

July 31, 2020

Dear SCMS Students and Parents:

Greetings from Snow Canyon Middle School. I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy yourselves this summer and have made the most of your time away from school. We are looking forward to working with you during the coming year. We know that this year will be filled with unprecedented challenges and we hope that we can provide you with a great experience at Snow Canyon Middle School in spite of the unusual circumstances. The following information should be helpful as you plan for the start of school.

- To begin the year, students, employees and guests will be required to wear face covering while in the school. Students should come prepared with a face covering on the first day. We will provide two additional masks to every student at the beginning of the first period on the first day of school.
- Other safety precautions will be in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the school. The district's plan can be accessed at the following link:
 - <https://www.washk12.org/district/district-blog/415-2020-21-reopening-of-schools-plan>

We expect all students, employees and guests to follow the safety precautions that are in place. We will train students on the safety procedures that they will be asked to follow on the first day of school.

- Student schedules are now available to view in PowerSchool. Parents, please be sure to review the contact information in your parent Powerschool account and make any updates or changes. We encourage you to print your own copy of your schedule or download a digital copy to your personal device. Schedules may be printed from the student or parent Powerschool account. Use the following link to access Powerschool: <https://powerschool.washk12.org/public/>. To begin the year, we will have one printed copy of each student's schedule for those who do not have access to a printer.
- Because of social distancing guidelines and limitations in space in our counseling office, we will be handling class changes via phone call, email or online meeting. We will not be doing walk in class changes before school starts this year. If you would like to request a class change, please fill out the following Google Form and our counselors will contact you via your indicated method of contact in the order that you signed up. This form can also be accessed from our website and on the counseling page.
 - [SCMS Class Change Form](#)
- The My School Fees program that was used to pay fees online in years past, has been replaced. School fees may be paid and Fee Waivers submitted through PowerSchool. If you wish to avoid long lines and want to save time, we suggest paying school fees online through PowerSchool. Once you login to the **Parent** Powerschool Portal, you can select to pay fees in the menu on the left side. Once you have selected the link to pay fees, you will be able to pay school fees, and/or submit a fee waiver. These options will be available beginning on August 1st.
- We invite students and parents to come to the building to pay fees or turn in fee waiver form if unable to do so online. The school building will be open beginning on Wednesday August 5 through Wednesday August 12 (excluding the weekend) from 9:00 to 11:30 am and 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Students may also tour the building to find their lockers and class locations. Students and parents should practice safe social distancing and be prepared to wear a mask when they enter the building during these days. If you are a returning 9th grade student and are already well acquainted with the layout of the school, we would encourage you to limit your time touring the school building before school starts.

- If you need to come to the school in person to submit fee waivers. The form can be found online here: <https://www.washk12.org/students-and-parents/fees-and-waivers>. Please bring the needed supporting documentation with your completed form. You can also turn in free/reduced lunch applications (if you are not able to do so online). If you feel that you may qualify for McKinney-Vento/homeless services, please fill out the following form and bring it in to the front office.
 - [Student Residency Questionnaire for McKinney-Vento Services](#)
- Lunch money can still be paid online through PayPams. Follow the link from the district's website. <https://www.washk12.org/food-service/menus>. Applications for free or reduced lunch can be found here as well. The application can be done online at <https://www.washk12.org/food-service/free-and-reduced>.
- Students will be required to enter their lunch number at lunch using a touchless method this year. We encourage students to bring their student ID cards from last year to scan in the lunch lines until the new ID cards arrive.
- The first day of school will be Thursday August 13. School starts at 8:20 each morning. The first bell will ring at 8:15 am. In consideration of the special circumstances this year, we will not open the front doors until 7:55 am each day. We ask that students limit congregating in the commons area and hallways as much as possible. The first bell will ring at 8:15 am, classes will begin at 8:20 am. School will be excused at 2:40 pm on Monday through Thursdays.
- Beginning this year, every Friday will follow an early out schedule. Students will be released from school at 12:15 pm on Fridays. A grab and go lunch will be provided on these days for students who desire one. Buses will leave the school by 12:30 on Fridays.
- Students should be prepared for the first day with a pencil or pen, paper, a sack lunch or lunch money (if it hasn't been pre-paid), and their class schedule. They should bring their own face covering on the first day. As stated above, additional masks will be provided by the school.
- School Picture Day will be Thursday August 27. Please plan to have your child's picture taken even if you don't intend to buy a picture package. Pictures taken on this day will be used for student ID cards and in the school yearbook. More information concerning school pictures will be sent out during the first few days of school.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. We are glad that you will be with us for the coming school year. We know that this might be the most unique start to a school year that we have ever had, but with patience and resilience, we will get through this together!

Sincerely,

Brad Bench
Principal
SCMS