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## School Starts Tuesday, September 1st!

**Grades K-9 Start September 1st**

**Grades 10-12 Start September 2nd**

### DAILY SCHOOL 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.

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## A Note From the Superintendent

**Dr. Barbara Rupp**

### 2009-2010: A Year of Celebration!



The primary purpose is to educate students and when we succeed, we want to share that success with you.

Once again, the South Western students have met the requirements of No Child Left Behind federal legislation referred to as making "adequate yearly progress" (AYP). Target areas for AYP are academic (reading and math), as well as attendance, graduation, and participation rates from the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). South Western has achieved AYP as a district in each building.

We also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the high school and thus of our district, having adding an educational facility for grades 7-12 in 1959. A large committee of retired and active educators along with current students has been planning a variety of activities to celebrate the pride and respect we have for our district. I encourage you to visit our website [www.swsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us) to check the link that is provided for you to see all of the activities, as well as what is provided in this newsletter. I especially encourage you to check the website if you are an alumnus as there are specific activities planned for alumni.

We are also celebrating the kick off of the South Western Education Foundation. Another committee

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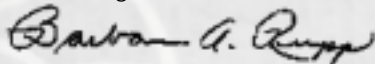
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of dedicated persons has worked to establish this foundation for the benefit of students and staff. South Western has developed a legacy of excellence over its first fifty years. We want to extend that level from excellent to exceptional by initiating additional programs and opportunities for students and the community. To do this, an Education Foundation is hoping to be funded by individual and corporate donations. More information as to how to do this will be rolled out during anniversary celebrations, at district functions, and in the next newsletter.

South Western School District prides itself on providing the best education possible to its students and serving the community in the most fiscally responsible way. Please consider joining us in celebrating student and district success.

With warmest regards,



## Dates to Note

**September 1**  
**School Begins For Grades K-9**

**September 2**  
**School Begins For Grades 10-12**

**September 7**  
**Labor Day Holiday**  
**Schools Closed**

**September 9**  
**Community Swim Resumes**  
**EHMIS Pool**  
**7:00-8:45 PM**  
**Mondays & Wednesdays**

**September 9**  
**School Board Planning Meeting**  
**7:00 PM**

**September 30**  
**School Board Meeting**  
**7:00 PM**

## A Legacy of Excellence...

**The 50th Anniversary Committee has prepared a celebration of South Western that will span MANY events throughout the entire school year.**



**Presented here is just a sampling of what is planned for this momentous occasion.**

**August 26, 2009**

• Kick-off for Fall athletics and band members - 6 pm

**August 2009**

• Kick-off sale for fundraiser

• Kick-off sale of commemorative item

• Faculty inservice, kick-off for faculty

**September 11, 2009**

• Football Game - 1960's players before game, tours and reception

**September 12, 2009**

• Class of '61 (First Graduation Class) Brunch and Tours - 11 am - 1 pm

**October 2, 2009**

• Football Game - 1970's players before game, tours and reception

**October 3, 2009**

• 50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER - 6 pm

Tours and reception for Alumni and Guests, 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Performance by Alumni Jazz Band

**October 16, 2009**

• Football Game - 1980's players before game, tours and reception

• Homecoming - 1st Queen/25th Anniversary Queen

**October 17, 2009**

• Brunch and Tours - Administrators, School Board, First Faculty, Retirees, and Guests, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Library

• Homecoming Dance - Students

**October 29, 2009**

• Halloween Parade - Float & Alumni Marching Band

**October 30, 2009**

• Football game - 1990's players before game, tours and reception

• Band Night/Alumni Band before game, tours and reception

**October 31, 2009**

• Band Cavalcade/Alumni Marching Band Performance

**November 6, 2009**

• Football Game - 2000's players before game, tours and reception

• Parent's Night

**February 2010**

• Musical weekend - tours and reception

**March 2010**

• Play/Musical

**May 2010**

• 50th Anniversary Celebration for students - Ice Cream Social

**June 2010**

• Graduation 2010 - Celebration of 50 classes, tours and reception

If you'd like to volunteer at these events or be part of the 50th Anniversary committee, please contact Ruth Lawler at ☎ 717-637-3384 or Marcia Peters at ☎ 717-632-2472

## The Big Kickoff!

Mark your calendars for the big 50th Anniversary South Western Mustang Fall Season Kickoff Pep Rally. It's all happening Wednesday August 26 (rain date Monday August 31). The event is an expanded version of our yearly rally that connects parents and students involved in our Fall athletic teams and band. The concession stand will be open, there's a raffle, and a special social hour after the event with D.J. "Sox Rocks!"

- 4:45 PM • *Gates Open, Concession Stand Opens*
- 6:00 PM • *Welcome; 50th Anniversary overview; . . . . . Athletic Director Evening's Events; General Athletic Information*  
 • *Booster Club Information . . . . . Booster Club President*
- 6:30 PM • *Roll Call of Teams in Jerseys; Introduce Team Captains, returning players, lettermen, etc.*  
*Cheerleaders (Varsity, JV, Freshman) . . . . . Coach Tudor & Staff*  
*Freshman Field Hockey . . . . . Coach Long*  
*Varsity Field Hockey . . . . . Coach Sites*  
*Boys Soccer . . . . . Coach Wilcox*  
*Volleyball . . . . . Coach Harman*  
*Freshman Football . . . . . Coach Staub*  
*Varsity Football . . . . . Coach Seidenstricker*  
*Cross Country . . . . . Coach Lee*  
*Girls Tennis . . . . . Coach Meyer*  
*Golf . . . . . Coach Miller*
- 7:30 PM • *Introduction of the Marching Band . . . . . Mr. Clark*  
*2009 Show or segment*
- 7:45 PM • *Playing and singing of the Alma Mater . . . . . All in Attendance*  
 • *Playing of "The Victors"*
- 8:00 PM • *D.J. Mark Bowersox "Sox Rocks" Social Hour; Announce Raffle Winners (must be present to win)*

