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## School Starts Wednesday, August 29th!

### The 2007-2008 School Day Schedule:



*Elementary Schools . . . 7:45 am - 2:30 pm*  
*EHMIS . . . . . 8:15 am - 3:16 pm*  
*High School . . . . . 8:15 am - 3:15 pm*

## Start Off Smart & Safe!

### Some Helpful Tips for the New School Year:

#### BE AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES EARLY

Have your child at their bus stop at least five minutes early. Now that the elementary run is scheduled before the other runs, drivers do not have the flexibility to wait for late arrivals.

#### BE PATIENT, DELAYS MAY HAPPEN

During the first two weeks of school, the buses may not be on schedule. Drivers need a bit of extra time to help students who are new or unsure of their buses. At the end of the day, drivers will not leave the school until they are sure all the students are on the bus. Delays of up to 15 minutes may occur. By the third week of school, buses should be on schedule.

#### REASSURANCE FOR YOUNG ONES

Take young children to the bus stop before school starts. Familiarize them with the surroundings. Reassure your child that the bus driver WILL bring them home, but may take other children home first.

#### BUS PASSES DISCONTINUED

All students must ride the bus assigned to them, both morning and afternoon. Students cannot ride another bus, as passes will no longer be issued. If there is an emergency and your child must have alternate transportation, please contact the Director of Transportation at 633-4776.

#### RETURN THOSE EMERGENCY FORMS!

Please fill out and return your child's emergency forms as soon as possible. These forms are needed to keep your child safe in case of an emergency and the school district must have accurate and up-to-date information.

#### PERMISSIONS FOR ASTHMA INHALERS

State law requires that school districts have a policy regarding students' self-administration of asthma inhalers. The medication policy for the school district reflects this law. Students are permitted to carry and self-administer emergency medication such as an asthma inhaler with written permission from parent(s), a physician's order and after review by the school nurse.

#### FOOD ALLERGIES

Please notify the school nurse at your respective building of any food allergies your child may have so the nurse and other members of faculty and staff can assist your child as needed.

#### BALLOON ALLERGIC?

Many individuals have severe adverse reactions to latex. Latex balloons are not permitted in schools. However, those made out of other materials (such as Mylar) may be used.



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USEFUL INFO FOR  
BACK TO SCHOOL  
VISIT US ONLINE AT  
[WWW.SWSD.K12.PA.US](http://WWW.SWSD.K12.PA.US)

## A Note From the Superintendent

**Dr. Barbara Rupp**

### Welcome to School Year 2007-2008!

Each year brings changes. This year is no exception. We are truly excited about increased educational opportunities for your children to learn. Our teachers have been busy over the summer months increasing their knowledge and skills. Our administrators have been focused on finding the best professionals to join our teaching teams.

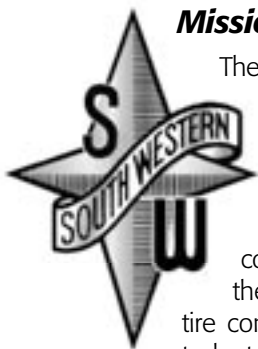


We are enthusiastic and ready for action, but we also need you. Please join us in making this the best year of your child's educational career. You can do this by being an active member of our educational teams. Call or e-mail your child's teacher with positive comments or concerns. Ask your child about his/her school day. Know what is happening in your child's school life. Our teachers and principals need to hear from you. **We want to hear from you.** Our collective actions will bring increased student achievement.

A new year brings changes in personnel. At our middle school, Kevin Duckworth will be joining us as the new principal. Kevin was previously a principal at Danville Middle School in Pennsylvania. At West Manheim School, Kris Strausbaugh will be the new principal. Kris has been a principal at Manheim Elementary for the past five years. A principal for Manheim will be appointed in the near future. Many of our teachers and parent representatives were part of the interviewing team to recommend these two outstanding educators. We are also pleased to announce a new transportation director who is joining our team. Chuck Baumgardner will be working with Regina Krysiak, retiring transportation director, during the first month of school as he learns our routes and system. Doug Fuhrman is new at South Western and has joined us as our new staff accountant. Regina Krysiak, our transportation director, is retiring; Dr. Moyer, middle school principal, has ac-

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### Mission Statement

The South Western School District is dedicated to providing a continually improving educational environment, through a cooperative effort with the family and the entire community, in which all students are encouraged and expected to achieve their full potential, to express themselves clearly, to think reflectively, and to interact responsibly in preparation for lifelong personal growth.

