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Attention Parents of Ninth Grade Students

UPCOMING 9TH GRADERS MUST HAVE AN UPDATED PHYSICAL ON FILE WITHIN TWO YEARS, AND ADDITIONALLY HAVE ONE DOSE OF TDAP (ADULT BOOSTER) AND ONE DOSE OF MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT; GO TO <http://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/2871> OR ACCESS INFORMATION AND FORMS ON OUR WEB SITE

NEW STARTING THIS YEAR!

All progress reports and report cards will only be available ONLINE! Please use your child's HAC account to see these important papers. Parents without access can make a formal request for a mailed copy.

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From the Superintendent's Desk...

Message from Mr. Patrik D. Williams

On behalf of our Smyrna School District Board of Education President Chris Malec, Vice-President Kathryn O'Connell, and members, Vetra Evans-Gunter, Kristi Lloyd and Pastor Scot McClymont, as well as all of our employees and students, I am excited to welcome our community back to school on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

The 2019/20 school year will be an exciting one as we celebrate 136 years of Smyrna High School graduations with the Class of 2020. Our annual homecoming parade and game against Milford High School will be Friday, October 18, 2019, our "I Love the Smyrna School District Day" will be Saturday, February 22, 2020, and our graduation will be on Saturday, June 6, 2020, at 10am.

This past summer we submitted our formal proposal to the State of Delaware, detailing plans for the construction of a new elementary school to accommodate continued and increasing student growth. We also made all of the necessary arrangements for our fourth-grade students from Smyrna Elementary and North Smyrna Elementary to attend John Bassett Moore Intermediate School. Our custodians and maintenance crews have been busy in all of our eight schools, ensuring that they are ready for our students and teachers. Our technology, child nutrition, transportation, and school climate/safety teams have also been working long days to ensure that our entire district is ready to open the school year. Finally, our curriculum and special services teams have been working with our staff to provide the latest instructional strategies and interventions in 2019/20.

We also welcome a variety of new staff to our schools. A few administrators, teachers and support staff have moved from one school to another, and a few new faces have joined our team. It is always exciting to welcome new folks to the district, and we look forward to adding their expertise in each school and department.

On the sports field our football, unified football, soccer, field hockey, volleyball, cross country, and cheerleading teams are all busy at practice, preparing for another thrilling season of competition. We are so proud of our coaches and our student-athletes who daily exhibit our core values, whether they are in the classroom or on the fields. Please come on out to support them and cheer them as they compete.

We are also continuing our "Whole Child" efforts to cultivate social and emotional learning, a trauma-invested climate and restorative practices throughout our district. Students and staff will practice self-care this year so that they are mentally and emotionally more equipped to deal with the daily challenges of learning. Our collective goal is to ensure that every staff member and student has additional resources available to make each classroom a positive and supportive learning environment.

A special "Thank You" goes out to our local legislators Senator Bruce Ennis, Senator Dave Lawson, Representative Bill Carson, Representative Jeff Spiegelman, and Representative Bill Bush for their continuous support of the Smyrna School District. Their unwavering dedication to our community and our schools improves the quality of life for all. Also, we wish to thank Levy Court President Brooks Banta, Smyrna Mayor Robert Johnson, and Clayton Mayor David Letterman for being just a phone call away when we need their help.

As we all gear up for the start of what promises to be yet another exciting school year in the Smyrna School District, I wish to thank our community, our staff, and our families for their commitment to our students.

Welcome back to the start of another exciting school year!



Smyrna School District 2019 Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Denise Balcerak for being named Smyrna School District's Teacher of the Year and Sunnyside Elementary School's Teacher of the Year! Denise has been teaching in the Smyrna School District for about ten years. She is a kindergarten teacher at Sunnyside Elementary. Denise graduated high school in Peru, New York. She attained her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Delaware State University and her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Wilmington University. Denise resides in Dover with her husband, David and has two daughters, Lauren and Erin. In her spare time, she loves to travel and visit new places. Denise says she was inspired to be an educator because

she was a family crisis therapist in an elementary school and worked with children with emotional challenges and loved the environment. Her goal is to inspire her young students to love learning as much as she does! Denise's love of children and enthusiasm for teaching is evident. Her mantra is that laughter is the center of the universe. Being a kindergarten teacher is not just a job to Denise, it's her passion!

Clayton Elementary Before and After School Care

Clayton Elementary School offers Breakfast Club in our school cafeteria from 7:15am-8:15am. This program is operated by CES staff and is designed to help our working parents by providing care before school. The cost is paid monthly (non-refundable), which must be paid in advance to our child's school cafeteria or the Child Nutrition office. Students receive breakfast during the time they are in the program and some homework help. Applications for the program may be obtained from the CES main office or the district website.

After school care is available through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware and is located in the CES cafeteria. The hours of operation are from school dismissal until 6:00pm. The goal of the program is to provide a comprehensive childcare program after school hours for children to meet the needs of working parents. The program features enhanced instructional strategies, life enhancing programs, in addition to character and value development experiences. These programs support students by developing their values, skills, and self-esteem. A nutritious snack and drink is provided each day. All children must become a member of the Smyrna/Clayton Boys & Girls Club, and the annual membership fee is due at the time of registration. State Purchase of Care is accepted. Additional fees are required on school days off and half days. Registration information is available in the CES main office.



CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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 Phone (302) 653-8587
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Katherine N. Wood
 Principal

Michael C. Daws
 Associate Principal

August 1, 2019

Dear Students/Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! Soon school buses will be arriving, the sparkling hallways will be filled with excitement and joy to see old and new friends, and students will be heading to their new classrooms to meet their teacher and find their fresh desks to begin a year of learning opportunities.

In preparation for this exciting new year, a lot has happened over the summer. The custodial crew has worked diligently cleaning classrooms and waxing floors, the outside grounds have been attended to, curricular materials have been prepared and teachers have participated in a variety of professional development offerings.

Our office and administrative team have also been hard at work this summer getting things prepared for your child's first day of school. We are extremely excited to kick off the new year and look forward to seeing your child's smile light up the halls of Clayton Elementary School. We are eager and excited to work with each of you to ensure that your time spent with us will create lasting memories, strong friendships, as well as a love and passion for learning.

Sincerely,

Katherine N. Wood
 Katherine N. Wood
 Clayton Elementary Principal

Michael C. Daws
 Michael C. Daws
 Clayton Elementary Associate Principal

**Clayton Elementary School
 Vision and Mission**



Vision

Clayton Elementary School will continue small-town traditions while imparting dynamic and worldly knowledge to each student.

Mission

Through our ongoing partnership with the community, Clayton Elementary School maintains a focus on student centered curriculum, positive and nurturing relationships, and a dedication to ensuring comprehensive student success.

Fundamental Principles and Commitments

- Compassion:** We demonstrate to students the positive impact of giving back to the community.
- Integrity:** We have a devoted and dedicated staff that are passionate about expanding student knowledge and experiences.
- Responsibility:** We provide a safe and nurturing atmosphere during all school related activities.
- Respect:** We continue long standing community and school traditions.
- Perseverance:** We ensure that every student grows through student centered curriculum and individual student success.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 29 - Meet the Teacher 1:00-3:00
- September 3 - First Day of School
- September 11 - Open House (6:00-7:30)
- October 1 - Mid Marking Period
- October 10 - Progress Reports Available Online
- October 11 - Inservice Day
- October 31 - End of Marking Period 1
- November 8 - Inservice Day
- November 11 - Veteran's Day-School Closed
- November 12 - Report Cards Available Online
- November 25 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 26 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 27-29 - Thanksgiving Break

Clayton Elementary Visitor Information

Visitors to Clayton Elementary School will experience a new entrance process. With our upgraded security, visitors will be admitted to the main office vestibule. An intercom system by the door must be used to communicate with our front office staff for admittance into the building.

For everyone's safety, all doors to the school will be locked during the school day except the Main Entrance. Visitors are requested to use the Main Entrance and proceed to the office to sign in and secure a visitor's pass. Visitors should never go directly to the classroom even before or after school hours. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

CES PTO

Clayton Elementary loves volunteers to help out with our PTO. This is an organization that is very few in numbers but does a tremendous job in supporting the students and staff at Clayton Elementary. We welcome new people with new ideas and are currently looking for a Vice President and a Secretary. Meetings take place the second Monday of each month at 4:00pm in the school library. Please find the time to help out this wonderful organization. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

PTO Officers for 2018-2019 School Year:
 President – Brenda Malin
 Vice President – Vacant
 Secretary – Vacant
 Treasurer – Sheila Katz

Kindergarten Supply List

- 1 Backpack (no wheels)
- 2 Packs of Crayola Crayons
- 1 Pair of Fiskars child size scissors
- 20 Glue sticks
- 1 Roll of paper towels
- 1 Plastic 2-pocket folder
- 2 Containers of disinfecting wipes
- 1 Box gallon or snack size baggies
- 12 Sharpened Pencils

First Grade Supply List

- 1 Backpack (no wheels)
- 2 Packs of Crayola Crayons
- 1 Pair of Fiskars child size scissors
- 5 Glue Sticks
- 1 Bottle of glue
- 24 Sharpened pencils
- 1 Small pencil sharpener w/ lid
- 1 Pencil box
- 1 Container of disinfecting wipes
- 2 Plastic 2-pocket folders
- 1 Pack of erasers
- 2 Composition books

Second Grade Supply List

- 1 Backpack (no wheels)
- 2 Packs of Crayola Crayons
- 2 Boxes of pencils
- 3 Glue sticks
- 1 Bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 Container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 Small pencil sharpener w/ lid
- 1 Composition book
- 2 Pairs of scissors
- 2 Plastic 2-pocket folders
- 1 Box of tissues
- 1 Pencil box

Third Grade Supply List

- 2 Boxes of pencils
- 2 Composition books
- 1 soft pencil case
- Erasers
- 1 Box of crayons
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Plastic 2-pocket folders
- Container of disinfecting wipes
- Box of tissues
- Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Box Ziplock bags
- Scissors

Fourth Grade Supply List

- Colored pencils
- Dry erase markers
- Crayons
- Plastic 2-pocket folders
- Glue or glue sticks
- 12 Pencils
- Erasers
- 1 Container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 Box of tissues
- Highlighters
- 2 Composition books
- 1 Box Ziploc bags

Classlists no longer appearing in Smyrna Messenger



To better protect our students and their information, Smyrna School District will no longer include beginning of the year homeroom class lists of our students. This information could be used for malicious reasons. Parents will be notified of their student's homeroom class, supplies lists, and bus routes and pickup times through letters and postcards sent to the student's home address. Parents can also log into the student's Home Access Center account for most information.

