

the MUSTANG ROUNDUP

Back to School Edition

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School Starts Tuesday, August 31st!

Grades K-9 Start August 31st

Grades 10-12 Start September 1st

DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Elementary Schools . . . 7:45 am - 2:30 pm

EHMIS 8:15 am - 3:16 pm

High School 8:15 am - 3:15 pm

AUGUST 27 ORIENTATION W.E.B.:

Sixth Grade 8 am - 12 pm



Some Helpful Tips to Start Off Smart & Safe!



BE AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES EARLY

Have your child at their bus stop at least five minutes early. Since 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.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

If there is an emergency and your child must have alternate transportation, please contact the Director of Transportation at 717-633-4776.

RETURN THOSE EMERGENCY FORMS!

Please fill out or correct your child's emergency information as soon as possible as updates are needed. These forms keep your child safe in case of an emergency and the 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 staff can assist your child.

BALLOON ALLERGIC?

Many individuals have severe reactions to latex. Latex balloons are not permitted in schools, but those made of other materials (like Mylar) may be used.



We Make A Difference A Note From the Superintendent Dr. Barbara Rupp



Welcome back for another exciting year and the opportunity to do what we love . . . teach and work with students, parents, and members of our community.

You are our clients and we strive to continually meet your expectations for education. However, we are not satisfied with just meeting expectations, we are striving for excellence. Of course, our most important goal is student achievement, and we are putting additional plans called interventions in place in each school to ensure that every student gets the additional help and the enrichment needed to be his/her very best. You will be hearing more about these intervention plans at back to school nights. Student achievement is our number one goal. In future editions of the newsletter we will be providing data that will show we are moving forward with regard to student achievement.

We will be looking for help from community members to serve on committees that will contribute to increasing student achievement. Committees on assessment, the science curriculum, diversity, and student wellness will be starting and we will be asking for community members to be a part of these committees. We will also be reporting back to you about our mid-point progress on our district's strategic plan, which was approved in September 2008. Many members of our community were part of that process and that group will be meeting again.

We will again be providing some opportunities for adult education programs. The programs will be advertised on our website, which has been recently revised to be more user friendly. Please visit our website, www.swsd.k12.pa.us, to see the new look.

And, finally, we are delighted to share that the renovations to Manheim Elementary School are completed and the school will be opening on schedule. The official dedication date and open house will soon be announced.

Our South Western School District board, administration, and staff are a dedicated team, and we are striving to make a difference in the lives of our students and in our community. As always we appreciate your support.

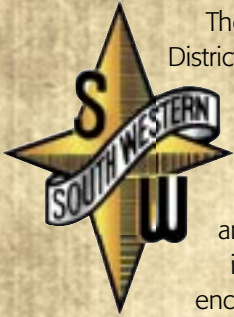
With warmest regards,

Barbara A. Rupp

Visit Teacher Web Pages

for classroom info such as schedules, policies and procedures.

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.

Adopted by the Board of School Directors
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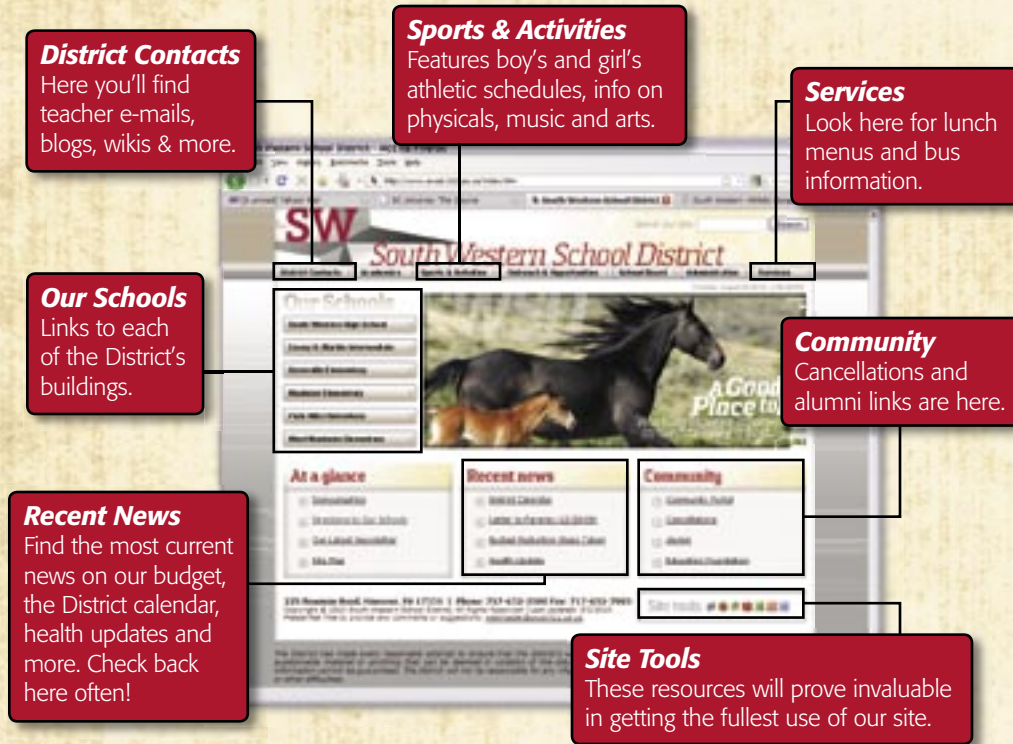
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A Quick Look Around

Where familiar things are found on the redesigned District website



Dates to Note

August 31
School Begins

September 6
Labor Day Holiday
Schools Closed

September 8
School Board Planning Meeting
7:00 PM

September 22
School Board Meeting
7:00 PM

What's for Lunch?

Tuesday, August 31st

Chicken Nuggets/Dinner Roll OR
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Steamed Broccoli

Wednesday, September 1st

Soft Shell Taco OR Turkey Sub, Peas

Thursday, September 2nd

Cheese Pizza OR Johnnie Rib, California Blend Veggies

Friday, September 3rd

Hot Dog OR Mustang Sub, Baked Beans

All menus are available on the district website at www.swsd.k12.pa.us/~shawn_harlacher/menus.htm

Lunch and Breakfast Prices

Lunch:

High School & EHMIS	\$1.90
Elementary	\$1.70
Adult	\$2.80
Milk	.50¢

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

Breakfast:

High School & EHMIS	\$1.05
Elementary	.95¢
Adult	\$1.50



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.

Adult Fitness And Education Programs Starting Up Again . . .



Starting in September, the district will offer volleyball in the evenings (Cost is \$2 per session) and also community swim (Cost is \$1 person / \$3 a family). The district will also be offering a variety of workshops to adults covering some very diverse topics. Please check out the District's website at www.swsd.k12.pa.us for course descriptions and registration, or contact Kathy Boone by phone at **717-632-2500 x20110**, or e-mail: kathy_boone@swsd.k12.pa.us



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.