

Southern Regional Middle School

Introduction and Welcome

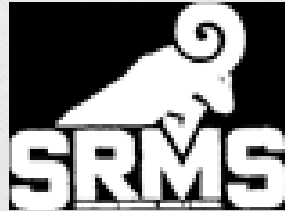


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WELCOME TO SRMS



**ORIENTATION 2019
GET READY CLASS OF 2025!**

Schedule

- Bus Stop Bus pick up is generally between 6:45-7:10.
Be at your scheduled bus stop 10 minutes prior to pick-up time.
Bus information will be accessible on the student schedule.
Middle School students should sit in the front of the bus; the last four rows are HS only!!
- 7:35 Exit busses and report to homeroom.
- 7:45 Homeroom period begins. Any student reporting to school late should report to the Greeter's Desk at the front entrance for a pass upon entering.
- 2:12 Regular school day ends.

Students are scheduled for eight periods of 44 minutes each; there are three minutes between each class. Lunch/Literacy is the exception- Lunch is 22 minutes and literacy 22 minutes. All students must bring a book of their choice to read during Literacy.

Teams/Classes

All students are assigned to a team:

7th Grade

Riptides Seahawks
Storm Titans



8th Grade

Comets Lightning
Sharks Titans

Most core classes are scheduled in the same vicinity with students traveling to science, cycle/electives, and math/English labs. Lockers, too, are in a location which is conveniently near core classes. The team hallways are color coded and named by letters.



Students are scheduled for English, math, science, social studies, math/English lab, encore/elective, physical education and lunch/literacy. Math lab and English lab are extensions of the full-year curricula. Students alternate quarters in English/math lab.



Students must bring a change of clothing for physical education. A purchased lock is required to keep personal items safe while participating in gym. Practice opening the PE lock will help students in opening their hall lockers.

Encore/Elective Classes

Encore consists of four ten week courses:

7th



Applied Technology
Design Engineering Workshop
Research Technology
Spanish

8th



Art
Coding
Family & Consumer Science
Spanish

Full year electives: Drama, Band, Chorus, Strings (in 8th grade, Spanish I by recommendation)



Locker/Homework/Extra Help

Lockers

Locker combinations will be printed on the student schedules.
The lockers are brand new this year!



Homework

Homework makes up a percentage of each grade. It is imperative for students to do homework every night.

One of the major reasons students earn a failing grade in middle school is because they don't do their homework. Don't let this happen to you! Many teams have homework websites. Check them daily for the information you need.



Extra Help 2:15-3:00

Take advantage of the extra help offered after school by your teacher/team. It is important to keep up with school work on a regular basis. If you don't understand something, ask for help!



Agenda Book/Homework Habitat

Agenda Book

Each student is provided with an agenda book to help keep them organized. Within the Agenda Book is a section containing the SRMS writing expectations. Students are expected to use their agenda books daily to record homework, projects, club meetings, team events, etc.



Homework Habitat

Homework Habitat is located in the media center and is open from 2:15-3:00 Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Participation is on a first come basis; sign-up sheets are available in the media center each morning. Students must sign-up prior to period 8 to be eligible to attend. All students must remain in Homework Habitat until the 2:56 bell. Your entry to Homework Habitat is your homework. Space is available on computers or at tables. A teacher is present to answer any homework questions you have.

Cell Phones/Dress Code

Cell Phones

The use of cell phones during the school day is strictly prohibited unless a staff member gives specific permission for its use.



While in school, it is expected that students attend to academic matters and not become distracted with cell phone use.

Dress Code

To maintain the correct decorum for learning, SRMS has a dress code policy which can be found in the SRMS Student Handbook posted on the middle school homepage.



Summer Reading

Summer Reading

Each incoming student has received a summer reading packet. All students are required to read two books and complete a task to show understanding of each of their choices. The completed summer reading task is due to your English teacher on Friday, Sept. 5. Directions and examples for the summer reading requirement is found at

https://srsdlibraryportal.weebly.com/srmsr_1920.html



Extracurricular Activities/Interscholastic Sports/Activity Day Picnic

One of the best parts of the day for SRMS students is after school! Students are encouraged to take part in many of the sports, clubs and other activities that are offered. The Activity Brochure is posted on the SRMS homepage.

Late busses are provided at 3:00 and at 5:15 for students involved in after-school activities.



Students must be with a teacher or coach after school. Students may not walk to Wawa or the high school and return for a late bus. Students must present a late bus passes from a teacher or coach for the 3:00pm or 5:15pm bus.

Students who wish to attend after school athletic events must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. School supervision is not provided for student spectators.

The **Activity Day Picnic** is the culminating activity for those participating in middle school after school activities. Students who finish a sport season or participate ten times in the same club or other SRMS sanctioned activity will be eligible to attend the picnic.



Don't be left out. Look over the list of what is offered and plan to participate. Dates and times will be announced on the morning announcements and again on the cafeteria and "C" Hall TVs or on posters in the halls.

Transportation

Bus

Bus transportation is available to all students. Bus stops and pick-up times will be found on the students' schedules (accessed in the Parental Portal).

In addition to the 2:12 end-of-day bus, 3:00 and 5:15pm buses are provided to allow students to participate in after-school activities.