Starting this year, all Interim Progress Reports and Report Cards for student in grade one through 12 will be available on the Home Access Center (HAC). If you do not have ready access to the Internet from home, please notify the school and you will continue to receive these important documents by mail.

If you have questions concerning HAC, please contact your student's school main office.

Comcast/Xfinity offers a very low cost internet access called Internet AEssential. This alternative is available to some students who qualify financially. For more information, visit <http://https://corporate.comcast.com/values/internet-essentials>.

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Before and After School Care**

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North Smyrna Elementary PTO

All parents are invited to join the North Smyrna Elementary PTO! This outstanding group of volunteers enrich the year of our students by organizing school events and fundraisers. This is a great way to get involved in your child's school experience. Our PTO co-presidents are Courtney Kline and Jessica Marciano, and meetings are held the third Thursday of every month in the NSE Cafeteria at 6:00pm starting September 19. Between meetings you can keep current through the North Smyrna Elementary School PTO Facebook page. We hope to see you there!

Information from our Reading Specialist

One of the best things you can do to support your child's reading development is to read to him or her daily. Often pairing it with something else that is done daily helps to make sure it isn't forgotten. For example, read before going to bed or after dinner. As children get older, they can read to you, too! Above all, enjoy the time together!

Here are some more activities to practice reading skills:

Sounds:

- * Say or sing nursery rhymes
- * What word doesn't rhyme with the others? Hat, cat, bed
- * Blend sounds /b/ +/a/ +/t/ = bat
- * Segment sounds bat = /b/ + /a/ + /t/

Letters:

- * Go Fish game with letters
- * "Memory" game with letters (Put pairs of letters face down. Pick two cards at a time to try and make a match.)
- * Magnetic letters on the refrigerator
- * Make letters out of play dough

Fluency:

- * Reread a sentence or paragraph several times using expression
- * Use a timer and try to get faster each time
- * Practice and read aloud with books on tape (these can often be checked out from the library)

Comprehension:

- * Ask questions about characters, where the story is taking place, and what the problem/solution is
- * Have your child support their answers with evidence from the text
- * Look at and discuss charts, timelines, and captions

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Stay in Touch with NSE

Never miss important dates or upcoming events!

Website:
<https://nes.smyrna.k12.de.us/>

Facebook: North Smyrna Elementary PTO

Twitter: @NSESSD

Remind: Text @94dcf8e to 81010 to receive staff reminders.



**NORTH SMYRNA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Stephanie Smeltzer, Principal
Amber Augustus, Assoc. Principal
Eric Wilson, Assoc. Principal

Welcome Back!

On Tuesday, September 3rd North Smyrna Elementary will open our doors once again and welcome back our returning students and eagerly meet and greet our new students in kindergarten through third grade for the start of a new school year. On Thursday, September 5, our early childhood students will have their first day of school. The North Smyrna staff is excited and prepared to teach and actively engage the minds of our Smyrna Eagles each and every school day. North Smyrna will continue to participate in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, Community Eligibility Provision. This provision was enacted as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and provides universal meal service to students in schools/districts that qualify. All North Smyrna Elementary students will receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at school at no charge. Open House for our kindergarten through third grade students will be on Wednesday, August 28 from 6:00-7:00pm. Open House for our early childhood students will be on Tuesday, September 3. If your child attends in the morning session, please join us from 6:00-6:30pm. If your child attends in the afternoon session, please join us from 6:30-7:00pm. Children are encouraged to attend. Be sure to enjoy your remaining days of summer vacation. The start of the school year is just around the corner and is bound to be filled with new and exciting adventures. We cannot wait to see all of you at our Open House.

**NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Pre K – 3 DAILY SCHEDULE 2019 – 2020**

8:15 – 8:30am	Cafeteria Open for Breakfast
8:20 – 8:30am	Students Enter Building and Go To Class
8:30am	Pre-K Morning Session Arrival
8:35am	Late Bell/Morning Announcements
11:00am	Pre-K Morning Session Dismissal
1:00pm	Pre-K Afternoon Session Arrival
3:20pm	Walker/Car Rider Dismissal
3:25pm	Bus Rider Dismissal
3:30pm	Pre-K Afternoon Session Dismissal

IMPORTANT DATES

August 28	–	Open House for K – Third Grade, 6-7:00pm
September 3	–	First Day of School for K – Third Grade Students
September 3	–	Open House for PreK Students AM Session - 6:00pm to 6:30pm PM Session - 6:30pm to 7:00pm
September 5	–	First Day of School for PreK Students
September 19	–	Yankee Candle Fundraiser Begins First PTO Meeting – 6:00pm in Cafeteria
October 10	-	Progress Reports Available Online Yankee Candle Fundraisers Due
October 11	-	Inservice Day, No School for Students
October 14–18	-	Spirit Week
October 17	-	PTO Meeting – 6:00pm in Cafeteria
November 8	-	Inservice Day, No School for Students
November 12	-	Report Cards Issued
November 21	-	PTO Meeting – 6:00pm in cafeteria
November 25-26	-	Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 27-29	-	Thanksgiving Break, No School
December 3	-	Winter Chorus Concert
December 13	-	Progress Reports Available Online
December 19	-	PTO Meeting – 6:00pm in Cafeteria
Dec. 23 - Jan.3	-	Winter Vacation

Kindergarten Supply List

- 24 box of Crayola crayons
- 1 box of Crayloa markers
- 1 Bottle of multi-purpose glue or glue sticks
- Scissors – Fiskars child-sized pointed, blunt
- 1 Box of Ziploc bags – gallon, sandwich or snack
- 4 Containers of Clorox disinfectant wipes
- 2 Boxes of tissues
- 1 Bottle of sanitizer
- 1 Pack of Expo dry erase markers
- 1 Pack of sharpened pencils
- Paper plates
- Please keep at home so your child can do their homework:
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Pencils

First Grade Supply List

- 2 boxes of sharpened pencils (yellow no. 2)
- 4 plastic two-pocket folders with center prongs (1 blue, 1 red, 1 green, 1 yellow)
- 2 boxes 24 count crayons
- 1 plastic pencil box
- 1 or 2 packs of glue sticks
- 1 pack of Expo dry erase markers (black)
- 1 pack of pink (rectangle shaped) erasers
- 1 Pack of Yellow Highlighters
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 containers of Clorox Wipes
- 1 box of Ziplock bags (gallon/sandwich size)

Second Grade Supply List

- 2 marble composition books, 100 sheets, sewn binding
- Pencils and erasers (no mechanical) (no sharpeners)
- Zipper pouch pencil case
- Scissors
- 24 Count Crayons
- Clorox wipes and/or hand sanitizer
- 8 glue sticks
- 1-2 boxes of tissues

Third Grade Supply List

- Backpack (no wheels)
- Pencils (no mechanical)/Erasers
- Pencil pouch
- Eraser Caps/Erasers
- Highlighters
- 2-3 Boxes of Tissues (to share)
- 4 Composition Books
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Ruler – centimeter/inch
- 1 box Ziploc bags
- Glue Sticks
- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- 2-Clorox Wipes

SMYRNA ELEMENTARY IMPORTANT ARRIVAL / DISMISSAL INFORMATION FOR 2019/20

As we embark on the start of a new school year in a few short weeks, we want to briefly describe the arrival and dismissal routines, in addition to some significant changes for our returning families for non-bus-riding students at Smyrna Elementary.

For 2019/20, there are only four (4) ways to travel to/from Smyrna Elementary School:

- Bus
- Car-rider (through the lane on South Street)
- Daycare van (same location as car-riders)
- Walker (will dismiss near the intersection of School Ln and South St, just like 2018/19).

The major difference is that there will be no area for walkers to be checked out as in years past. Walkers will simply check out with a staff member, and exit the building.

MORNING ARRIVAL @ 8:20am

- CAR-RIDERS AND DAYCARE VANS (ARRIVAL) – NO CHANGE

As has been the routine for the past few years, ALL students arriving in cars will be dropped off in a single-file line, greeted by staff stationed at the South street entrance outside the gym and cafeteria lobby. Please note: There is no staff on supervisory duty until 8:15am. Please do not drop your student(s) off without the presence of school staff.

• WALKERS (ARRIVAL)

No students will be permitted to enter the building via the School Lane entrance(s). Parents may not park their vehicles on School Lane or Kent Way and drop their student off to enter the school. If students arrive in a car, they should be dropped off as part of the car-rider arrival procedure (see above). If students walk to school—either accompanied or unaccompanied—they should enter either on the Main Office side of the building, or through the gym/cafeteria lobby each morning.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL @ 3:20pm

- CAR-RIDERS (DISMISSAL)

In an effort to streamline and more efficiently dismiss our large number of car-riding students in the afternoon, we will be loading cars in a double-file line at the exit on South Street, outside the gym and cafeteria lobby—instead of merging to a single file. In the long run, this should certainly help the timeliness of the car-rider line. For safety's concern, the one thing that will change is, that under no circumstances will cars in line pull out ahead of cars who are actively loading students.

• WALKERS (DISMISSAL)

Students will still be checked out and sent on their way by a staff member in Room 310 (classroom nearest the corner to intersection of School Lane and South Street). They must cross solely using the crossing guard posted at the intersection of School Lane and South Street, or by the staff member located at the entrance to the bus lane and Frazier Street. There will be no staging area for "walkers" to be checked out by an adult or sibling.

SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO NEEDS YOU!!

The Smyrna Elementary PTO is looking for parents, grandparents, and guardians who want to positively impact their child's education. Once again, we have big plans for our school this year, as we have allocated significant funding to create an outdoor learning space for SES. We need input, ideas, and lots of helping hands to bring the idea to life - AND...it's never been easier to be part of the PTO action!

We will meet in person twice this year - Wednesday, October 9 and Wednesday, February 12 - both at 7:00pm in the SES Library. All other meetings will be via conference /video - at 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month - Sep/Nov/Dec/Jan/Mar/Apr/May.

Please check out our website:

www.SmyrnaElementaryPTO.com for PTO Meeting Dial-In Information and for links to sign up as a volunteer at our school events. We can't do it without you!

