

Southern Huntingdon County School District

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August 4, 2022

Dear Southern Huntingdon County Families:

Welcome to another exciting school year at Southern Huntingdon County School District. The administration, faculty and staff have made their final preparations and are eager to welcome back students on Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

It is a privilege to work alongside educators who are collectively dedicated to enriching and mentoring the young minds that pass through our doors. Please join me in welcoming some new, enthusiastic faces to SHCSD this school year:

Sean Cummins	High School/Middle School Principal
Kathy Cutchall	Elementary Principal
Jordan Yarwood	High School/Middle School Curriculum Coordinator
Mikara Anderson	Vocational Agriculture Instructor
Natalee Buckley	Middle School Learning Support Instructor
Jacob Dasher	Technology Education Instructor
Mindy Horne	Business Education Instructor
Michelle Hunter	Elementary Life Skills Instructor
Grace Lathrop	Vocal Music Instructor
Emily Parson	Emotional Support Instructor
Autumn Whitsel	Middle School Learning Support Instructor

As school safety continually evolves, a districtwide Parent Safety Night is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the HS/MS auditorium. Our School Resource Officers and administration will discuss the current safety measures in place along with addressing any parent concerns. This meeting is in-person only; a Zoom link will not be available.

Currently, the District has one School Resource Officer available to all four buildings with the majority of time utilized at the HS/MS. Due to additional state funding for school safety, an additional School Resource Officer is being hired to focus on elementary coverage. The District has held to the practice of hiring retired Pennsylvania State Police troopers as School Resource Officers. These retired troopers also play an integral role in providing input into the school safety plans.

"An Equal Rights and Opportunities School District"

For the past two years, the USDA has offered waivers to Child Nutrition (CN) Programs across the United States, allowing these programs to offer all students breakfast and lunch at no cost to you. Unfortunately, these waivers expired on June 30, 2022. Starting next school year (22-23), CN programs across the nation will return to normal, pre-pandemic operations. Families will once again be asked to complete and submit a current school year Free/Reduced Meal Application if they would like to see if their students qualify based on income. You can apply on-line at [School Cafe](#).

Your contact information is entered into a school database that is accessed for emergency and general communication. If your address or phone numbers change throughout the year, please contact your child's building secretary. Some information may be sent via text, calls and email without being posted on a public site.

All families are encouraged to attend our Back-to-School Nights. The following events provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to establish a relationship at the school year's onset:

High School/Middle School Back-to-School Night
Monday, August 22nd 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Elementary Back-to-School Night
Tuesday, August 23rd 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Our administrators and teachers are preparing exciting programs and engaging technology that will be implemented this upcoming year. We wish you an enjoyable remainder of your summer and feel free to call with any questions.

Sincerely,



Dwayne D. Northcraft
Superintendent