Drop-Off

Those choosing to drop off students instead of using the provided bussing may do so in the back parking lot. When dropping off or picking up in the back parking lot, parents/guardians are cautioned to be cognizant of the many students and faculty crossing between the parking lot and the building. Students should not arrive prior to 7:25 and must report directly to the cafeteria.



Walkers

Students should not arrive prior to 7:25am. Any student who arrives prior to 7:35am must report directly to the cafeteria. Dismissal from the cafeteria will take place in conjunction with students exiting the busses.



Parents in the Know!

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is available as a cell phone shortcut on your homescreen or via the school website. To start the year, use the Parent Portal to complete important opening-of-school paperwork and during the year, use the Parent Portal to monitor your student's grades in each class. You are encouraged to use the portal regularly to assist your child in completing his/her assignments. The Parent Portal will be open prior to the start of school for you to complete the required opening-of-school paperwork (on or about August 14 for 7th graders and on or about August 21 for 8th graders). You will receive an email with information on how to access the Parent Portal. Call the MS Main Office if you need to update your email address (609-597-9481 x4215).

Schedules and bus information for 7th graders with completed forms will be accessible via the Parent Portal on or about August 14 (8th grade schedules will be available on or about August 21). Note that scheduling changes may still occur after that date. Bus information may not yet be available when schedules are first accessed.

Incoming 7th grade parents/guardians:

If you would like to visit your child's classrooms and try your student's locker during the August 20 orientation, please complete the on-line forms to access your child's schedule and locker information.

OR

If you have not completed the on-line forms prior to August 20, assistance will be available in the media center **after** the orientation meeting to complete the forms and access your child's schedule.

Parents in the Know!

7th Grade Orientation

August 20 is the welcome meeting for incoming 7th graders, new 8th graders, and their parents. You may attend at either 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. The orientation will last about an hour after which you and your child can tour the school. Your child will also have the opportunity to practice opening his/her locker.

These items may be accessed from the **SRSD.net** Homepage:

Parents Tab: Parent Portal (Genesis – Forms, Attendance, Gradebook, Warning Cards, Report Cards), Teacher Websites

Students Tab: Study Island, Edmodo, Big Ideas Math, etc.

Quick Link: Health Services, Parent Portal FAQ, Student Bulletins,

Icon: Calendars, email

These items may be accessed from the **Middle School** Homepage:

Academic Support Materials, Academic and Student Handbooks, Team Info and Supply Lists, etc.

School Nurse Information

Medications? Asthma? Diabetes? <https://www.srsd.net/HealthServices/>



Parents in the Know!



Lunch Procedures

You must register with PayForIt using your child's SRMS ID for your child to have a prepaid lunch account; old accounts from elementary schools do not carry over to the middle school. Your child's ID number will be listed on his/her schedule. Students may also purchase items from the cafeteria or snack bar or bring lunch from home. (To apply for free or reduced lunch, use the EZ Lunch Application within the Student and Parent Resources link on homepage.)

Attendance Policy

Your child needs to be in school to be successful. Attendance counts! There is an 18 day absence limit, whether excused or non-excused. Students absent more than 18 days run the risk of needing to attend summer school or being retained in the same grade level.

National Junior Honor Society

Students are invited into the NJHS in their 8th grade year based on their grades in 7th grade as well as by the service hours accrued in the 7th grade year. (See the NJHS rubric and guidelines on the MS homepage.)



Parents in the Know!

Team websites are a great place to gather information about expectations, trips, and assignments. Please access them and encourage your student in his/her academic journey.

Homework counts in the middle school. Failure to do homework is one of the major causes of failing grades at the middle school level. Please check the “Academic Support” link on the middle school homepage for some tools and suggestions to keep your child moving forward academically. <https://www.srsd.net/MiddleSchool/>

Homework Habitat is a program meeting in the Media Center from 2:15-3:00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays which provides an opportunity to begin homework and to receive assistance from a teacher if needed.

Summer Reading is the first grade your child will receive in the middle school. Encourage your child to read the required books and complete the task assigned. It is due to his/her English teacher on September 6.

https://srsdlibraryportal.weebly.com/srmssr_1920.html

Parents in the Know!

Reminder: Students' schedules will be released once the necessary exchange of start-of-school- information is complete. **The following forms must be completed in the Parent Portal after Aug. 14:** Contact information, demographic, health information, handbook, policies, health curriculum, computer acceptable usage, media release guidelines, KI pill information and permission. (An email reminder with instructions will be sent.)

Please be timely in your completion of the forms so that we have the information needed to keep your child safe and academically ready for the school year. Thank you for your cooperation.

The online Parent Portal Forms have replaced the old first day of school paper packets. **If you need paper copies of the forms, please call the MS Main Office at 609-597-9481x4215.**

- Notes:**
- 1) Legal or custody issues must be properly documented to be enforced.
 - 2) If health or contact information changes during the year, please contact your child's Guidance Counselor.

Opening of School



A School Supply List for all students is currently available on the SRMS website. Class-specific materials may be requested at the start of school.

<https://www.srsd.net/MiddleSchool/Docs/1920/Common%20Supply%20List%202019-20.pdf>

The first two days of school are abbreviated. Students will be dismissed at 11:50. Students should bring a snack to eat during lunch period.

Welcome to the Southern Family!!!