SES PTO Event Schedule

- Fall Book Fair: October 7-10
- Back to School Dance: Friday, October 4
- Santa Shop: December 9-13
- Holiday Parent Night Out: Friday, December 13
- Winter Dance: Friday, February 7
- Spring BOGO Book Fair: March 9-13
- Color Run: May 8 (Rain Date: 5/15)

Smyrna Elementary School Changes to the Child Nutrition Program

For the 2019/2020 school year, Smyrna Elementary no longer qualifies as a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school. This is the program that allowed all students to receive both free breakfast and lunch at school. What does this mean for you and your child attending Smyrna Elementary? For school year 2019/20 families of Smyrna Elementary will be required to submit a meal benefit form in order to determine eligibility to receive reduced-price or free meals. A link to the 2019/20 USDA meal benefit form and income eligibility guidelines can be found on the Smyrna Child Nutrition website.

SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

VISION: To inspire every student to persevere every day, to achieve their maximum potential and realize their personal dreams.

MISSION: Smyrna Elementary mindfully creates a collaborative, respectful, unified partnership with our school families and continuously offers challenging academic experiences and enriching social activities to ensure comprehensive student success. Smyrna Elementary School strives to send each and every student home--each day--eagerly awaiting to return the next.



SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

David Morrison, Principal
Mikell Reed, Assoc. Principal



Smyrna Elementary School
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Smyrna, DE 19977

Mr. David H. Morrison, Principal
Ms. Mikell J. Reed, Associate Principal

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301-675-3411 (Fax)

August 12, 2019

Dear Smyrna Elementary School Families:

Allow me to be the first to wish you a "Happy New Year" as we all excitedly prepare for the most wonderful time of the year—the opening of a new school year! Here at Smyrna Elementary School, we all have been working hard to smoothly open the new year, and instill our Smyrna School District Core Values in all we do, modeled by the Smyrna Elementary School Mission and Vision statements:

VISION:

To inspire every student to persevere, every day, to achieve their maximum potential and realize their personal dreams.

MISSION:

Smyrna Elementary mindfully creates a collaborative, respectful, unified partnership with our school families and continuously offers challenging academic experiences and enriching social activities to ensure comprehensive student success. Smyrna Elementary School strives to send each and every student home—each day—eagerly awaiting to return the next.

The SED Core Values, and the SES Mission and Vision statements will light our path as we start this new journey together. We look forward to meeting all of you and work collaboratively to make 2019/20 the best school year yet!

Sincerely,

David H. Morrison
Principal

Smyrna Elementary Daily Schedule

- 8:15am - Breakfast begins
- 8:20am - School open for all
- 8:35am - Late bell / breakfast ends
- 3:15pm - Dismissal procedures begin
- 3:20pm - Start loading car-riders, dismiss walkers
- 3:25pm - KN / 1st board busses
- 3:30pm - 2nd / 3rd board busses

SES DATES TO REMEMBER:

- August 21 - SSD Board of Education meeting (7:00pm) at Central Office Board Room
- August 29 - School Visitation (1:00 – 3:00pm)
- Aug 30 - Sep 2 - School Closed (Labor Day Holiday)
- September 3 - Students' First Day
- September 10 - SES Open House (6:00pm)
- September 18 - SSD Board of Education meeting (7:00pm) at Smyrna Elementary School
- September 19 - Scouts BSA signups (6:00pm) in library
- October 1 - Mid-marking period
- October 10 - Progress Reports available on Home Access Center
- October 11 - NO SCHOOL (Staff in-service day)
- October 16 - SSD Board of Education meeting (7:00pm) at John Bassett Moore
- October 18 - SHS Homecoming parade & football game (5:00pm)
- October 31 - End of first marking period
- November 8 - NO SCHOOL (Staff in-service day)
- November 11 - NO SCHOOL (Veterans Day)
- November 12 - Report Cards available on Home Access Center
- November 20 - SSD Board of Education meeting (7:00pm) at Smyrna High School
- November 25–26 - NO SCHOOL (Staff in-service; Parent Conferences)
- November 27-29 - NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- December 5 - Mid-marking period
- SES Winter Chorus Concert (6:00pm)
- December 13 - Progress Reports available on Home Access Center
- December 18 - SSD Board of Education meeting (7:00pm) at Sunnyside Elementary
- School
- Dec 23–Jan 3, 2020 - NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)
- January 6 - School reopens

General Supply Lists for 2019/20

For all grade levels, teachers may require additional items pertaining to their respective organizational plan and/or classroom activities. Any such items will be listed in your welcome back letters in mid-August.

Kindergarten

- Dixon Ticonderoga Pencils
- 24 pack Crayons (not jumbo)
- Washable markers
- Scissors
- White glue
- Glue sticks
- A 2-pocket folder
- Backpack (no wheels, please)
- One plain white t-shirt one size too large
- One tub Clorox wipes
- Tissues

First Grade

- Tissues
- Book bag
- Folder
- Block erasers
- Pencil eraser tops
- Pack of 24 Crayola crayons – 2 packs
- Glue sticks – 2 each
- Dixon Ticonderoga Pencils
- Pencil box
- Scissors

Second Grade

- 2 dozen Dixon Ticonderoga Pencils
- Composition book
- 4 glue sticks
- Scissors
- Pencil box or zippered pouch
- Extra erasers
- 2 sturdy folders with pockets
- 1 pack (8 count) markers
- 24 pack of crayons
- 1 tub disinfecting wipes
- Backpack (no wheels, please)

Third Grade

- Book bag
- 1 set/pair of earbuds for school use
- Erasers (caps and hand held)
- Steady supply of #2 pencils
- Highlighters (different colors)
- 1 pack of colored pencils (12 / 24)
- 1-24 pack crayons
- 1 pair of student scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 ruler with centimeters and inches
- Water bottle

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NORTH SMYRNA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Stephanie Smeltzer, *Principal*
Amber Augustus, *Assoc. Principal*
Eric Wilson, *Assoc. Principal*



CAR LANE



North Smyrna Elementary Staff has developed a car lane system that ensures the safety of our children, as well as making drop-off and pick-up as efficient as possible. We appreciate your patience and support. Please read below for the car lane rules:

- 8:15-8:35am Morning Drop-Off
- 11:00am Early Childhood Morning Pick-Up
- 3:20-3:30pm Afternoon Pick-Up
- 3:30-3:35pm Early Childhood Afternoon Pick-Up
- In the morning, there will be a single file line for drop off. Please pull up as far as possible. Staff is there if your child requires assistance. Please **DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR**.
- In the afternoon, there will be a double car line. Staff will be there to direct the two lanes into a single one for loading purposes. The staff member will alternate between the double lines, five cars at a time. Please fill both lines and go to the shorter one upon arrival.
- Drivers should pull as far up the sidewalk loading zone as possible in order to load/unload the maximum number of students at one time.
- Drivers must stay with their vehicle at all times. Students will walk to the car when it stops in the loading/unloading zone.
- If you would like to walk your child to the door or greet your child at the end of the day, please park at Municipal Park across the street and walk over to the exit.
- Early Childhood Parents/Guardians: Your children come to the front doors of the school at 3:30pm. Please wait at the municipal Park until buses 103 & 104 pull into the driveway. After they pull into the driveway you can pull in behind the buses and form two lines. You will need to walk to the front doors to greet your child. Please note, if you pull in before the buses arrive you will be required to go through the K-3 car rider lane. Thank you for your support as we work to make dismissal and drop-off safe for our students and efficient for our parents/guardians.

Smyrna School District Grade by School

SCHOOL BUILDING	GRADES
Clayton Elementary School	K-4
North Smyrna Elementary School	Pre-K-3
Smyrna Elementary School	K-3
Sunnyside Elementary School	K-4
John Bassett Moore Intermediate School	4-6
Clayton Intermediate School	5-6
Smyrna Middle School	7-8
Smyrna High School	9-12



We hope you notice our new Smyrna School District logo. This logo was designed by our very own Crystal Sweeney, and depicts our dedication to our Core Principles of Compassion, Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, and Perseverance. You will see these values in everything we do, from teaching our children to how we treat each other, and how we treat you, our local Smyrna families.



SUNNYSIDE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pat Grant,, *Principal*
Irene Buscemi, *Assoc. Principal*

Principal's Message

Sunnyside Elementary School would like to welcome all of our students and their families to another great school year! The summer has been busy for our administrators, secretaries, and custodial staff as we have been planning for the upcoming school year. Over the past several weeks, we have been diligently preparing for the arrival of our students for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 3. We look forward to working with everyone as the school year begins. Over the course of the year, please visit our website often so you don't miss out on the great things going on at Sunnyside.

On Wednesday, September 4, we will have our Open House from Kindergarten to second grade at 6:00pm and third and fourth grades at 7:00pm. We look forward to meeting and seeing you!

In the mail, you will receive a letter from your child's teacher with lots of great information to acquaint you and your student with their new classroom and teacher. After the school year begins, you will receive a student handbook and important forms to complete. Please read the student handbook with your student and return the paperwork as soon as possible. New updates in policies and procedures are added each year and are very important to review.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school at 302-653-2808. You may also view current school information on our school website at <http://sse.smyrna.k12.de.us/index.jsp>. Parental support and participation is a key factor in accomplishing our goals. Please take an active role in your child's education. As we gear up for another Sunnyside school year, we will work together as we are "Building the Future - Every Child, Every Classroom, Every Day!" We look forward to a great school year. Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

SUNNYSIDE VISION AND MISSION

The vision of Sunnyside Elementary is to create a safe learning environment in which students and staff practice respect for themselves and one another while being the best that they can.

The mission of Sunnyside Elementary is to create a positive atmosphere with a challenging and engaging curriculum. Students and staff will strive to do the right thing, be a good person, and follow the Golden Rule.