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### A Note From the Superintendent

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cepted a position as assistant superintendent at Shippensburg School District; and Dr. Krout, principal at West Manheim, will be a principal in the Hanover School District. Our previous staff accountant, Troy Wentz, has been promoted to business administrator in the Hanover School District. The South Western School District has been enriched by their service. We wish them continued success in their careers and fun in retirement.

Parents and community members, we are grateful for your past support and cooperation, and we look forward to your increased participation in your child's education.

*Barbara A. Rupp*

### Visit Teacher Web Pages

for classroom info such as schedules, policies and procedures.

[www.swsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us)

### Class of '82 Reunion

The South Western Class of 1982 is celebrating their 25th year reunion. Several activities are planned including a Tailgating Party on September 28 at the South Western vs. Spring Grove football game; the Reunion on September 29, 2007 at The Wyndham Gettysburg; and a Brunch on September 30, 2007. For more information please contact LeeAnn (Carley) Zeroth by phone at 717-630-2607 or e-mail [ZerothL@aol.com](mailto:ZerothL@aol.com) or Holly Miller by phone at 717-235-0584 or e-mail [HmillerRJ@aol.com](mailto:HmillerRJ@aol.com).

### What's for Lunch?

#### Wednesday, August 29th

Chicken Nuggets/Dinner Roll OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Rounds

#### Thursday, August 30th

Pizza Wedge OR Meatball Sub, Green Beans

#### Friday, August 31st

Mozzarella Sticks w/Sauce OR Cheeseburger on Bun, Spicy Fryday

### Lunch and Breakfast Prices See 5¢ Increase

#### Lunch:

High School & EHMIS	\$1.75
Elementary	\$1.55
Adult	\$2.65
Milk	.45¢

Milk choices include: Whole, 2% Skim, 1% Chocolate, and Low Fat Strawberry. The menu is subject to change without notice.

#### Breakfast:

High School & EHMIS	.90¢
Elementary	.80¢
Adult	\$1.35



### New This Year: Pay With Your Debit/Credit Card!

#### Changes to the Point of Sale Program

Visit [www.mynutrikids.com](http://www.mynutrikids.com) or locate the link on the district website to make deposits via a major credit card or PayPal account or to monitor the purchases of your child. This website is supported by our software provider and allows a safe and convenient way to monitor and replenish your child's meal account. Registration is free for viewing thirty days of account balances and only a small fee is assessed for credit card payments which will be reflected on your child's account within twenty-four hours. In addition, e-mail notifications can be sent when your child's balance is getting low.

One account registration can be used to view multiple children within the same household, and one payment transaction can be spread to all children listed on your account to reduce the impact of transaction fees. South Western School District does not profit from transaction fees. The assessed fees are utilized to maintain the website and to cover the costs associated by banks for processing credit card transactions. Complete directions can be found on the district website at [www.swsd.k12.pa.us/~jeff\\_proulx/](http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us/~jeff_proulx/).

### Dates to Note

August 29  
School Begins

September 3  
Labor Day Holiday  
Schools Closed

September 10  
Community Swim Resumes  
EHMIS Pool  
7:00-8:45 PM  
Mondays & Wednesdays

September 12  
School Board Planning Meeting  
7:00 PM

September 26  
School Board Meeting  
7:00 PM

October 18  
Internet Safety Seminar  
7:00 PM, EHMIS



### School Board Meetings

School Board meetings are conducted at 7:00 PM on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the Administrative Conference Room, unless otherwise announced. Residents are invited to attend. Requests to formally address the Board should be made in writing to the Superintendent's office ten days in advance of public meetings.

The South Western School District complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Public Law 90-202 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or physical handicap.

Any questions concerning South Western School District's programs and policies should be addressed to: Administration Office, 225 Bowman Road, Hanover, PA 17331, 717-632-2500.