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Making Connections & Building Dreams

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Dear SHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

On behalf of the Administration and Staff, I want to welcome you to the 2022-23 school year. We are excited for the opportunity to work with you to make this year positive, productive, and memorable for all stakeholders.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information to assist you with a successful start of the school year. One of the keys to this success is the ability to communicate with you easily and accurately on a regular basis. To do this, we will be utilizing email, phone calls, social media, and our website. An automated call and email from me will go out the evening of August 16th. If you do not receive these, then we do not have the correct information on record. Please call the SHS main office at 653-8581 to correct this as soon as possible. Please also encourage your student to check his/her school email regularly starting now and throughout the school year. The student email accounts allow the school staff to make sure the students have current information about classes, school events, and various opportunities throughout the year. You will also want to use at least one of the following resources to stay current on information and opportunities for our students throughout the school year:

Instagram - [Smyrna_High_School](#)

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SmyrnaHighSchool>

Twitter – follow @smyrnaHS

Website - <https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/Page/19>

I strongly encourage you and your student to use Home Access Center (HAC) at least once a week to keep informed about student grades, attendance, and any missing assignments for classes. There is a “forgot username/password” function in HAC to allow you to reset your access as needed. If that doesn’t work, you can email Sara Black, sara.black@smyrna.k12.de.us for help. **Class schedules for students in 12th grade are now available in HAC. Class schedules for students in grades 9-11th will be available in HAC starting August 18th.**

We will have the building open for self-guided tours on August 22-23 from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM for any students who want to locate their classrooms prior to the first day of school. We will also be hosting a “Welcome Freshmen” event on August 31st from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. During this evening, we will have student guides available to help Freshmen find their classes and will also provide information sessions hosted by the SHS Administration.

(Please see next page.)

We will host “Open House” on Wednesday, September 21st starting at 6:00 PM. This is an opportunity for parents/guardians to hear from each of their student’s teachers about curriculum, expectations, and opportunities. On this evening we will host a traditional in-person event to allow parents/guardians to visit each classroom and meet each teacher. We will also make available online a collection of videos from each staff member. These videos will be available for viewing starting on September 21st. These videos will allow you to “visit” each of your student’s classes virtually. More information about how to access this option for “Open House” will be made available as the date of September 21st gets closer.

Students who plan to participate in sports must make certain an approved physical form has been completed and submitted prior to the first day of practice. Students are not permitted to practice without an approved physical on file. Please refer to the SHS Athletics website for more details on the practice plans for each sport, <https://www.eagles-sports.com/>

Additionally, please be aware that all incoming 9th graders are required by State of Delaware Law to have a current health examination. The health examination must have been completed within 2 years of entry into 9th grade. This documentation should be submitted to the SHS school nurse within 30 days of the start of school. The forms that can be used for this purpose can be found on the SHS website.

The student packet of information will be available online starting Monday, August 15, 2022. Please visit the “Student Resources” page of the Smyrna High School website (<https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/domain/416>) and locate the student packet for your student’s graduation year. The items you will find there are also listed below. **For each student you have at SHS, please complete the “SHS Parent & Student Agreement” to verify you have reviewed the required information prior to the first day of school. This signed agreement can be turned in at the SHS Main Office or to any teacher at SHS.**

Online “Student Packet” items include:

- SHS Parent & Student Agreement (complete and return to SHS Main office)
- **NEW** Bell Schedule for classes
- Class Advisor Letter
- Attendance FAQ
- Student 1:1 Chromebook Information
- School Counselors Letter
- District Calendar
- Yearbook Order Form and Information
- Parking Permit Application
- List of Important SHS Dates
- SHS Odd/Even Schedule Calendar
- Dress Code
- School Transportation Letter
- School Nurses Letter
- Wellness Center Letter
- SHS Code of Conduct
- **Coming Soon** - Student Chromebook Agreement (completed form required to be assigned a device)

Please reach out to our Administrative staff at any time throughout the year. We are here to assist you and to provide the best educational experience possible for your student.

Sincerely,



Stacy C. Cook, Principal