IMPORTANT DATES

- August 29 - Student Visitations 1:00- 3:00pm
- September 3 - First Day of School
- September 4 - Open House
Grades K- 2- 6:00 to 6:45.
Grades 3-4 7:00 to 8:00pm
- September 16 - First PTO Meeting – 6:00pm in the Library
- September 16-20- Scholastic Book Fair

**Sunnyside Elementary School
Daily Schedule 2019-2020**

- 8:15am-3:45pm - Teacher Work Day
- 8:15am - Cafeteria Opens for Breakfast
- 8:20–8:30am - Students Enter Building and Go to Class
- 8:35am - Late Bell/Morning Announcements
- 3:15pm - Car Rider Dismissal
- 3:20pm - Bus Rider Dismissal

Legal Notices Now On The Web

In order to save money and paper, Smyrna School District has decided to remove legal notices from the printing of the three-times-per-year Smyrna Messenger. These documents are available online at this URL: <https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us>, under PARENT CENTER:

- District Nondiscrimination Policy (Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, and Section 504 Compliance Notification)
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Federal Occupational Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Notice Concerning Disclosure of Student Information
- Notice of FERPA Rights
- Notification to Community regarding Registered Sex Offenders
- Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)
- Smyrna School District Notice of Parents Right to Know
- Smyrna School District Parents Involvement Policy
- Smyrna School District Title 1 Notification
- State Tobacco Regulation 877
- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Title 14 Education Delaware Administrative Code

4th Grade Supply List

- 3- Composition books
- 3- Tissue boxes
- Package of colored pencils
- Packages of #2 pencils
- Package of eraser caps
- Pencil sharpener with cap/cover
- Hard case pencil box
- Highlighters
- Red pens
- Packages of dry erase markers
- Dry erase eraser
- 2 pocket folders
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- 24 pack of crayons
- Pack of markers
- Pair of earbuds
- Bottle of hand sanitizer
- Bottle of Clorox wipes
- Box of Ziplock baggies, any size

JBM 5th Grade Student Supply List

- 2 Inch - 3 ring binder (1)
- 5 Tab dividers (2 packs)
- Composition Books (4)
- Glue Sticks
- Handheld pencil sharpener
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Scissors
- Folders - 2 pocket with 3 ring holes (4)
- 12 Pack of Color Pencils
- Highlighters
- Erasers
- #2 Pencils (standard or mechanical)
- Red pens
- Pencil Bag for Binder

Classroom Wish List

- Ziplock Sandwich bags - boys
- Ziplock Gallon bags - girls
- Tissues
- Clorox wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Dry Erase Markers

JBM 6th Grade Student Supply List

- 2 Inch - 3 ring binder (2)
- Composition Books (4)
- 5 Tab dividers (2 pack)
- Folders - 2 pocket with 3 ring holes (5)
- Loose Leaf Paper - college ruled (4 packs)
- Handheld Pencil Sharpener
- Glue Sticks
- Scotch tape
- Colored Pencils and/or Crayons
- Highlighters (4 different colors)
- Erasers
- #2 Pencils
- Index cards
- Ruler with BOTH cm and inches
- Pencil Bag for Binder
- Scissors

Classroom Wish List

- Dry erase markers
- Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes
- Page Protectors (at least 10)
- Post-it notes
- Pens (various colors)
- Red Pens (1 pack)

JBM Welcomes



Mrs. Snow

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am very excited to be teaching at John Bassett Moore this year. I grew up in Smyrna - I even attended JBM as a student and graduated from Smyrna High School. After that, I headed to Washington College where I graduated with a degree in Human Development with Elementary Education Certification. After graduation, I taught first grade at North Smyrna Elementary School and attended Wilmington University where I received my Masters in Literacy. I taught first grade for two wonderful years and then took a break from teaching to have my two children. The last couple of years I taught Kindergarten and second grade at Smyrna Elementary School. I am so excited to be teaching fourth grade at JBM this year! My husband, Jonathan, and I live in the Smyrna School District and our two children are attending school here as well. I am looking forward to an awesome year!



JOHN BASSETT MOORE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Steven Gott, Principal
Cynthia McNatt, Assoc. Principal

WELCOME TO JBM Intermediate School!

We want to welcome all of our families and students to John Bassett Moore Intermediate School as we prepare for another exciting year in 2019-2020. We are so excited that our fourth grade students are joining us this year at JBM. We have been busy all summer ordering new materials, preparing our classrooms, and designing academic programs, all in an effort to make the coming school year another successful learning experience. Our custodians have cleaned, polished, and re-assembled our classrooms so that they are first-rate and ready to go. Our office staff have ordered the necessary supplies, compiled handbooks, and registered all of our students. We would like to welcome several new staff members to JBM Intermediate School, including our fourth grade staff Mallory Doddato, Linda Staats, Ashley Daniels, Miranda Emerson, Holly Willey, Catherine Salgado, Chelsea Traynor, Jennifer Tracy, Whitney Snow, Emily DelleDonne, Julia Wood, Carlee Hayden, Lauren Balcerak, Mandi Thomas, Emily Marinelli, Natalie Ganc, Christine Alamorian, Alyssa Wallace, Fatimah Pettigrew, and Tim Keaton. Indeed, everyone at JBM Intermediate School eagerly awaits the arrival of our students and the beginning of the school year starts on September 3, 2019. Please mark your calendars for our annual Open House on Thursday, September 5, beginning at 6:00pm. Before that, we invite all students to JBM Intermediate School on August 29 at 1:00pm for our annual visitation to take an informal tour around the school.

CEP

WHAT'S CHANGING FOR THE 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR

WHAT IS CEP
Community Eligibility Provision- This allows a district to directly qualify all students at a school for free breakfast and lunch.

SCHOOLS QUALIFY FOR CEP IF THEY MEET SPECIFIC USDA CRITERIA. THIS CRITERION IS BASED UPON STUDENTS THAT ARE DIRECTLY CERTIFIED FOR FREE MEALS.

Questions:
Please Contact The Child Nutrition Office With
302-653-3134
82 Monrovia Ave
Smyrna, DE 19977

- The schools affected are North Smyrna Elementary, Smyrna Elementary and John Bassett Moore (JBM).
- The Smyrna School District will have one school that qualifies for CEP. This school is North Smyrna Elementary. All students enrolled at North Smyrna Elementary will receive free breakfast and lunch regardless of their ability to pay. The students at North will NOT be required to complete a meal benefit form.
- Smyrna Elementary and JBM are no longer eligible to participate in the CEP program. These schools no longer meet the USDA criteria required to participate in CEP.
- Any student attending Smyrna Elementary and JBM that are directly certified for free meals will receive a letter from the Child Nutrition Office. This letter will indicate the student's eligibility for free meals.
- Any parent or guardian of a child/children (enrolled at Smyrna Elementary and/or JBM) that are not directly certified will be required to complete a meal benefit form. The meal benefit forms are sent home with students at the beginning of the school year. The meal benefit form is also available on the Child Nutrition website, the school's main office, and the Child Nutrition office.

5th Grade Supply List by Teams

All Classes Need	
All students should get the following materials:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Erasers to keep at school 2- Packs of loose leaf paper 1- two pocket folder PENCILS Colored pencils 5- dry erase markers 1-Pack Multi-Colored Highlighters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glue sticks Scissors 1- pencil bag (Not the box type) 2- boxes of tissues Hand sanitizer Clorox wipes
Additional Supplies per Team	
All students should get these additional supplies depending on the team they are on:	
Garrett/Reshetar	Hoyt/White
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- 17" Binder 1- pack of dividers 3-Composition Book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- 1 or 1.5" Binder 1- pack of dividers 3- Composition Books Handheld Pencil Sharpener Cap Eraser 3-hole Pencil Case to fit in Binder
Frank/Matthews	McInt/White
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- 1.5" Binder 1- pack of dividers 3- Composition Books 1- two pocket folder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- 17" Binder 1- pack of dividers 3- Composition Book 1- pack of Red pens
Vashek/Vardens	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handheld sharpener 4-different colored two-pocket folders Eraser Caps 3- Composition Books 	

CIS PTO MEETINGS (2019-20)

5:00pm CIS Library
 President – Jodi Glew
 Vice President – Marcy Gomez
 Secretary – Kate Reshetar
 Treasurer – Jess Herbert

2019-2020 Meeting Dates:
 Tuesday, September 24
 Tuesday, October 29
 Tuesday, November 19
 Tuesday, December 17
 Tuesday, January 28
 Tuesday, February 25
 Tuesday, March 31
 Tuesday, April 21
 Tuesday, May 19

Erin Mitchell joins the Sixth grade Math and Science team



I have been in the field of education for over ten years. I received my Bachelors and Master's degree from Delaware State University. I cherish the gift of teaching because it affords me the opportunity to educate and be educated continuously. When I'm not in the classroom, I enjoy traveling, crafting and making memories with my family and friends. I believe that the best teachers teach from the heart and not from the book.



CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

David Paltrineri, *Principal*
 Heather Moyer, *Assoc. Principal*



Clayton Intermediate School
 86 Sorrento Drive
 Clayton, DE 19938

Mr. David Paltrineri, Principal 302-653-4512 (Office)
 Mrs. Heather Moyer, Associate Principal 302-653-3231 (Fax)

Dear CIS Families:

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! We hope you enjoyed a summer vacation filled with fun and exciting memories with your loved ones. We are thrilled to welcome all of you to a new school year of learning and growing.

Personally, we are grateful and elated to continue this journey with you as your Administrators. Over the past 7 years, we have had a chance to meet many outstanding Smyrna/Clayton families and look forward to continue building a strong relationship with all of you in the upcoming year. As we enter this new school year, we want to let you know that our staff will be engaging in conversations around having a growth mindset and forming strong relationships both for themselves and all students. We believe that every person in this building should always be growing and learning. Despite obstacles that may arise, we believe in our ability problem solve, restore relationships and utilize mindfulness to meet our challenges as we continue to learn and grow.

We want to personally invite you to attend our CIS tours on Thursday August 29th from 3pm to 5 pm. This will be a great time to strengthen our CIS community, meet teachers and other families, and learn about the upcoming school year. I hope to see each of you!

Lastly, the CIS office, administrative team and custodians have also been hard at work this summer getting things prepared for your child's first day of school. We are eager and excited to work with each of you to ensure that your time spent with us will create lasting memories, strong friendships, as well as a love and passion for learning.

As always, please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns.

David Paltrineri

Heather Moyer

Principal
 Clayton Intermediate School

Associate Principal
 Clayton Intermediate School

CIS Before and After Care

CIS Breakfast Club
 7:15am – 8:15am in the CIS cafeteria.
 Cost - \$55.00/month plus the cost of a meal each day.
 Sign up through the Smyrna School District website.

