

Dear SWHS/SWA Students and Guardians:

I hope you had a great, relaxing summer! I'm looking forward to the start of our school year with a little more normalcy. First, I'd like to introduce our new staff members, they're going to be a great addition for our students, school and culture:

Kyla Stelling- Kyla is a SWHS Alumni who earned her undergrad from UW and Masters from Evergreen State College. She most recently taught for the Lakewood S.D. She will be teaching our Ethnic Studies courses, welcome back Kyla!

Justin Silva- Justin earned his undergraduate from Southern Oregon University and Masters from UC Santa Cruz. He most recently taught at Independence H.S. in Roseville, CA. Justin will be our Activities Director, Leadership Teacher and C.T.E. Teacher. Welcome to the island Justin!

Trace Prael- Trace is also a SWHS Alumni who earned his undergraduate from WSU and Masters from City University. He was most recently a Counselor for the Marysville S.D. He will be our Counselor for students L-Z, welcome back Trace!

Luke Hodson- Luke, another SWHS Alumni, is moving from SW Elementary to SWHS/MS as our Life Skills Teacher and Head Football Coach, once again, welcome back Luke!

Emmy Atwood- We are fortunate to have Emmy move from SW Elementary to SWHS/SWMS to be our school nurse. Emmy earned two separate Masters degrees from Seattle U. and UW. Welcome Emmy!

Chantell Petty- Chantell earned her undergraduate from Eastern Washington U. and is moving from the MS Paraprofessional position to our new SWHS/SWMS Attendance Secretary. Welcome to the front office team Chantell!

As you all know, we're still navigating the ever-changing landscape of schools and our approach due to COVID restrictions and recommendations. Here are some general information points for our school year:

1. All Students and Staff will wear masks inside the building at all times. We realize wearing a mask for a long period of time can be challenging, therefore we're encouraging our teachers to take "mask" breaks outside as needed, teacher discretion.
2. We will not be administrating or tracking daily attestations.
3. Our daily schedule is back to normal. Full days 7:45-2:30 except Wednesdays which are early releases @ 1:00.

4. All teachers will be required to continue the use of Google Classroom. This has been proven to be an excellent communication tool for guardians and students. It will also give us the ability to change back to fully remote if needed due to any COVID situations.

5. We're still emphasizing social distancing inside the building. The guideline is three feet between students and six feet between students and staff.

6. Lunch will be somewhat normal, we'll have more tables spread out in both commons and will limit seating to 3-4 students per table. Students may also eat in classrooms of teachers who volunteer, the library and courtyard. *Also, breakfast and lunch is free this year for all students.*

7. Students will not be required to wear masks inside when eating or drinking. Water fountains will not be available so please bring your water bottles. Our two water bottle filling stations will be available.

8. Vaccinations are now required for ALL staff, volunteers, guest speakers, etc. before entering classrooms. Guardians who enter the building for various meetings, pick up students, etc. are not required to have a vaccination.

9. Student schedules can be accessed on Wednesday, August 25th via Skyward. Once schedules are given to students for the year, schedule changes will be considered ONLY for the following reasons:

- Incomplete schedule given to student
- Required course for a senior not scheduled
- The prerequisite for a course has not been taken
- Courses are out of sequence (e.g., Calculus before Precalculus)

Schedule changes can be made for the above reasons only. Students have up until the third day of the new semester to request a change. At preregistration, students listed core classes, electives and alternates, and only these classes will be scheduled if at all possible. Because of the intense planning that goes into building the master schedule, students will NOT be able to change their minds and attempt to add classes that did not appear on pre-registration paperwork. Students will not be able to request particular teachers or the order of their class schedule. Waiting lists for classes will be kept for classes until the third day of the semester, and students will be notified if they are able to switch a class.

Students who drop a class after the first ten days of the semester will receive a failing grade for the semester for that class and may receive a NC (no credit) for any replacement class. Rare exceptions to this rule must be approved by the principal.

10. **STUDENTS PLEASE BRING YOUR CHROMEBOOKS EVERYDAY**- For students who don't have a Chromebook yet, please go to the library to check one out.

11. [SW Bus Routes 2021-2022](#)

## First Week Schedule

### Wednesday, Sept. 1st Schedule (First Day)

Falcon Advisory	7:45-8:20
Assembly (Stadium)	8:25-8:45
1st:	8:50-9:40
2nd:	9:45-10:35
3rd:	10:40-11:35
3A:	10:40-11:05
3B:	11:10-11:35
Lunch:	11:35-12:05
4th:	12:10-1:00
Teacher Directed:	1:00-2:45

### Thursday, Sept. 2nd Normal Schedule(3A)

Period 1	7:45 –9:15
Period 2	9:20 –10:50
Lunch	10:50 –11:20
Period 3/3A	11:25 –12:55
Period 4	1:00 –2:30

### Friday, Sept. 3rd Normal Schedule(3B)

**\*\*Picture Day- 1st per. 9th Gr, 2nd per. 10th Gr, 3rd per. 11th Gr, 4th per. 12th Gr**

Period 1	7:45 –9:15
Period 2	9:20 –10:50
Lunch	10:50 –11:20
Period 3/3B	11:25 –12:55
Period 4	1:00 –2:30

Our staff is thrilled to have our students back! We are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

John Patton

SWHS/SWA Principal