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School Starts Tuesday, August 28th!



Grades K-9 Start August 28th
Grades 10-12 Start August 29th

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 24 ORIENTATION W.E.B.:

Sixth Grade 8 am - 12 pm

Start Off Smart & Safe! Riding The Bus.....

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.



New Rider Pick-Up Policy.....

A new rider pick-up policy for elementary schools will be in place this school year for enhanced safety. This information will come home through elementary school newsletters.

2012-13 Health News.....

RETURN THOSE EMERGENCY FORMS!

Please fill out or correct your child's emergency information as soon as possible for updates. These forms keep your child safe in case of an emergency and the district must have accurate and up-to-date information. **ALSO NOTE: the info on your student data sheet is also required for the district's new "school messenger," an automatic system that will contact parents via telephone with important updates.**

PERMISSION 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.

ALLERGIES

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

A Tradition of Excellence A Note From the Superintendent Dr. Barbara Rupp



For years, South Western School District's brand has been "A good place to be." With the increased expectations for our students, staff, and administration, we have realized that "good" is not good enough. We want more for our students. Quite honestly, we want excellence.

Over the summer, our administrative team discussed this. The focus of our discussion was excellence, what it was, and can we achieve it. While knowing that excellence is a moving target, we felt strongly that over the past 53 years that the South Western School District has been in existence, there are several areas in which we are approaching excellence. We felt that we were very strong in the areas of academics, financial responsibility, art, drama, music, athletics, facilities, safety, and building positive relationships. These strengths will lead to success for all students. Throughout the year, in this newsletter, my goal is to share specific evidence that will back up our claim.

The recommendation to change our brand to "A tradition of excellence" was positively received by the school directors. While they did accept the recommendation, they cautioned us that we must all work very diligently to maintain the tradition of excellence. Our teachers, support staff, administrators, and board are poised and committed to do whatever it takes to ensure academic success for all students and continue on the path to excellence.

Once again, we are very pleased to report that our district has achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status for student achievement on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment. However, the bar increases every year. As we transition to increased expectations for all subject areas, we have challenging work to do, but it is the work that we love to do because it makes a difference in the lives of our children, who deserve the very best.

As always, we appreciate the support you have given us in the past and hope that it continues. We are truly enthusiastic about the trust that the community has placed in us and we will not disappoint.

With Warmest regards,

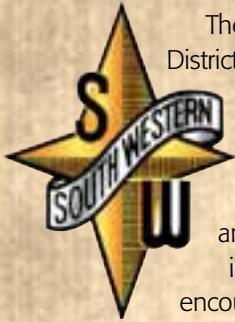
Barbara A. Rupp

Community Portal: Sign up!

South Western parents now have access to a wealth of information about their student via our new Community Portal.

Click on the "Community Portal" link at www.swsd.k12.pa.us and set up your account now!

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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South Western Set To Meet New Nutrition Standards

As South Western School District students return to school this fall, they'll find healthy new choices in their school cafeterias. The district will be serving school meals that meet tough new federal nutrition standards, ensuring that meals are healthy, well-balanced and provide students all the nutrition they need to succeed at school.

School meals offer students milk, fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, and must meet strict limits for saturated fat and portion size. Starting this fall, school lunches will meet additional standards which require:

- Age-appropriate calorie limits

- Larger servings of vegetables and fruits (students must take at least one serving of produce)
- A wider variety of vegetables, including dark green and red/orange vegetables and legumes
- Fat-free or 1% milk (flavored milk MUST be fat-free)
- More whole grains/less sodium



"We're always working to offer South Western students healthier and tastier choices," said Shawn Harlacher, Director of Food and Nutrition Services. "In addition to meeting new nutrition standards, we're also always looking to bring new items onto our menu to vary the items we serve each month."

School meals are still a great value and a huge convenience for busy families. To find out more about the district's healthy school meals please contact the Food Service Department at ☎ **717-632-2500**.

Visit the District Website



for classroom info such as schedules, policies & procedures.

What's for Lunch?

Tuesday, August 28th

Chicken Nuggets/Dinner Roll or Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Steamed Broccoli or Fresh Veggie Pack

Wednesday, August 29th

Bosco Sticks or Hamburger on Roll, Potato Rounds OR Fresh Veggie Pack

Thursday, August 30th

Cheese Pizza or Johnnie Rib, California Blend or Fresh Veggie Pack

Friday, August 31st

Toasted Cheese or Mustang Sub, Tomato Soup or Fresh Veggie Pack

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

Lunch & Breakfast Prices

Lunch:

High School & EHMIS	\$2.05
Elementary	\$1.85
Adult	\$2.95
Milk	.50¢

Milk choices include: 1% White, Fat Free White, Chocolate, or Strawberry.

The menu is subject to change without notice.

Breakfast:

High School & EHMIS	\$1.20
Elementary	\$1.10
Adult	\$1.65

Dates to Note

August 28

First Day of 2012-2013
School Year for Grades K-9

August 29

First Day of 2012-2013
School Year for Grades 10-12

September 3

Labor Day Holiday
Schools Closed

September 12

School Board Planning Meeting,
7 PM

September 26

School Board Meeting, 7 PM

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

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.