After Care

Boys and Girls Club at Clayton Elementary School - 302-893-9317
 Greater Smyrna-Clayton Boys and Girls on Commerce Street – 302-659-5610

After School Club Opportunities

Be sure to look on the website and read our newsletter for after school club opportunities throughout the year. Below are some of the clubs we offer:

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| Homework Club | Basketball Club |
| Tech Club | Art Club |
| Dance Team | Drama Club |
| Girls On The Run | I Run Club |
| Newspaper Club | Recycle Club |

6th Grade Supply List by Teams

All Classes Need	
All students need the following supplies:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Erasers to keep at school 2- Loose leaf paper 1- two pocket folder PENCILS - LOTS Colored pencils 1 pack index cards Expo-Dry Erase Markers - 5 Highlighters - one of each color o Yellow, Pink, Green, Blue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thin tipped markers Glue sticks - at least 5 Scissors Cap-erasers 1 pencil bag (Not the box type) 2-3 boxes of tissues Hand sanitizer Clorox wipes
Additional Supplies per Team	
Students on these teams need the additional supplies listed:	
McIntosh/Bojchick	Law/Busch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2- Composition books 1- 5 subject notebook 4-g glue bottles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2- 1 1/2" Binders 3- Composition books 2- Packs of dividers 1- 3 subject notebook
Wynn/McClain	Covendale/Spanker
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- 1-1/2" Binder 2- Composition book 2- glue bottles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- 1-1/2" Binder 1- 2" Binder 4- two pocket folders 2- packs of dividers 2- Composition books 1- 5 subject notebook
Worley/White	McIntosh/Layer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 packs of dividers 2- 1 1/2 inch binders 2- 2 pocket folders 2 composition books Pencils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 packs of dividers 2- 1 1/2 inch binders 2- 2 pocket folders 2 composition books Pencils

Welcome Marissa Johnson as a Paraprofessional at CIS

Hello my name is Marissa Johnson and I am a paraprofessional at Clayton Intermediate School. I am currently pursuing an Elementary Education with special education degree at Wilmington University. I plan on graduating in the Spring of 2021. I am excited to be at Clayton Intermediate and see what this school year has in store!



Welcome Victoria White to Fifth grade!

Hello! My name is Victoria White. I graduated from Delaware State University and am currently working on my Masters at Wilmington University. Some of my hobbies include binge-watching shows, playing video games and completing over 1000 piece puzzles. During my first year of teaching I taught fifth grade Mathematics in Maryland. This will be my second year teaching fifth grade and I am looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year with you!



Welcome Regina Bloemker to Sixth grade

Regina Bloemker has been a passionate educator since 2009. She has taught sixth and second grade in Delaware. Regina has a bachelor degree from Widener University and a Master Degree from Wilmington University in Elementary Education. Regina has been married for 23 years to her best friend and has one child, Alex. Alex is 15, a sophomore at St. George's High School. Alex is an avid golfer and Regina enjoys watching him play on the course in school matches. She even took some lessons from Alex this summer at Top Golf during a family trip to Washington, DC. The Bloemker family also includes a tuxedo cat named Oreo and they reside in Middletown, Delaware. Regina enjoys cooking, crafting and spending time with her family and friends.



Welcome Simone Johnson



Hi, my name is Simone Johnson. I was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA and moved to Dover, Delaware in 2009. In 2015, I graduated from Dover High School. Then, in 2018, I graduated from Delaware State University and received my degree in Engineering Physics with a concentration in Optics. After graduation I decided to become a substitute teacher for the remainder of the school year and through my experiences found my true passion of working with kids. I am looking forward to an exciting new school year and beginning my career in education as a paraprofessional at Clayton Intermediate School.

Welcome Alyssa Boyer to Sixth grade!

My name is Alyssa Boyer, a wife, mother of three daughters and one dog, and an educator. I met my husband when I joined the Delaware Army National Guard in 1999. I served four years full time for the guard and two years as a weekend warrior. The military taught me self-discipline, to take care of your people, and to carefully plan out your actions. I then decided that a career in real estate would be best for my growing family. Real estate taught me how to communicate and negotiate for the good of others. I finally found my place in the classroom. I have a Master of Education in Instruction- Gifted and Talented from Wilmington University. My undergrad is from University of Delaware, Bachelor of Science in Education. I have been teaching for six years. I've taught multiple grade levels as well as multiple classroom settings. My passion for teaching came when my husband was deployed and I volunteered in my daughters classroom teaching the students about the military and doing a pen pal program with the soldiers. I thoroughly enjoy watching our youth grow into successful adults. The classroom has taught me to be patient because everyone can and will be successful.





2nd Place Middle School Agronomy Team: (Pictured Left to Right)
 Luke Michaud - 3rd place Individual
 Bailey Clark - 5th place Individual
 Isabella McMullen - 7th place Individual
 Austin Carney - 11th place Individual



Middle School Livestock Judging- 1st Place Team (pictured left to right)
 Regan Nacrelli - 1st place individual
 McKenna Vest - 2nd place individual
 Sarah Esbenshade - 8th place individual
 Bianca Murtha - 13th place individual

Congratulations to the following National FFA AgriScience Fair Finalist.

These students will be representing Smyrna Middle School and the State of Delaware at the National FFA Convention.



Environmental Services, Division 2 - Carl Rifino and Elizabeth Evans



Social Systems, Division 1- Faith Hewes



Plant Systems- Division 1-Luke Michaud

Food Products and Processing, Division 1 - McKenna Vest (not pictured)
 Social Systems, Division 2 - Isabella McMullen and Regan Nacrelli (not pictured)

SMS Attends State Agriscience Fair Competition

The Smyrna Middle FFA Chapter once again had an outstanding showing at the State Agriscience Fair competition, June CDE week, and at the 2019 Delaware State Fair. Congratulations to the following National FFA AgriScience Fair Finalists. These students will be representing Smyrna Middle School and the State of Delaware at the National FFA Convention in October.

- Environmental Services, Division 2 - Carl Rifino and Elizabeth Evans
- Food Products and Processing, Division 1 - McKenna Vest
- Plant Systems- Division 1 - Luke Michaud
- Social Systems, Division 1 - Faith Hewes
- Social Systems, Division 2 - Isabella McMullen and Regan Nacrelli

Members attended the National FFA Convention and also participated in leadership workshops focusing on teambuilding and career skills.

Our students did a wonderful job representing our chapter during our Career Development Week in June. Smyrna Middle School FFA trained an Ag Mechanics team and a Food Science team this year. The Ag Mechanics team placed first in the state. Team members included Bailey Clark-1st place individual, Mary Watts-2nd place individual, Orlan Kelly, 4th place individual, and Austin Carney, 3rd place individual. The Food Science Team also placed first in the state. Team members included, McKenna Vest, - 1st place individual, Elizabeth Evans- 2nd place individual, Regan Nacrelli- 3rd place individual and Isabella McMullen- 4th place individual.

In preparation for the Delaware State Fair, numerous FFA members attended educational farm tours and practices throughout the summer to train for their respective Career Development Event. The following FFA members participated in the Middle School Horse Evaluation Career Development Event: Kate McGowan- 1st place individual, Elizabeth Evans- 2nd place individual, Brooke Duke- 10th place individual and Roarie Glenn-Russum who placed 13th individually. The team placed 1st place in the state! Competing in the Middle School Agronomy Career Development Event were Luke Michaud- 3rd place Individual, Bailey Clark- 5th place Individual, Isabella McMullen- 7th place Individual and Austin Carney- 11th place Individual. The team placed 2nd in the State!

In addition to Career Development Events, Smyrna Middle School FFA members have been very busy showing livestock animals at the 2019 Delaware State Fair and volunteering over 50 community service hours throughout fair week by volunteering at the Delaware State Grange and the FFA AgVenture. Not to mention, the 2019-2020 SMS FFA Executive Committee which consists of T.J. Hernan, Bailey Clark, Brian Mast, Roarie Glenn-Russum, McKenna Vest, and Ally Holmes participated in a two-day leadership training session this summer where they met with State FFA Officers and advisors to develop team building skills and plan out the upcoming FFA year. Overall, SMS FFA is very proud of all our members' accomplishments throughout the summer and is excited for the upcoming school year!

Smyrna School District Begins Using BoardDocs for Board of Education Meetings

Starting in the spring of 2019, Smyrna School District Board of Education members started using BoardDocs to access all documentation that was shared for monthly board meetings. All documents are available online prior to the meetings for the members to review and make notes. Smyrna Administrators or Technology will ensure that all members have access to computers during the meetings, to follow along with during the meetings. This online system replaces the printing of paper documents, sorting, stapling, and bundling, sometimes into large binders, saving many reams of paper used each year.

Documents that have a legal requirement to share with the public are available online after the Board Members have voted on their approval, including minutes from the previous meetings.

Also available online are the agendas for upcoming meetings for anyone to view. The public can view these documents, agendas before a meeting, and other documents after approved by the Board, at:
<https://go.boarddocs.com/de/smyrna/Board.nsf/>



SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL
 Kelly Holt, *Principal*
 Marc Deisem, *Assoc. Principal*
 Kent Robinson, *Assoc. Principal*
 Whitney Irwin, *Assoc. Principal*

Message from the Principal

We have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming school year and hope everyone had a great summer. As we continue to grow, we are in the process of hiring a new associate principal, several new teachers and other staff as well. New this year we have added several new elective opportunities for students including Wellness, Novel Studies, Eco Art and Geography just to name a few.

We are also putting our students on teams this year. This means that students will remain with their team for all content area subjects and have a majority of their classes in one hallway. Our eighth grade teams are on the first floor and our seventh grade teams are on the second floor.

At the middle school we offer many clubs, sports, and other groups for our students and are hopeful that they can find areas that interest them.

We are having a visitation for students to come explore the building and find the locations of their classes. On the visitation day you can come pick up a copy of your schedule. They can also find this information on their Home Access Center.

