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School Starts Monday, August 25th!

Grades K-9 Start August 25th • Grades 10-12 Start August 26th



DAILY school schedule

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

August 26, 8am - 12pm • ORIENTATION for Sixth Grade
 W.E.B. (Where Everybody Belongs)

Looking Forward

Dr. Barbara Rupp



Learners have a voice and choice for self-directed, customized learning supported by a caring and progressive network of educators.

As approved by our school board this past year, this is the new vision for our district. You may be wondering, just what is a vision statement. A vision statement is a description of what we want to accomplish in the next six years. It will serve as our guide for choosing specific courses of action. It becomes the framework for all of our planning for students. In essence, it describes our hopes and our dreams to ensure that all students reach their potential and experience success. It is a constant reminder of what we hope to achieve. It drives all of our actions.

As indicated in the vision statement, one of the components is that all learners will have choice. One of their choices will be in the manner in which they show that they have achieved mastery in the content area. The road to achieve this will involve much professional development for our teachers, changes in the way we currently do the day-to-day business of school, and changes for the expectations of our students.

One necessary component to make our vision a reality is that students need equal access to technology that can enable them to have individual choice in their daily work at school. Our plan is to eventually provide computer access for every student, so that there is equality for all. That cannot happen in one or two years. This year, we have two phases planned for the high school students to receive computers. High school students and parents will be informed in September how this will happen.

This is our first step for students. Through this district newsletter and through our social media site, you will be regularly informed of our progress. We are very excited and enthusiastic about the possibilities this vision statement will afford for all of our students.

Riding the Bus



Be Five Minutes Early

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

Be Patient, Delays Happen

During the first two weeks of school, the buses may not be on schedule. Drivers need 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 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 your child needs alternate transportation due to an emergency, please contact the Director of Transportation at 717-633-4776.

2014-15 Health News

Return Emergency Forms!

Please fill out or correct your child's emergency info as soon as possible. These forms keep your child safe in case of emergency and the district must have accurate, up-to-date information.

School Messenger

Your student data sheet info is required for the district's automatic system which contacts parents via phone with important updates.

Asthma Inhaler Permission

The medication policy for the district follows state law regarding students' self-administration of asthma inhalers. 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 building of any allergies your child may have so they can assist your child.



School Board Meetings are conducted at 7 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.

DATES NOTE

August 18
High School Mandatory Parent Meetings, 10 AM & 6 PM

August 19

- Grade 1 Back to School Night, 5:30 PM @ Park Hills, Baresville, West Manheim
- Kindergarten Orientation, 6:30 PM

August 20

- Grades 2 & 3 Back to School Night, 5:30 PM @ Park Hills, Baresville, West Manheim
- Middle School Mandatory Parent Meetings, 7 PM

August 21
Grades 4 & 5 Back to School Night, 5:30 PM @ Park Hills, Baresville, West Manheim

August 25
First Day School, Grades K-9

August 26
First Day of School, Grades 10-12

September 1
Labor Day Holiday, Schools Closed

September 10
Grade K-2 Back to School Night, 6:30 PM - Manheim

September 11
Grade 3-5 Back to School Night, 6:30 PM - Manheim

Adult Education Classes

Starting September 8, SWSD will offer Fall Adult Education Classes: Beginning Conversational Spanish, Preparing for your Interview, Computer Classes!, iPads iPhones Tablets OH MY?!, Ballroom Dancing, Vegetarian Cooking, Lacto-Fermented Foods, Yoga, Zumba, Aqua Zumba, Zumba Gold, Volleyball, and Community Swim. For more info, please call the district business office at 717-632-2500 or visit our website at www.swsd.k12.pa.us under Outreach and Opportunities tab.

STAY connected!

- We have an app! Search "South Western School District" on the Apple App Store or Google Play
- Access a wealth of student info via our Community Portal. Click on "Community Portal" at www.swsd.k12.pa.us
- The School Messenger system automatically contacts parents via phone with important updates. Click on "School Messenger" at www.swsd.k12.pa.us
- Find us on Facebook! Search for "South Western School District"



South Western Education Foundation 5K Run/Walk

On **Saturday, October 4th** the South Western Education Foundation will host a 5K Run/Walk to raise funds to be used for students in the coming school year.

The event is an all ages, family friendly walk or run, starting from EHMIS. Check in is from 7:30 - 8:30am that morning with start times at 9am. The stadium concession stand will be open and available during the 5K event.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization, created to help teachers, staff and administrators implement unique educational opportunities. When these folks request Foundation funds, they submit a proposal summarizing the program

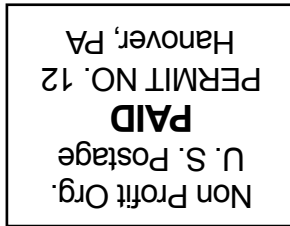


they'd like to implement. The proposal then goes before a nine person board, who review and take the proposal to committee each year. Applications for funds are due each April and reviewed by June of that year. The board then decides who gets funding and which programs are created.

Last school year, eleven proposals were submitted, and four grants were given for a total of \$5,898. The grants will be used by teachers to benefit students in the learning process.

For more information on the event, please visit sites.google.com/a/southwesternsd.org/sw-triathlon/home.

POSTAL PATRON LOCAL



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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. Adopted by the Board of School Directors October 24, 1990; Revised March 25, 2002

What's for Lunch?

Monday, August 25th

Chicken Nuggets/Dinner Roll, Mini American Sub or Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Corn or Fresh Veggie Pack

Tuesday, August 26th

Cheeseburger, Chicken Teriyaki on Rice or Turkey & Cheese Sand, California Blend or Fresh Veggie Pack

Wednesday, August 27th

Soft Shell Taco, Chicken Fajita Wrap or Yogurt cup, Red Beans & Rice or Fresh Veggie Pack

Thursday, August 28th

Cheese Pizza or Cheese Steak or Bologna & Cheese Sand, Peas or Fresh Veggie Pack

Friday, August 29th

Toasted Cheese, Johnnie Rib, Peanut Butter & Jelly or Marshmallow Sand, Tomato Soup or Fresh Veggie Pack

Menus: blog.swsd.k12.pa.us/foodservices/menus-2



Lunch & Breakfast Prices

Same prices as previous year

Lunch:

High School & EHMIS...\$2.15
Elementary...\$1.90
Adult...\$3.00
Milk...50¢
Milk choices include: 1% White, Fat Free White, Chocolate, or Strawberry.
Menu subject to change without notice.

Breakfast:

High School & EHMIS...\$1.25
Elementary...\$1.15
Adult...\$1.70