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School Starts Wednesday, August 27th!

The 2008-2009 School Day Schedule:



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

Start Off Smart & Safe!

Some Helpful Tips for the New School Year:

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.

RETURN THOSE EMERGENCY FORMS!

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

PERMISSIONS 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.

FOOD ALLERGIES

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

BALLOON ALLERGIC?

Many individuals have severe adverse reactions to latex. Latex balloons are not permitted in schools. However, those made out of other materials (such as Mylar) may be used.



FOR MORE USEFUL INFO FOR BACK TO SCHOOL VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.SWSD.K12.PA.US

A Note From the Superintendent

Dr. Barbara Rupp

Welcome to School Year 2008-2009!

School year 2008-09 opens with excitement and anticipation of outstanding student achievement as South Western continues on its "Quest for the Best."



We are excited as we received the news this summer that our district achieved AYP (adequate yearly progress) status for the school year 2007-08. This status indicates that, as the whole district, our students made the academic progress necessary to achieve AYP status.

Our students and teachers worked collaboratively to achieve the status and we are proud! They are striving for the best.

Starting last May and over the summer months, our administrative team and teachers, who were involved in the process, interviewed potential teachers for the new school year. Teachers who are hired by our district go through a three level process prior to being approved by the school board. We continue to search for the best to be with our students.

We also had to search for two new members of the administrative team. Shawn Harlacher will be joining us as the new Director of Food and Nutrition Services and Alma Row will be joining us as our new Director of Data & Instructional Technology. Alma's position is a new position for the district and more information about her duties will be in forthcoming newsletters.

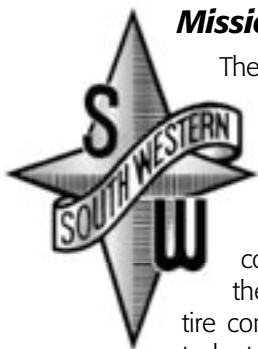
We are striving to do our very best in all areas of our operation and based on the recent parent survey conducted in the spring, you are pleased with our results. We need you, as parents, to strive to do your very best. I invite you to be an active member of our educational teams, by being in contact with your child's teacher, asking your child about the school day, knowing what is happening in your child's school. We depend on you and need you. I know that our collective actions will bring increased student achievement results.

We're grateful for your past support and look forward to your increased participation in your child's education.

With warmest regards,

Barbara A. Rupp

Visit Teacher Web Pages
for classroom info such as schedules, policies and procedures.



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

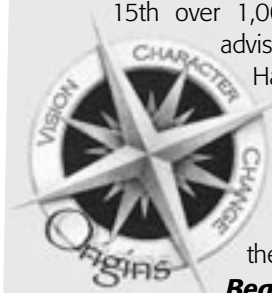
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We Need Your Help and Your Home!

The annual state conference is the Pennsylvania Association of Student Council's culminating event, held each year at a PASC selected high school. South Western High has been given the exciting opportunity to host the 2008 conference. This will be the 72nd annual conference, and the first time South Western will be hosting. From November 13th through November 15th over 1,000 students and advisors will travel to Hanover for three days of interactive leadership experience.



The conference theme, **Origins: It Begins with You**, was chosen by the Student Council to communicate that every individual has the power to make significant change in his or her community. Over the three days of the conference, student and advisor delegates will experience student-led workshops, general sessions with motivational speakers, round-table discussions, networking opportunities, entertaining activities, and much more.

On the Thursday and Friday evenings of the conference, the 800+ delegates will be housed in homes of Hanover community members. We're seeking volunteers to welcome these young leaders into their homes and demonstrate true Hanoverian hospitality! The housing of delegates throughout the community provides for an interactive, culture-rich opportunity that is fundamental to the PASC conference experience.

If interested in becoming a host family visit www.origins2008.org for an application. Direct any questions to origins2008@swsd.k12.pa.us or call **717-632-2548 x21600**. Delegates begin registering September 1st, so your immediate support is greatly appreciated!

What's for Lunch?

Wednesday, August 27th

Chicken Nuggets/Dinner Roll OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Smiles

Thursday, August 28th

Pizza Wedge OR Meatball Sub, Green Beans

Friday, August 29th

Taco Nacho OR Cheeseburger on Bun, Spicy Fryday

Lunch and Breakfast Prices See Increase

Lunch:

High School & EHMIS	\$1.90
Elementary	\$1.70
Adult	\$2.80
Milk	.50¢

Milk choices include: Whole, 2% Skim, 1% Chocolate, and Low Fat Strawberry. The menu is subject to change without notice.

Breakfast:

High School & EHMIS	\$1.05
Elementary	.95¢
Adult	\$1.50



Dates to Note

August 27
School Begins

September 1
Labor Day Holiday
Schools Closed

September 8
Community Swim Resumes
EHMIS Pool
7:00-8:45 PM
Mondays & Wednesdays

September 10
School Board Planning Meeting
7:00 PM

September 24
School Board Meeting
7:00 PM

Wear Your Pride!

New At The Mustang Depot

Get this cool 12th Man T-shirt at the Mustang Depot high school store. Show your spirit with the other new stuff offered this year:

- **Mustang Cowboy Hats**
- **Mustang Ties**
- **Mustang Bobblehead Pins**
- **Mustang Lanyards**
- **New Tees & Shorts**
- **Mustang Tattoos**



Adult Fitness Programs Start Soon



Starting in September, the district will offer low-impact exercise and volleyball in the evenings. Cost is only \$2 per session. Contact Donna Jayne at **717-632-2500** for info.



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.

PLEASE NOTE:

*School Board member vacancy effective November 1, 2008. If interested, please contact Dr. Rupp at **717-632-2500** by October 8.*

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.