A few important dates and reminders

- Monday, August 19 Seventh Grade Visitation 1:00pm
Eighth Grade Visitation 2:00pm
- Tuesday, August 27 Open House 6-8:00pm
- Tuesday, September 3 First Day of School

2019/2020 SMS Bell Schedule

("Odd" Days – Periods 1, 3, 5, 7)
 ("Even" Days – Periods 2, 4, 6, 8)

7:15am	Cafeteria Opens
7:20am	Student Entry
7:30am	Homeroom Begins/Cafeteria closes/ Late Bell
7:36am	Homeroom Ends
7:40 – 9:11am	Period 1/Period 2
9:15 – 10:46am	Period 3/Period 4
10:46 – 11:16am (A Lunch)	
11:19am – 12:55pm	Period 5/Period 6
10:50 – 11:19am	Period 5/Period 6
11:19 – 11:49am (B Lunch)	
11:52am – 12:55pm	Period 5/Period 6
10:50 – 11:52am	Period 5/Period 6
11:52am – 12:22pm (C Lunch)	
12:25 – 12:55pm	Period 5/Period 6
10:50am – 12:25pm	Period 5/Period 6
12:25 – 12:55pm (D Lunch)	
12:59 – 2:28pm	Period 7/Period 8
2:28pm	Bus Dismissal (By Announcement)
2:35pm+/-	Walker/Car Rider/Sports Dismissal (By Announcement)
2:38 – 3:03pm	Teacher Detention (25 minutes)
2:38 – 3:18pm	Office Detention (40 minutes)

SMYRNA MIDDLE GENERAL SUPPLY LIST

General Supplies:

- Colored Pencils
- Blue and Black Ink Pens
- Pencil Cap Erasers
- Highlighters
- Number 2 Pencils
- White Loose Leaf Paper

Elective Classes:

- White or Light Gray T-Shirts for PE
- Shorts, Sweats or Wind Pants for PE
- Athletic Shoes and Socks for PE
- Reeds for Woodwind Band Students

Organizational Supplies:

- Five Tab Dividers
- Spiral Notebooks (multi-subject)
- Two Pocket Folders
- Composition Books

Specific Classes:

Information on specific course materials will be given on the first day of class by teacher.

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL PARKING POLICY/TRAFFIC FLOW

The Administration of Smyrna High School eagerly awaits the arrival of students for the 2019-2020 school year. The east side of the building (Smyrna Side) is designated for student parking. Students who wish to drive to school will present their completed Application for Parking Permit with all supporting documents to Ms. Alicia Bryan in the front office, along with the \$10 parking fee beginning on August 12, 2019. Only students that have completed their six month restricted driving process may purchase parking tags. Students who owe an obligation will not be allowed to purchase a parking pass until the obligations are cleared. Parking spots may not be reserved at any time. Seniors are permitted to purchase their parking tags starting on August 12 from 8:00am-3:00pm. Juniors may purchase their parking tags starting on August 13 from 8:00am-3:00pm. All remaining students may purchase a parking tag beginning August 14 from 8:00am-3:00pm. Please note that the main office will be closed on August 27 from 7:30am-1:00pm for a district-wide meeting.

All cars using the school parking lot must display the tag on the rear view mirror. Any car in the school parking lot that does not display the tag by the start of school on September 4 will be subject to towing. It is the position of the Smyrna High School Administration that driving to school is a privilege, tied to the Code of Conduct. Students who violate the Code of Conduct may have their driving privilege revoked. The Administration urges the students and parents to become familiar with the regulations associated with the driving privilege as indicated on the Application for Parking Permit.

When entering the Smyrna High School property, all traffic must enter using the West side (Clayton Side entrance) and exit the property using the East side (Smyrna side exit). Please be mindful of the 15 MPH speed limit and yield to pedestrians crossing on their way to the building. No vehicles are permitted to park in the bus lane or to drop off or pick up students in front of the school between the hours of 7:00-7:30am, and 2:15-2:45pm. The parent drop off is located on the Smyrna side of the building next to the entrance to the auditorium lobby. Please follow the driving directions provided by the signs, cones, and school personnel in that area when dropping off a student in the morning.

Smyrna School District Addresses Building Security

Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, visitors to all eight Smyrna Schools will experience a new entry process. Visitors will be able to enter the vestibule to get out of any rainy or cold weather. In the vestibule they will be asked to share the reason for their visit before they are allowed into the main office.

If the visitor is there for a valid reason, as a parent or guardian, or a meeting with a school official, or a vendor/contractor to perform some task, they will be given access to the main office. From there, they will be required to sign-in, and only then will they be allowed to enter the school, again through a secure door opened by one of the office staff.

It is recommended that you bring some form of official, government-provided identification with you when you are visiting our schools.

We know that increased security can be an inconvenience sometimes, but your children and out staff members safety is our paramount concern.



SHS Jay Davis attends STEM Educator Energy Institute

Jay Davis, Career & Technology Education Specialist at Smyrna High School, joined other educators from throughout Delaware at the STEM Educator Energy Institute sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Center for Renewable Energy Advanced Technological Education. The event was held August 6-8 at Delaware Technical Community College. Participants used tools of the trade to measure the electric potential, current, and power production of solar photovoltaic panels. Educators explored fundamental solar and electrical principles and learned about energy management for smart buildings and net-zero energy homes. During the Institute, participants also practiced hands-on classroom lab activities that bring energy to life for students. "The content covered during this workshop was cutting edge and certainly pertains to our students as we strive to ensure higher education and career readiness opportunities," said Davis who now oversees Career & Technology Education students and teachers at Smyrna High School. According to the Solar Foundation's National Solar Jobs Census, the solar workforce increased by 170 percent in the past seven years, from about 93,000 jobs in 2010 to more than 250,000 jobs in 2017. Although solar currently makes up less than two percent of overall US energy generation, the sector employs twice as many workers as the coal industry. The National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program supports the development of innovative approaches for educating highly skilled technicians for the industries that drive the nation's economy. The STEM Educator Solar Institute strengthens connections between high schools and community colleges to help advance the clean energy workforce.



SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL
Stacy Cook, Principal
John Camponelli, Assoc. Principal
Leon Clarke, Assoc. Principal
Clarence Davis, Assoc. Principal
LaTonya Pierce, Assoc. Principal
Dainelle Hampton-Morton, Assoc. Principal

Smyrna High School Schedule		
Odd Day = periods 1, 3, 5 and 7		
Even Day= periods 2, 4, 6 and 8		
Period 1 (Odd day)	Period 2 (Even day)	7:30-9:05am
Period 3 (Odd day)	Period 4 (Even day)	9:10-10:45am
Period 5 (Odd day)	Period 6 (Even day):	
	A lunch	10:45 - 11:15a.m
	Class	11:18 - 12:54pm
	Class	10:50 - 11:18am
	B lunch	11:18 - 11:48am
	Class	11:51 - 12:54pm
	Class	10:50 - 11:51am
	C lunch	11:51 - 12:21pm
	Class	12:24 - 12:54pm
	Class	10:50 - 12:24pm
	D lunch	12:24 - 12:54pm
Period 7 (Odd day)	Period 8 (Even day)	12:59 - 2:35pm

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance Policy Highlights

ESchool Attendance is recorded for every class of the day. Student daily attendance will be based on the following:

- Absent 1 Period = full day present
- Absent 2 periods = half day absent
- Absent 3-4 periods = full day absent

The Attendance Review for semester and year-long class credit will be determined using the total days Absent for each individual class. Student credits will be awarded or denied for each class individually.

Students will be permitted to miss up to 10 days from a semester-long class, and up to 20 days from a year-long class and still be eligible to receive academic credit for the class.

Tardy to school is for students not in the building by 7:30 AM. Three unexcused tardies will be the same as one day absent. This day of absence will count towards the total allowed absences for the year for that class. The tardies will be recorded in the main office before the student reports to class.

Tardy to class is for students 15 minutes or less late to any class of the day. The consequence is three unexcused tardies is the same as one day absent. For each unexcused tardy starting with the sixth, the student will have an additional consequence of one day in SBIP. These absences are included in the student's total allowed absences for the year and may result in credit for the course being denied.

For questions or information concerning attendance, parents may contact Mrs. Stacy Watts or Mr. Leon Clarke by phone at 302-653-8581, or by e-mail at stacy.watts@smyrna.k12.de.us or leon.clarke@smyrna.k12.de.us. Parents may also choose to e-mail late and/or absent notes to Mrs. Watts.

Smyrna Standard Student Certifications		
COURSES	STUDENT CERTIFICATION	ASSESSMENT PROCESS
9-10 American Heart Heartsaver	CPR, AED , First aid (2 years)	Aligned with 9-10 American Heart Heartsaver course requirements
11-12 American Heart Healthcare Professional	CPR, AED, First aid (2 years)	Aligned with 11-12 American Heart Healthcare Professional course requirements
12-EOC from the National Consortium of Health Science Education	If passed(70%) will open more doors for college acceptance TEST	Aligned with NCHSE National Health Science Assessment
Fundamentals of Health Sciences (FHS)	Students will receive articulated credit at Delaware Technical Community College for the following course: BIO100-Medical Terminology (3 credits)	Aligned with Fundamentals of Health Sciences (FHS) course requirements
Essentials of Health Careers (EHC)	Students will receive articulated credit at Delaware Technical Community College for the following course: HLH100-Intro to Health Careers (1 credit)	Aligned with Essentials of Health Careers (EHC) course requirements
Anatomy & Physiology I (A&P)	Students will receive dual-enrollment credit at Delaware Technical Community College for the following course: BIO120-Anatomy and Physiology I (5 credits)	Aligned with Anatomy & Physiology I (A&P) course requirements
Allied Health Program of Study and Chemistry	Students will also have the opportunity to enroll in the following course at Delaware Technical Community College after graduation and prior to the Fall semester. BIO121-Anatomy & Physiology II (5 credits)	Aligned with Allied Health Program of Study and Chemistry requirements
DSU English Composition 101 & 102	Students can earn Del State credit for these classes, which can transfer to other colleges as English credits or elective credits.	Aligned with DSU English Composition 101 & 102 course requirements
AP Calculus	Students will receive college credit at some institutions, depending upon the student's score and major.	Aligned with AP Calculus, AB exam requirements
<p>Please also note the following information: Many of the Allied Health programs offered at DTCC have connected degree programs with colleges and universities including Delaware State University, Immaculata University, Salisbury University, University of Delaware, Wesley College, Widener University, and Wilmington University.</p>		

Smyrna High School 2019 Fall Athletic Schedule

Boys and Girls Cross Country

Head Coach John Haller

Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent/Location
9/11/2019	4:00pm	H		Lake Forest HS
9/19/2019	4:00pm	A		Milford/Killens Pond
9/25/2019	4:00pm	H		Caesar Rodney HS
10/2/2019	4:00pm	H		Middletown/Blackbird State Forest
10/9/2019	4:00pm	A		Tri-Meet Cape, Poly/Polytech HS
10/16/2019	4:00pm	A		Tri-Meet Sussex C, Sussex T/Sussex Tech
10/23/2019	4:00pm	H		Dover HS

