

SACS Thursday Bulletin

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Welcome Back Students and Families,

The opening of the school year has come with its many challenges, but it was so worth it to see our students this morning. The whole school staff (teachers, Ed. Techs., secretaries, janitorial staff, bus drivers, kitchen staff, our school nurse, and administration) have had to rethink and make adjustments to follow all the CDC/DOE guidelines during this pandemic. I am so grateful for all their work to make this first day a success. I would like to also thank all of our families and community members for their support during this time of change. This is truly a community school, and I am thankful to be part of it.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know a few things to continue making this transition as smooth as possible for our families and students.

1. Bus runs have had a few minor changes to make sure each student now rides the same bus to school and home, unless a child has to go to a different location after school and has a bus note. Please limit sending your child to a different location, unless it is necessary. Several of our buses are at capacity now. We will not be able to allow bus notes for several students to go to another child's house for a birthday party, etc. Masks are required on buses.
2. As in the past, all elementary students should be dropped off and picked up at the elementary entrance (across from the playground). If elementary students are dropped off on the MS/HS side of the building, it means they have to cross in front of buses that are unloading, and this isn't safe.
3. If you are transporting your child to school, please arrive after 7:30 am. Staff isn't on duty until 7:30, and teachers are not in their classrooms until 7:30.
4. All students, staff, and visitors are receiving temperature checks and hand sanitizer when they enter the building. These are located near all entrances. Masks are required in the building. This all went very well this morning.
5. Remote learners will start on Tuesday, September 8th. Teachers will be contacting all remote learners. Materials for remote learning should be picked up at school, before next Tuesday.
6. We still have many bookbags available. Just let us know if your child wants one.

7. Afternoon pickup for elementary students will be the same, with two changes. Parents should wait outside for students. Benches have been placed outside where parents should wait. Please wait there for your child to be delivered. Pick-up students are being dismissed, first, in hopes that you can exit the parking lot before the buses come around the building to pick up the K-2 students. This is a change. If you have not exited by the time the buses go around to the K-2 side, you will need to exit by going around the building on the MS/HS side.

I am looking forward to a GREAT school year, and as always, give me a call if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Bates

Note from the Nurse

Just a reminder to please perform daily, morning “health checks” on your children before sending them to school. Temperature checks and assessing for any signs of respiratory illness, such as fever, sore throat, sneezing, coughing, thick nasal discharge, and coughing up phlegm are important to do to help monitor for any signs and symptoms of possible Covid-19. Please keep your child home from school if he/she has a fever or other signs/symptoms of illness, and please do not give your child fever-reducing medication and then send him/her to school. If you need to medicate your child, please keep him/her home. Medicating your child and sending him/her to school only masks the symptoms of illness, and that puts everyone at risk. Thank you for all of your efforts and understanding in this matter. Please call if you have any questions.

Kathy Chamberland
RN, School Nurse

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