

July 27, 2020

Hello Stallions,

Thank you for taking the time to read last week's letter and getting more informed for the upcoming 2020-21 school year reopening. We have broke down some areas at the school that many of you have questions about and hopefully this answers some of those questions. Most of these answers are part of the district's plan to keep students healthy and safe. Please keep up to date with everything on <https://smes.pasco.k12.fl.us/> and other social media/dojo outlets.

Field Trips: There will be NO field trips the first semester. Only virtual field trips will be allowed.

Visitors:

- During the first semester, visitors and/or family members will not be able to eat lunch with their students. This limits outside traffic through the cafeteria. We will revisit the 2nd semester.
- Most if not all meetings can and will be held virtually.

Early Registration:

Meet Your Teacher Day

****Meet Your Teacher will be only for Kindergarten and New Students!!** A bigger version is on <https://smes.pasco.k12.fl.us/>**

Early Registration

Come in on your Grade scheduled day and take care of the following:

- * Car tags * Bus pass * Pay fees
- * Drop off supplies * Find out your child's teacher

Monday, Aug 10th- 1st grade
Tuesday, Aug 11th- 2nd grade
Wednesday, Aug 12th- 3rd grade
Thursday, Aug 13th- 4th grade
Friday, Aug 14th- 5th grade

On each day the times will be:
(By student's last name)

A-H 8:30-11:00
I-P 11:30-1:30
Q-Z 1:30-3:30

*NO teachers will be on campus at this time

Meet the Teacher Day
For Kindergarten and New Students Only

WHEN: Thursday - August 20, 2020 9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Safety Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Everyone must wear a mask.- Follow social distancing guidelines.- Only parents/guardians may attend with child.						
WHERE: Sanders Memorial Elementary School <small>*Start in the cafeteria to pay fees and get teacher assignment.*</small>							
ARRIVAL TIMES: Organized by Student's Last Name: <table border="1"><tr><td>A - H:</td><td>9 - 9:50</td></tr><tr><td>I - P:</td><td>10 - 10:50</td></tr><tr><td>Q - Z:</td><td>11 - 11:50</td></tr></table> <small>*Please arrive at your designated time slot. We are following a tight schedule to adhere to social distancing guidelines.*</small>		A - H:	9 - 9:50	I - P:	10 - 10:50	Q - Z:	11 - 11:50
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Supplies Drop Off: Please bring all supplies to your student's classroom. Go to Sanders Memorial Elementary website to access the Kindergarten Supply List smes.pasco.k12.fl.us							

**** We know that this may not be a convenient time for you and if you have any questions please call 813-794-1500. Please remember we are opening up the school earlier to help with the new requirements of "Meet Your Teacher" Day and at the same time getting ready for the big reopening. If you have multiple students in different grade levels, please choose a time for only one (you do not have to come to all). ****

Device Pick-up: Device pick-up will be on 8/13 from 8am-5pm in the bus rider loop for all SMES MySchoolOnline students in need of a device. All students that need a device will be able to get one. Below is the link we created with a sign up. We need parents to have this completed before they pick up their device so we can have the device assigned to the students ahead of time to have device pick up running smoothly. Here is the sign up:

<https://signup.com/go/RvJyTDs>

Cafeteria: The cafeteria will be somewhat the same and different at the same time. Students will enter through the northside of the building and exit out the southside when picked up. At the tables, there will be enforced social distancing strategies such as students sitting in their class and spread out at least every other seat. When finished teachers will make sure they have masks on and exit. **Please remember that social distancing will be enforced wherever possible!**

Specials:

Art: Art will be coming to the classrooms on a cart.

Music: Students will be coming some of the time to the music room and there will be cart times, too

PE: Students will go outside with PE coaches as they have enough room to social distance their classes. An extra IA will be present to assist during large gatherings outside to ensure proper social distancing.

Please remember that social distancing will be enforced wherever possible!

Classroom:

- Students will be required to wear face coverings. As of 8/3/2020, a face covering can but not limited to include a mask or a face shield. There will be mask breaks where social distancing can be done especially at recess, PE and cafeteria.
- Hand sanitizers will be provided at entrances to school so students have the opportunity to clean off germs.
- Furniture in classrooms will be spaced appropriately to enforce social distance when possible.
- Elementary students will stay in their class for the majority of the day as there will not be any sharing of students. If sharing of students needs to happen, teachers will be the ones that move to the students.
- There will be certain times of the day that devices and materials will be cleaned between use. All stakeholders are responsible for cleaning materials including students may be cleaning their own materials/devices that they used.
- Media books and classroom library books/class texts will be cleaned and stored after use for 48 hours.
- Please have your child bring a water bottle to school.

Of course, there will be more information to come and many new innovative ideas from our teachers and other stakeholders to make sure ALL are safe and healthy at school.

We really hope that this is helpful and answers some remaining questions that you may have. Do not forget that we will need patience and understanding throughout this very fluid change.

Jason Petry

Principal