	12:16
1 st Shift - High School 9-12	11:05	11:26
2 nd Shift - Elementary 3-5	11:30	11:51
3 rd Shift – Middle School	11:55	12:16
6-8	12:20	12:41
4 th Shift - Elementary PK-2		
Sixth	12:19	1:09
Seventh	1:12	2:02
Eighth	2:05	2:55

** School begins at 8:00. You will be counted tardy if you are not in class by the 8:00 bell. Note: PLTC students must be on the bus by 7:50 or you will be considered tardy and the bus will leave without you. You cannot drive to the PLTC if you miss the bus.*

Sincerely,

Rod Hamlett
High School Principal

Suzie Plackemeier
Elementary School Principal

David Deets
Superintendent