## A Collectible Memory

A limited number of custom-designed porous ceramic coaster keepsakes commemorating the district's 50th anniversary are now available. They'll be sold for \$4.00 each at most 50th anniversary events and during regular school hours at the district administrative offices receptionist's desk. The coasters will first be sold at the kick-off for fall sports and band members on **Wednesday, August 26**, at 6 pm in the high school stadium.

## Welcome New Mustang Administrators...

### Mrs. Judy Berryman High School Assistant Principal

Mrs. Berryman is looking forward to being a part of the team at South Western High School and getting to know the staff, students, and parents. She graduated from York College of PA with a Bachelors of Arts. Upon graduating, she began her career in education at Littlestown High School. Mrs. Berryman earned her Masters of Education from McDaniel College in May of 2005 and received her principal certificate in 2008. For the past two years, Mrs. Berryman has been the Dean of Students at Central York High.

### Mr. Daniel Hartman EHMIS Assistant Principal

Mr. Hartman joined the middle school team on May 1, after having taught social studies for seven years at Dallastown School District. He received his Bachelor's degree from Elizabethtown

College and his Master's degree from Temple University. He is currently enrolled as a doctoral student with Immaculata University. Mr. Hartman is looking forward to working with the staff and students at the middle school and contributing to the success of our students.

### Mr. Jeffrey Smale EHMIS Assistant Principal

Mr. Smale joins the EHMIS administration anticipating the opportunity to promote a nurturing learning environment for students. He graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education. Upon graduating, Mr. Smale taught sixth grade for Franklin County Schools in North Carolina. He then earned his Masters of School Administration from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in North Carolina. For the past two years, Mr. Smale has been assistant principal at Cedar Creek Middle School, NC.



## NEW for Fall: South Western School District Adult Education Classes

The district will be offering a variety of workshops available to adults. They're designed to help them be active, informed and involved. The classes span such diverse topics as:

- Zumba
- Financial Planning
- Cooking
- Music
- Microsoft Programs
- Scrapbooking
- Screen Printing
- Photography
- Macintosh Basics
- Travel Opportunities

Please check out the District's website at [www.swsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us) for course descriptions and registration, or contact Kathy Boone by phone at **717-632-2500 x20110**, or e-mail:

[kathy\\_boone@swsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kathy_boone@swsd.k12.pa.us)



Not sure what to do with that old computer or television? Where can you go to clean out books that you've finished reading? How about that box of clothing? Be sure to mark your calendar for our BLACK AND WHITE GOES GREEN EVENT!

All residents of the South Western School District are invited to join in and attend a **reduce - reuse - recycle - and rethink event** on Saturday, October 17th, 2009, from 9 am - 1 pm (Open House) at Park Hills Elementary School (137 W. Granger St.).

Pack up those unwanted, gently used items for donation back into your community. Recycle unwanted items that aren't accepted by township programs. Shred those personal documents and records to protect your identity. Learn more about all the stations at this green fair event when you visit the district website at [www.swsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us) and click on the BLACK & WHITE GOES GREEN icon. This event is hosted in conjunction with the district-wide elementary library program's Get Your Green on @ Your Library initiative.

## 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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## Start Off Smart & Safe! *Continued from front page*

### PERMISSIONS FOR ASTHMA INHALERS

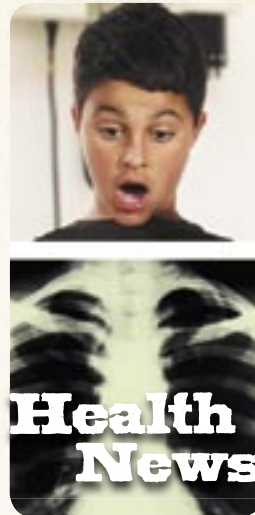
State law requires that school districts have a policy regarding students' self-administration of asthma inhalers. The medication policy for the school district reflects this law. Students are permitted to carry and self-administer emergency medication such as an asthma inhaler with written permission 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.



## 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.

## What's for Lunch?

### Our elementary menu for the first day of school will be as follows:

Bosco Sticks or Hamburger on Roll  
Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

### Middle School and High School menu will have a daily special in addition to the daily choices:

Fresh Made Subs, Sandwiches or Salads  
Tacos or Nachos daily (NEW)  
Pizza of the Day  
Sandwich of the Day

All menus are available on the district website at [www.swsd.k12.pa.us/~shawn\\_harlacher/menus.htm](http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us/~shawn_harlacher/menus.htm)

## Lunch and Breakfast Prices

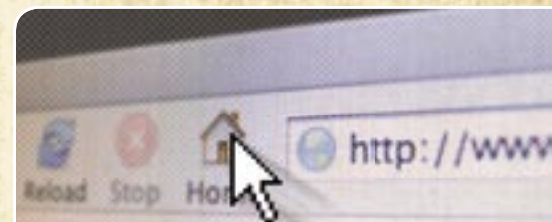
### Lunch:

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



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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.