

Southern Regional Middle School

Introduction and Welcome 2023-24

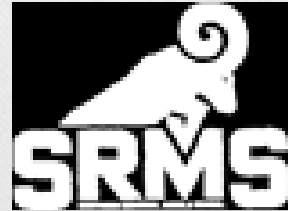


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SRMS Schedule Overview

Bus Stop	Bus pick-up is generally between 6:45-7:10 am. Be at your scheduled bus stop 10 minutes prior to pick-up time. Bus information will be accessible on the student schedule.
7:20-7:36	Exit buses and report to café or gym to await dismissal to homeroom.
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	The regular school day ends.
3:00 / 5:15	Activity periods end (for clubs, extra help, HW Habitat, sports). Buses are provided.

Students are scheduled for eight periods of 44 minutes each. The lunch/literacy period is the exception - the period is split between lunch and literacy (sustained silent reading). Seventh graders will eat lunch during the first half of the period and have literacy the second half of the period.

The bell schedule is posted on the website.

Teams/Classes

All students are assigned to a team:

7th Grade

Riptides	Seahawks
Storm	Titans



8th Grade

Comets	Lightning
Sharks	Titans



Generally, a majority of classes for each student will be in the same team hallway.

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

Signs for common areas such as the cafeteria, gym, and N hall are posted.

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

Encore and Elective Classes

Encore consists of four ten-week courses:

7th

Applied Technology
Design Engineering Workshop
Money Skills
Spanish



8th

Art
Coding
Family & Consumer Science
Spanish



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

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! Make it a habit to use the school-issued agenda book to stay organized and record assignments, extra help days, club meetings, etc.



Extra Help

Teachers may offer extra help after school from 2:15-3:00. It is important to keep up with schoolwork on a regular basis. If you don't understand something, ask for help! Your teacher will announce extra help days in advance. Record these in your agenda book.



Agenda Book/Student Handbook and Homework Habitat

Agenda Book

Each student is provided with an agenda book to help keep them organized and informed. The agenda book includes the Student Handbook and the SRMS Writing Guidelines. Students are expected to use the book daily to record homework, projects, club meetings, team events, extra help, etc. The most current version of the handbook is always available on the website.



Homework Habit

Homework Habitat and Math Homework Habitat are generally open from 2:15-3:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. (Students will get a pass for the 3:00 PM bus.)

Participation is on a sign-up basis. Sign-up in the HW Habitat portion of the Student Dashboard on our website.

Cell Phones/Ear Buds/Headphones and Dress Code

Cell Phones/Earbuds/Headphones

During the school day, it is expected that students attend to academic matters and not allow electronics to be a distraction. Cell phones/earbuds/headphones should not be used during the school day without teacher permission. All middle school students will be issued a Chromebook; therefore, cell phones are not needed to access school materials.



Dress Code



To maintain a 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 extensive list of activities is available in the **Clubs and Activities Information link** posted on the SRMS homepage. Meeting dates and times will be announced during the morning announcements and posted on the cafeteria and C hall TVs. Announcements for clubs, sports, and activities can also be found on the **MS Activities Calendar** on our website and in the **Student Bulletin**, posted daily on the SRMS homepage. Remember, students must have a **Co-curricular Participation Consent Form** signed by a parent/guardian to participate in after-school clubs. Links are posted in multiple locations on the website.



Late buses are provided at 3:00 and at 5:15 PM 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. Only students with late bus passes from a teacher or coach will be permitted on the 3:00 or 5:15 pm 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** in May 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 activity will be eligible to attend the picnic. Check out the **Clubs and Activities Information link** to find a club or sport to match your interests. Between 700-750 students qualify each year. Make plans to be part of the picnic!

Transportation

Busing

Bus stops and pick-up times will be found on the student schedule (**accessed in the Parent Portal**).

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



Student Drop-Off

Those choosing to drop off students instead of using the provided busing 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 be dropped off prior to 7:20 AM and must report directly to the cafeteria to await dismissal to homeroom if arriving before 7:36 AM.



Walkers

Students should not arrive prior to 7:20 AM. Any student who arrives prior to 7:36 AM must report directly to the cafeteria to await dismissal to homeroom.

Parents in the Know!

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal has a cell phone shortcut for your home screen or can be accessed via the school website. To begin each school year, **use the Parent Portal to complete important opening-of-school paperwork; 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 open in mid-August for the completion of the required paperwork. You will receive an email with information on how to access these forms. Call the MS Main Office if you need to update your email address (609-597-9481 x4216).

Schedules for 7th graders will be accessible via the Parent Portal once all opening-of-school forms have been completed within the portal after it is opened for that grade level in mid-August. (Schedules for 8th graders will be accessible via the Parent Portal once all opening-of-school forms have been completed within the portal after it is opened for that grade level in late August.) Note that scheduling changes may still occur after those dates. 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:

Middle School News (black and gold box with time-sensitive announcements)

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

Students Tab: HW Habitat sign-up, math textbooks, multiple on-line platforms for classes

Quick Links: Health Services, Parent Portal FAQ, Student Bulletins, Food Services

Icons: Calendars, email, search button

These items may be accessed from the Middle School Homepage:

Academic Support Materials, Academic and Student Handbooks, Clubs and Activities Information, Co-curricular Participation Consent Form, 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 online 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 your child's cafeteria purchases.

To apply for free or reduced lunch, use the online 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 or qualify for other assistance that may be available. Service for the 2023-24 school year will require a current application.



Parents in the Know!

Understanding **Google Classroom** will help you support your child's academic journey. Be sure you know how to use the calendar and how to navigate between the "stream" and the "classwork" sections. Contact your child's guidance counselor if you need assistance.

Homework counts. 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. **Encourage your child to take advantage of Extra Help and HW Habitat.**

Summer Reading instructions are posted on the SRSD homepage.

This is the first grade for the full year English class and is due the first Friday of the school year.

The **Common Supply List** for all SRMS students is posted on the SRMS homepage.



Parents in the Know!

Reminder: Students' preliminary 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, demographic, legal, and health information; handbook, curriculum, and AUP acknowledgements; school district provided technology device and Securly forms; media release form; and the home language survey (for all incoming 7th graders and all other new students). An email reminder with instructions will be sent in mid-August.

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. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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 so that school records can be updated.

Welcome to the Southern Family!!!

We are excited to have you join us!