Field Hockey

Head Coach Nicki Shirey

Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent/Location
9/10/2019	3:45pm	Var/JV	A	Appoquinimink HS
9/12/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	H	Middletown HS
9/17/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	H	Sussex Tech
9/19/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	A	Sussex Academy
9/24/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	H	Laurel HS
9/26/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	H	Dover HS
10/1/2019	4:00pm	Varsity	H	Delmar HS/MS
10/3/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	A	Milford HS
10/8/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	H	Indian River HS
10/10/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	H	Cape Henlopen HS
10/13/2019	2:00pm	Var	A	Caesar Rodney - Turf Bowl @ UD
10/15/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	A	Seaford
10/17/2019	4:00pm	JV	A	Caesar Rodney
10/22/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	A	Sussex Central
10/24/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	H	Lake Forest
10/29/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	A	Polytech

Unified Flag Football

Head Coach Andrew Mears

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent/Location
9/24/2019	3:30pm	H	Caesar Rodney HS
10/1/2019	3:30pm	A	Cape Henlopen HS
10/8/2019	3:30pm	H	Woodbridge HS
10/22/2019	3:30pm	H	Dover
10/29/2019	5:00pm	A	Seaford HS
11/5/2019	3:30pm	A	Woodbridge HS

Varsity Football

Head Coach Mike Judy

Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent/Location
9/6/2019	7:30pm	Varsity	A	Middletown HS
9/13/2019	7:00pm	Varsity	A	Glenelg HS (MD)
9/20/2019	7:00pm	Varsity	H	Sussex Central HS
9/27/2019	7:00pm	Varsity	H	Salesianum School
10/4/2019	7:00pm	Varsity	H	Sussex Tech
10/11/2019	7:00pm	Varsity	A	Dover HS
10/18/2019	7:00pm	Varsity	H	Milford HS
10/25/2019	7:00pm	Varsity	A	Caesar Rodney HS
11/1/2019	7:00pm	Varsity	H	Cape Henlopen HS
11/8/2019	7:00pm	Varsity	A	Polytech HS

JV Football

Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent/Location
9/9/2019	4:00pm	JV	H	Middletown HS
9/23/2019	4:00pm	JV	A	Sussex Central HS
9/30/2019	4:00pm	JV	A	Salesianum School
10/7/2019	4:00pm	JV	A	Sussex Tech
10/14/2019	4:00pm	JV	H	Dover HS
10/21/2019	4:00pm	JV	A	Milford HS
10/28/2019	4:00pm	JV	H	Caesar Rodney HS
11/4/2019	4:00pm	JV	A	Cape Henlopen HS

Freshman Football

Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent/Location
9/12/2019	3:30pm	Fr	A	Middletown HS
9/18/2019	4:00pm	Fr	A	Lake Forest HS
9/25/2019	4:00pm	Fr	H	Caesar Rodney
10/2/2019	4:00pm	Fr	A	Sussex Central HS
10/9/2019	4:00pm	Fr	H	Sussex Tech
10/16/2019	4:00pm	Fr	H	Polytech HS
10/23/2019	4:00pm	Fr	A	Cape Henlopen
10/30/2019	4:00pm	Fr	H	Dover HS

Soccer

Head Coach Joshua Katz

Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent/Location
9/10/2019	4:00pm	JV/V	A	Lake Forest HS
9/12/2019	4:30pm	JV/V	H	Milford HS
9/17/2019	4:30pm	JV/V	H	Delcastle HS
9/19/2019	4:00pm	JV/V	A	Sussex Tech
9/26/2019	4:30pm	JV/V	A	Polytech HS
10/1/2019	4:30pm	JV/V	H	MOT Charter
10/3/2019	4:00pm	JV/V	A	Dover HS
10/8/2019	4:00pm	JV/V	A	Woodbridge HS
10/10/2019	4:30pm	JV/V	H	Cape Henlopen HS

10/15/2019	4:30pm	JV/V	H	Christiana HS
10/17/2019	4:30pm	JV/V	H	Delmar HS
10/22/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	A	Caesar Rodney HS
10/24/2019	4:30pm	JV/V	H	Sussex Central
10/29/2019	4:00pm	Var/JV	A	Delmarva Christian HS
10/31/2019	3:30pm	Var/JV	A	Middletown HS

Volleyball

Head Coach Danny Wandless

Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent/Location
9/5/2019	5:00pm	JV/Var	H	Archmere Academy
9/10/2019	4:00pm	JV/Var	H	Lake Forest HS
9/12/2019	4:00pm	JV/Var	H	Milford HS
9/13/2019	6:00pm	JV/Var	A	St. Mark's HS
9/17/2019	4:00pm	JV/Var	H	Delaware Military Academy
9/19/2019	4:00pm	JV/Var	H	Cape Henlopen HS
9/24/2019	4:00pm	JV/Var	A	Delmar HS
9/26/2019	4:00pm	JV/Var	H	Polytech HS
10/1/2019	3:45pm	JV/Var	H	Wilmington Friends HS
10/3/2019	4:00pm	JV/Var	A	Dover HS
10/10/2019	4:00pm	JV/Var	H	Sussex Central HS
10/15/2019	4:00pm	JV/Var	A	Indian River HS
10/17/2019	4:00pm	JV/Var	A	Caesar Rodney HS
10/22/2019	3:45pm	JV/Var	A	Charter
10/24/2019	4:00pm	JV/Var	A	Sussex Tech

Smyrna Middle School 2018 Fall Athletic Schedule

Boys and Girls Cross Country

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent/ Location
9/23/2019	4:00pm	H	Dover Central MS
9/27/2019	4:00pm	A	St. Anne's School
9/30/2019	4:00pm	H	Milford MS
10/7/2019	4:00pm	A	Chipman MS/Killens Pond SP
10/14/2019	4:00pm	A	Postlethwait MS
10/21/2019	4:00pm	A	Fifer MS/Brecknock Park
10/28/2019	4:00pm	H	Providence Creek Academy

Field Hockey

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent/ Location
9/25/2019	4:00pm	A	Woodbridge MS
9/30/2019	4:00pm	H	Seaford MS
10/2/2019	4:00pm	H	Milford MS
10/7/2019	4:00pm	H	Beacon MS
10/9/2019	4:00pm	A	Georgetown MS
10/14/2019	4:00pm	A	Chipman MS
10/21/2019	4:00pm	A	Fifer MS
10/23/2019	4:00pm	H	Postlethwait MS
10/28/2019	4:00pm	A	Selbyville MS
10/30/2019	4:00pm	A	Dover AFB MS
11/4/2019	4:00pm	H	Dover Central MS/Old Dover HS

Football

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent/ Location
9/19/2019	4:30pm	A	Milford MS
9/26/2019	4:00pm	H	Chipman MS
10/3/2019	4:00pm	H	Fifer MS
10/10/2019	4:00pm	A	Postlethwait MS
10/24/2019	4:00pm	A	Woodbridge MS
10/31/2019	4:00pm	A	Dover Central MS

Boys Soccer

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent/ Location
9/25/2019	4:00pm	A	Woodbridge MS
9/30/2019	4:00pm	H	Seaford MS
10/2/2019	4:00pm	H	Milford MS
10/7/2019	4:00pm	H	Beacon MS
10/9/2019	4:00pm	A	Georgetown MS
10/14/2019	4:00pm	A	Chipman MS
10/21/2019	4:00pm	A	Fifer MS
10/23/2019	4:00pm	H	Postlethwait MS
10/28/2019	4:00pm	A	Selbyville MS
10/30/2019	4:00pm	A	Dover AFB MS
11/4/2019	4:00pm	H	Dover Central MS

Volleyball

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent/ Location
9/30/2019	4:00pm	A	Fifer MS
10/2/2019	4:00pm	H	Postlethwait MS
10/7/2019	4:00pm	H	Chipman MS
10/9/2019	4:00pm	A	Mariner MS
10/14/2019	4:00pm	H	Beacon MS
10/16/2019	4:00pm	H	Woodbridge MS
10/21/2019	4:00pm	H	Georgetown MS
10/23/2019	4:00pm	A	Millsboro MS
10/25/2019	TBD	H	DAAD Tournament
10/28/2019	4:00pm	A	Dover Central MS
10/30/2019	4:15pm	A	Milford MSÉ

Smyrna Middle School Fall Sports, 2019-2020

In order to participate in athletics at SMS, student-athletes must meet all academic requirements and have a completed up-to-date physical on file with the Athletic Director. Physicals must be on the proper DIAA form and dated 4/1/2019 or later. One physical is good for the entire school year. Get your physical today! There are many local walk-in medical centers that offer very low cost sports physicals this time of year!

Please visit the SMS Athletics' website at <http://www.smyrnamiddlesports.com/> for team information, tryouts, updates, schedules, and announcements.

Our Fall Sports sign ups will be on Tuesday, August 27 from 5:00-6:00pm in the multi-purpose room of Smyrna Middle School. This will be an hour prior to the start of SMS Open House. Coaches will be available for questions, and you may also bring a completed physical at this time.

SMYRNA FFA HEATING THINGS UP AT 100th ANNUAL DELAWARE STATE FAIR

It was another fine year, as the Smyrna FFA Chapter brought home a variety of awards and ribbons from the 100th Annual celebration of the Delaware State Fair, with numerous recognitions being presented at the Delaware FFA Awards Breakfast held on July 26, 2019.

Summer Winners & School Awards

A variety of individuals and teams were recognized at the Delaware State Fairgrounds for their outstanding performances throughout the summer months leading up to the awards breakfast.

Three members of the Smyrna High School FFA were 1st Place winners in the AgriScience Fair competition, which showcased scientific skills and analysis in the areas of agricultural research. These scientific members included: Gordon Fletcher, Heather Fletcher and Delaney Tome. Raelyn Wiley and Nick Shane also placed 2nd for their research category.

The Smyrna FFA Agricultural Issues team with their topic, "Is All Insecurity Worth All The Biosecurity?" placed 1st with team members including: Kaylee Davis, Sarah Dinsmore, Zane Kerr, Brynn Rifino and Brooke Wix. Their forum now qualifies them to compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October. Prior to their competition, the Ag Issues team presented five community forums to the Smyrna/Clayton Holly's Club, Delaware Department of Agriculture, Kent Conservation District- NRCS & FSA Offices, the University of Delaware's Cooperative Extension Service and the Smyrna/Clayton Rotary Club.

Smyrna High School was also able to capture 1st Place in the State Agricultural Mechanics CDE with team members: Chris Marr, Aiden Pepta, Logan Strauss, and Gabe West as they were able to test their knowledge and skills in small engine troubleshooting, electrical wiring, plumbing and welding. Their efforts also ensures further competition at the National FFA Convention in the Fall.

