

# Southern Regional Middle School

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Introduction and Welcome 2020-21



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# Covid-19 Mitigation Measures

(in addition to daily deep cleaning measures)

- Face coverings required
- Individual sanitizing of each period's personal workspace required
- Completion of health screening required for in-person days
- Alternating day in-person/virtual schedule for students (along with option to select fully virtual)
- Separate MS and HS buses
- Staggered passing times between classes; homeroom added to period 1
- Classes will meet outside at the discretion of the teacher
- No hall lockers (supplies limited; no textbooks issued)
- No PE lockers (come to school dressed for low-impact activities)
- Assigned entrances and staggered dismissals for AM and PM drop-off/pick-up
- 6-ft distancing during lunches with additional outside seating; cashless payment via QR code on phone or bar code on ID; no self-serve areas and other measures taken by food service provider
- Student devices encouraged for assignment submission on in-person days
- Limited sharing of materials/equipment along with sanitizing between uses

## General In-Person Schedule Overview

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.
7:35-7:40	Exit busses and report to period 1 (homeroom will be in period 1).
7:45	The school day begins. Any student reporting to school late must report to the Greeter's Desk at the front entrance to check-in.
2:12	Regular school day ends.

Students are scheduled for eight periods of 43 minutes each; the passing time between classes will be staggered by teams. The Lunch-Literacy/Study Hall period is the exception- the period is split between lunch and study hall/literacy. Seventh graders always eat during the A portion of the period. Study Hall/Literacy is the B part of the period. Students may read or complete HW during this time.



## Teams/Classes

All students are assigned to a team:

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Riptides	Seahawks
Storm	Titans



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Comets	Lightning
Sharks	Titans



With the exception of science, most core classes are scheduled in the same vicinity.

Neither hall lockers nor PE lockers will be used this year.

The hallways are both color coded and letter named to help students navigate the building.

Students are scheduled for English, math, science, social studies, encore/elective, physical education and lunch-literacy/study hall. English and math are composed of a full year course and a half-year course each. Students alternate marking periods during the half-year portion.

## PE/Encore/Elective Classes

**PE:** This year, students will not change for physical education. Students must come to school dressed to participate in low-impact activity.

**Encore consists of four ten week courses:**

7<sup>th</sup>

Applied Technology  
Design Engineering Workshop  
Research Technology  
Spanish



8<sup>th</sup>

Art  
Coding  
Family & Consumer Science  
Spanish



**Full year electives:** Drama, Band, Chorus, Strings (in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Spanish I by recommendation)





## Homework/Extra Help

### Homework

Homework makes up a percentage of the grade in each class. It is imperative for students to complete the assigned 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! Teachers will utilize Google Classroom to post assignments. Use the agenda book to record assignments and check Google Classroom daily for the information you need.



### Extra Help

Teachers may offer extra help after school from 2:15-3:00 or via Google Meet. It is important to keep up with school work on a regular basis. If you don't understand something, ask for help!



## **Agenda Book/Student Handbook and Homework Habitat**

### **Agenda Book**

Each student is provided with an Agenda Book/Student Handbook to help keep them organized and informed. Also within the Agenda Book is a section containing the SRMS writing expectations. Students are expected to use the book daily to record homework, projects, club meetings, team events, etc.



### **Homework Habitat**

In-person Homework Habitat is located in the media center and is generally open from 2:15-3:00 three days per week. Watch for additional information about a virtual Homework Habitat for math tutoring via Google Meet. Announcements will be made when HW Habitat begins for the year. Participation is on a sign-up basis.



## Cell Phones/Dress Code

### Cell Phones

The use of cell phones and other devices during the school day is for accessing on-line materials and Google Classroom as directed by the classroom teacher. While in school, it is expected that students attend to academic matters and not allow the cell phone to be a distraction for social purposes.



### 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.



## Extracurricular Activities/Interscholastic Sports/Activity Day Picnic

One of the best parts of the day for SRMS students is after school! The list of activities is available in the Activity Brochure posted on the SRMS homepage. Meeting dates and times will be announced during the morning announcements and again on the cafeteria and C Hall TVs, or on posters in the halls. Announcements are posted daily in the Student Bulletin accessible on the SRSD website. (Activities are subject to further Covid-prevention measures.)

Late busses are provided on in-person days at 3:00 and at 5:15 for students involved in after-school activities. Club advisors will direct students regarding virtual participation on alternate A/B days.



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. Only students with late bus passes from a teacher or coach will be permitted on the 3:00 or 5:15 bus.

Students who wish to attend after school athletic events must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. School supervision is provided for student spectators.



The **Activity Day Picnic** is the culminating activity for those participating in middle school after school activities. (We hope to be able to host this wonderful event again in the spring!) 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.



## Transportation

### Bus

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 5:15 buses are provided on in-person days 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 7:20 AM and must report directly to the gym.



### Walkers

Students should not arrive prior to 7:20am. Any student who arrives prior to 7:35 AM must report directly to the gym. Dismissal from the gym will take place when students exit the busses.



## Parents in the Know!

### Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is available as a cell phone shortcut on your home screen 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 and his/her attendance. You are encouraged to use the portal regularly to assist your child in completing his/her assignments. The opening-of-school forms portion of the Parent Portal will be open in mid-August for the completion of the required opening-of-school paperwork. You will receive an email with information on how to access this information. Call the MS Main Office if you need to update your email address (609-597-9481 x4215).

Schedules and bus information for 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be accessible via the Parent Portal once all forms have been completed within the Parent Portal after it is opened in mid-August. Note that scheduling changes may still occur after that date. Bus information will be updated within the Parent Portal closer to the end of August.



## Parents in the Know!

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

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

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

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

Icon: Calendars

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

Academic Support Materials, Academic and Student Handbooks, NJHS information, Common Supply List, etc.

### **School Nurse Information**

Medications? Asthma? Diabetes? Check out the “Health Services” section of the website.



## Parents in the Know!



### Cafeteria Purchases

The on-line payment platform for cafeteria purchases is PaySchoolsCentral. Instructions for setting up an account are available in the Food Services section of the SRSD website. The program also allows you to view the cafeteria purchases.

To apply for free or reduced lunch, use the on-line application within the Parent Portal or in the Food Services section of the SRSD website.

NOTE: The application must be submitted each year to continue service.

If the application is not renewed prior to the deadline, all charges will transition to full price.





## Parents in the Know!

Understanding **Google Classroom** will help you encourage your child in his/her academic journey. Be sure he/she knows how to use the calendar and how to navigate between the “stream” and the “classwork” sections. A tutorial is provided in the “Student Dashboard” section of the SRSD website.

**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 “Academia” link on the middle school homepage for some tools and suggestions to keep your child moving forward academically.



**Summer Reading** instructions are posted on the SRSD homepage.

This year's modified **School Supply List** for all students is posted on the SRMS homepage.

## 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 once it is opened for the new school year:** Contact information, demographic, health information, handbook, policies, health curriculum, computer acceptable usage, and media release guidelines. (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.

**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.



**Welcome to the Southern Family!!!**

**We are excited to have you join us!**

