

You're about to become the parent of a high school freshman. You're probably nervous. After all, it was only yesterday that you were dropping your little one off for their first day of kindergarten. It feels like that day all over again, doesn't it? Well, rest assured, everything will work out. We have put together this guide to alleviate anxieties and answer questions.

Current Bells*



- Doors are unlocked at 8:10 AM
- School starts at 8:40 AM
- School ends at 3:50 PM

Current Schedule*



We operate on an alternating Silver and Navy block schedule. Students attend four classes plus an advisory class per day. The Silver and Navy calendar can be found on the school website.

Helpful hint: Many students have two backpacks. One for Silver days and one for Navy days.

*As of January 2021

www.shs.weldre4.org

Supplies



Every teacher will have his/her own supply list, but everyone will need: pencils, pens, paper and notebooks.

Helpful hint: Bring a notebook and writing utensil on the first day.

Planner



Each student is encouraged to use a planner (digital or physical) to write down assignments, homework and testing days. We encourage parents to monitor their child's planner throughout the year.

Student ID



Students must have their school ID badges in their possession while at school. They are required for checking out books, picking up items at the front desk (that you drop off), and checking in at the attendance desk.

Helpful hint: Have your child take a picture of their ID on their cell phone. The ID will scan from a picture on their cell phones.

Technology



We are a 1-1 Chromebook school and welcome technology. Teachers set expectations for technology use. Students and parents will sign a Technology Acceptable Use Policy and be held to those guidelines. Canvas is our current Learning Management System for all courses.

Lunch



Payment

Payment for lunch is accepted online and by check or cash. Online payments can be setup at www.myschoolbucks.com.

Helpful hint: For the first few weeks of school, Free and Reduced lunch students are extended the same discounts as they received last school year.

Security



SHS has approximately 80 security cameras, a full-time campus monitor, and a School Resource Officer. We work in close collaboration with the Severance Police Department.

Communication



Most information about SHS can be found on our school website. **Knightly News** is sent via email through Campus Courier every Friday afternoon.

If you are currently signed up for Parent Portal, you do not need to sign up again. Please update phone numbers and email addresses, as necessary.

Dress Code



Please advise your student that we monitor and enforce the dress code which can be found on the website.

Helpful hint: Required Physical Education shirts can be purchased for \$10 at SHS anytime.





9th Grade

Parent's Survival Guide

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ATHLETICS

severanceathletics.com
970-833-7104

ATTENDANCE LINE

970-833-7105

SCHOOL NURSE

970-833-7112

TRANSPORTATION

970-686-8060

COUNSELING OFFICE

970-833-7118

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

Schedule Concerns: Your child's counselor

Schedule Parent/Teacher Conference: Your child's teacher

Student Discipline Issue: Dean of Students or Administrators

Attendance Issues: Attendance Line

Health or Medication Questions: Nurse

What will the first day look like?

Freshmen and new students (only) will attend school in the morning on the first day of school. Our staff will be waiting outside to welcome your child. First day activities include:

- Student "boot camp"
- Campus tour
- Classroom scavenger hunt
- Intro to other students

Where do students get dropped off and picked up?

For car riders, the pickup area is in the west parking lot—the same as the drop-off spot. Bus riders report to the south side of the building. To find out what bus your child rides, call transportation 970-686-8060.

How do I apply for Free or Reduced meals?

The application for free or reduced meals must be renewed every year. Forms are available at SHS and online at www.applyforlunch.com.

How can my child get involved?

SHS offers many opportunities, including numerous sports, clubs, and activities for your child to choose from. Research shows that students who are involved have better attendance and grades and are more likely to graduate on time.

How is bullying handled at SHS?

If you know or suspect that your child is being bullied, please encourage them to report it immediately to their counselor or an administrator. We take bullying seriously and investigate all reports. We strive to create a safe culture and climate at SHS. All students should not fear being harassed by other students or employees of the school district.

Who do I contact if my child is failing a class or missing assignments?

The teacher should always be your first contact. It is strongly recommended that you use email for the initial contact. All email addresses are located on the school website. To speak with a teacher, call the main school number at 970-833-7100. Please keep in mind that teachers don't always have time during the day to check voicemail.

What if my child has an appointment or needs to miss school?

Call the attendance line at 970-833-7105. If they will miss the entire day, you need to excuse them. If you will be picking them up, they will be issued a pass.

Helpful hint: Call early. If your child will be absent from school for a pre-arranged event, they must fill out a form that can be found in the main office.

What if my child needs medication or an inhaler during school hours?

Students taking medication—prescribed or over-the-counter—during school hours must have a written order from their physician. All medications must be kept in the Health Room. Students who are ill must report to the Health Room before being excused to go home.

What if I have more questions?

Reach out to us! We want to make sure all of your questions are answered.