The Livestock Evaluation Team placed 3rd in competition and was made up of members: Anthony Buhr, Cheyenne Donaghue, Maria Sterling and Austin Vendrick. This competition allows members to judge large farm animals, as well as cooperatively classify livestock as "keep" or "cull" for market and breeding purposes based on physical characteristics and records. Individual top ten placings for the team included: Maria Sterling placing 6th and Austin Vendrick placing 9th.

Smyrna High School Career and Technical Education Certifications		
PATHWAY	STUDENT CERTIFICATION	ASSESSMENT PROCESS
Digital Business Communication	Adobe Dreamweaver Photoshop InDesign	Online through Certiport
Accounting	QuickBooks	QuickBooks Assessment
Administrative Services 3 & 4	Microsoft Office Specialists, Word:Core/Expert, Excel:Core/Expert, Access, PowerPoint	Online through Certiport
Agricultural Structures III	OSHA 10	Online through CareerSafeOnline.com
Ag Mechanics	Briggs and Stratton Service Technician I, National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operator Program	Briggs & Stratton Penn State
Plant Science I, II, III AP Environmental	Delaware Nutrient Management Certification Delaware Pesticide Certification	Complete State licensing/appli- cation tests
Animal Science	Elanco Fundamentals of Science Certification AMSA Meat Evaluation Port Quality Assurance (PQA)	Online coursework and assess- ment CEV Multimedia Via National Port Board
ECE III	CPR First Aid	State Test
Allied Health	American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid CPR AED BLS First Aid, CPR, AED	Skills and writing tests
For additional SMYRNA CTE Certification information please see the attached link below: http://www.techprepdelaaware.org/2015-2016_Individual%20School%20Articulations/2015-2016-Art_Smyrna.pdf		

The Horse Evaluation CDE team placed 3th as well, with fellow members: Abby Conway, Sydney Kirch, Robin Logue and Rayne Thompson. The event consisted of judging six classes of equine, completing a team test and delivering two sets of oral reasons. Individual top ten placings for the team included: Rayne Thompson placing 6th and Abby Conway placing 8th.

The Nursery Landscape Team placed 4th in competitive action and consisted of: Gabryele Carter, Sky Jackson, Delaney Tome and Raelyn Wiley. The event was comprised of a written exam, team activity, tool and plant material identification. Individual top ten placings for the team included: Gabryele Carter placing 4th and Delaney Tome placing 9th.

Kaylee Dulin represented Smyrna FFA in the Dairy Showmanship event and placed 5th individually. The event demonstrated her skills and awareness in the show ring when working with dairy cattle.

Taylor Davis and Chris Marr drove their way to 6th and 7th place respectively in the Safe Tractor Operation CDE. This event was comprised of a written test, parts identification, using a skid steer, front end tractor loader and operating tractors with two and four wheel wagons against other statewide competitors in a course designed to test speed, accuracy and safety around obstacles.

FFA Fair Exhibits

The Smyrna FFA Chapter featured two fine chapter displays in the FFA Centre that were crafted by members: Taylor Davis, Justin Foersch, Philip Gaughan, Chris Marr and Brynn Rifino. The Delaware Agricultural Products Display placed second, only missing first by .3 points. The FFA Educational display was entitled, "I Believe In Leadership..." and will be used for future membership recruitment at Smyrna High School.

When it came to growing, designing, harvesting or building fair exhibits, there were a number of Smyrna High School FFA members who supplied competitive entries. This year the Smyrna AgriScience Program featured eleven FFA members, who were able to receive a "fair amount" in judging premiums awarded by the Delaware State Fair. Premium ribbon winners included:

- Gabryele Carter- 1st Place Small Hanging Foliage Basket.
- Kaylee Davis- 2nd Place Zucchini Squash
- Trevor Dickson- 3rd Place Large Interior Woodworking.
- Megan Dinsmore- 1st Place Beets, 4th Place Carrots, and 4th Place Large Hanging Foliage Basket.
- Sarah Dinsmore- 1st Place Silk Flower Arrangement, 2nd Place Hanging Silk Flower Arrangement, 3rd Place Small Hanging Foliage Basket, and 5th Place FFA Poster.
- Heather Fletcher- 2nd Place Medium White Eggs.
- Lily Griffiths- 1st Place Potted Plant, 2nd Place Dried Arrangement, and 3rd Place Shadow Box Display.
- Zane Kerr- 1st Place Large White Eggs, 2nd Place Watermelon and 5th Place Cabbage.
- Rebecca King- 1st Place Career Poster, 3rd Place Small Exterior Woodworking Project, 3rd Place Toolbox and 3rd Place Biotechnology Poster.
- Brynn Rifino- 2nd Place Cherry Tomatoes and 3rd Place Cucumbers.
- Grant Robinson- 3rd Place Medium White Eggs.
- Trey Thompson- 1st Place Italian Tomatoes, 3rd Place Cabbage, 4th Place White Onions, 6th Place Hot Peppers, and 6th Place White Sweet Corn.
- Delaney Tome- 1st Place Extra Large Brown Eggs, 4th Place Large Brown Eggs, and 5th Place Medium Brown Eggs.
- Raelyn Wiley- 1st Place Ice Box Watermelon, 3rd Place White Onions, 3rd Place Yellow Onions, and 6th Place Cherry Tomatoes.

Smyrna FFA Animal Exhibitors

Besides showcasing the hard work that goes into growing, designing and building projects, a number of Smyrna FFA members were also responsible for exhibiting farm animals at the Delaware State Fair. The following members took to the show ring and gave it their all in their respective areas:

Beef Cattle- Kendra Mounts, Brynn Rifino and Nicholas Shane.

Dairy Cattle- Kaylee Dulin.

Goats- Abby Conway and Delaney Tome.

Swine- Kaitlyn Collins, Cheyenne Donaghue, Andrew Miles and Maria Sterling.

At the conclusion of the awards presentation, the Smyrna FFA Chapter was recognized as this year's 1st Place National Chapter for Delaware, receiving a Gold Rating and the right to be recognized at the National FFA Convention & Expo to be held this October in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Smyrna FFA Chapter was founded in 1976 and makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through Agricultural Education. The chapter currently consists of 468 agricultural education students at Smyrna High School and is under the direction of FFA Advisors: Keith Shane, Jay Davis, Sarah Bell and Kellie Michaud.

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 Mrs. Irene Buscemi, Associate Principal
 Nurse 653-2760

CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 653-2761

Mr. David Paltrineri, Principal
 Mrs. Heather Moyer, Associate Principal
 Nurse 659-6401

JBM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 659-6297

Mr. Steven Gott, Principal
 Mrs. Cynthia McNatt, Associate Principal
 Nurse 659-6280

SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL 653-8584

Mrs. Kelly Holt, Associate Principal
 Mr. Marc Deisem, Associate Principal
 Mrs. Whitney Irwin, Associate Principal
 Mr. Kent Robinson, Associate Principal
 Guidance 653-8308
 Nurse 653-8823

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL 653-8581

Mrs. Stacey Cook, Principal
 Mr. John Camponelli, Associate Principal
 Mr. Leon Clarke, Associate Principal
 Mr. Clarence Davis, Associate Principal & Dean of Discipline
 Mrs. Dainelle Hampton-Morton, Associate Principal
 Mrs. LaTonya Pierce, Associate Principal
 Nurse 653-3137

CHILD NUTRITION OFFICE 653-3134

Mr. Roger Holt, Supervisor

MAINTENANCE OFFICE 653-3132

Mr. Scott Holmes, Facilities Supervisor

SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE 653-3135

Dr. Rachael Rudinoff, Director
 Dr. Marcia Mayhew, Assoc. Director

TRANSPORTATION OFFICE 653-3142

Ms. Sharon Almondo, Supervisor

TECHNOLOGY OFFICE 653-2754

Mr. Jody Sweeney, Supervisor

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOL CLIMATE & SAFETY

Mrs. Jessica Weller



Xfinity Internet Essentials

Check out Comcast/Xfinity's internet access alternative to introduce low income families to low-cost, high-speed Internet at home so that students, parents, veterans, and now all qualified low-income households can be ready for anything:

<https://corporate.comcast.com/values/internet-essentials>

Smyrna Middle School 2019-2020 Calendar

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SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION VISITATIONS 2019

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL	Wednesday, August 21	Unguided Tours 8:00am-3:00pm
SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL	Wednesday, August 21	Guided Tours 12:00-3:00pm
SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL	Monday, August 19	Seventh Grade 1:00-2:00pm
SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL	Monday, August 19	Eighth Grade 2:00-3:00pm
CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE	Thursday, August 29	3:00-5:00pm
JBM INTERMEDIATE	Thursday, August 29	1:00-3:00pm
CLAYTON ELEMENTARY	Thursday, August 29	1:00-3:00pm
SMYRNA ELEMENTARY	Thursday, August 29	1:00-3:00pm
SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY	Thursday, August 29	1:00-3:00pm
NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY (K-3)	Wednesday, August 28	6:00-7:00pm
NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY (Morning PreK)	Tuesday, September 3	6:00-6:30pm
NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY (Afternoon PreK)	Tuesday, September 3	6:30-7:00pm

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SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY (K-2)	Wednesday September 4	6:00pm
SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY (3-4)	Wednesday, September 4	7:00pm
SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL	Tuesday, August 27	6:00pm
SMYRNA ELEMENTARY	Tuesday, September 10	6:00pm
NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY (K-3)	Wednesday, August 28	6:00pm
NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY (Morning PreK)	Tuesday, September 3	6:00pm
NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY (Afternoon PreK)	Tuesday, September 3	6:30pm
CLAYTON ELEMENTARY	Wednesday, September 11	6:00pm
CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE	Monday, September 9	6:00pm
JBM INTERMEDIATE	Thursday, September 5	6:00pm
SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL	Wednesday, September 18	6:00pm

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Smyrna School District 2019 Individual School Teachers of the Year



CES Teacher of the Year, Shannon Peal



NES Teacher of the Year, Kailey Brewer



SES Teacher of the Year, Christine Stewart



CIS Teacher of the Year, Jody Crawford



JBM Teacher of the Year, Janae Huff



SMSTeacher of the Year, Matthew Bivins



SHS Teacher of the Year, Colonel Mark Hetterly