

August 11, 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.

Arrival and Dismissal:

Due to the extension of the summer and starting the 20-21 school year, here is the new schedule for students.

School Day for students: **8:40 am- 3:08pm**(MSOL students also)

2:58 p.m. Clean-up, go to designated rooms, and line up

3:03 p.m. Car Riders/ Parker Pick-Up/PLACE dismissed

3:05 p.m. Intermediate Buses (3-5) dismissed

3:07 p.m. Primary Buses (K-2) dismissed

3:08 p.m. End of the Day

3:10 p.m. Everyone should be at their dismissal location

**** Car Riders and Parker Pick-up must have car rider signs to pick up their children- You can get those signs at the front office. Please call in [advance](#).****

First Day of school: ONLY KINDERGARTEN parents may escort their children to the classroom on the first day of school using the inside walkways. Only on this day, Kindergarten arrival time will be from 8am-815am if their parents are walking them to class. All visitors will wear a mask and limit their time on campus. You will be encouraged to leave by **8:15 a.m.** and exit the campus safely and efficiently without any additional stops. **This will be only for the first day of school.** In the afternoon, parents will not be permitted to pick up their children from the classroom. If a parent comes to a classroom or stays longer than supposed to on the first day, parents will be referred to the office. It is extremely important that we continue to follow CDC and district safety and health guidelines.

Masks: When students are able to social distance in PE and recess, they may take their masks off during this time.

Patrols: There will be patrols this year for 5th grade. Patrols will be required to wear masks and if they would like other protections such as gloves and sanitizer that will be available to them everyday. If your child is a patrol and you would like your child to opt out of being a patrol, please let Coach Wilcox (smwilcox@pasco.k12.fl.us) know so we can replace their spot. If and when things return to normal, they can go back into their patrol role. Patrols will not be opening doors and/or holding hands but will be able to escort students to their classrooms during the first few weeks.

Tips for students/parents: Please have your students learn how to let themselves in and out of their car as the patrols or staff will not be opening doors this year for arrival or dismissal.

Virtual Meet Your Teacher Day:

Your child's teacher from grades 1-5 will be planning a virtual "Meet Your Teacher" Day. This will be done through a zoom, presentation, phone call or all the above. **They will be in contact with you next week.** This goes for online teachers as well.

Yearbooks: Yearbooks will be distributed within the first 1st week of school to students still attending SMES. **Fifth grade parents (current 6th grade parents):** If you purchased a yearbook, you may come in on Thursday, August 20, 2020, with your online receipt to pick up last year's yearbook. We apologize for the delay but wanted you to have this keepsake before you entered 6th grade.

Textbook and Device Distribution: Eureka Textbook pick up for MySchool Online students **ONLY** will be Thursday, 8/13 in the BUS LOOP from 8:00 - 4:30. Please keep in mind that if you take your child's textbooks now, and they return to brick and mortar school later on, they will need to come back in with them. Device pick up and textbook pick up will be done together in the bus loop. We will have two lines in the bus loop. One for just picking up books, and one for devices - which we will automatically provide you the books when you get the device.

Device Distribution: If you need a device for MySchool Online **ONLY**, use the following link to sign up by Wednesday 8/12 at 8am (This was sent out on 8/3). You must have an appointment to pick up the device on Thursday 8/13. **NO UNSCHEDULED DEVICE PICKUPS!** Please review the following forms that you will be digitally signing when you check out the device for your child.

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

Thank you again for all your patience and understanding through this. We will make this a great learning year for our students both online and traditional.

Thanks,

Jason Petry
Principal