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THE STALLION

STERLING HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

BY MR. MILLER - PRINCIPAL

Regular attendance improves academic performance and keeps students engaged in continuous learning. It helps develop social, communication, and problem-solving skills crucial for future success.

Parents and guardians play crucial roles in encouraging good school attendance in their students. Here are some strategies parents can use to promote regular attendance:

- **Routine:** Stick to a regular schedule for waking up, having breakfast, and getting ready for school.
- **Lead by Example:** Be punctual and responsible to set a good example.
- **Set Goals:** Work together on achievable goals for attendance and academics.
- **Stay Informed:** Know about school events and assignments to discuss with your student.
- **Remove Barriers:** Solve issues like transportation or bedtimes that affect attendance.
- **Report Absences Promptly:** If your student needs to miss school due to illness or other reasons, communicate with the school and provide necessary documentation. This shows your commitment to responsible attendance.



Remember that each student is unique, so it's important to tailor your approach based on their personality and needs. By using a combination of these strategies and maintaining a supportive and encouraging environment, parents can effectively promote good school attendance in their students.

(see page 4 for more information on attendance)



SENIORS - ORDER YOUR CAP & GOWN

If you haven't already done so, all 12th graders need to pay their senior fee and order their caps and gowns for graduation.

- Pay the senior fee through PowerSchool/Parent Portal (parents must use their own logins)
- **Click here** to order your cap & gown (after you pay your fee)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Building hours: 6:45 to 3:00 -- **all students must leave the building by 3:00 PM** unless under the direct supervision of a staff member or coach
- New student passwords were distributed on Aug 31; contact East Center if you still need your password
- Open House is on September 19
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are on October 11-12

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TITLE 1 PARENT MEETINGS

Many ninth graders are receiving support through intervention classes called ELA Builder and Algebra Lab. It is our goal to provide the best instruction and materials to help your student succeed.

- ELA Builder uses a program called **Adolescent Accelerated Reading Initiative (AARI)**, which focuses on critical thinking with informational text to help students' access content.
- Algebra Lab uses a program called **Transition to Algebra**, which uses logic puzzles, problems, and explorations to uniquely build students' mathematical ways of thinking.

To learn more about student interventions, we invite you to attend a Title 1 parent meeting on **Thursday, September 7**. Please plan to attend one of the meeting options below.

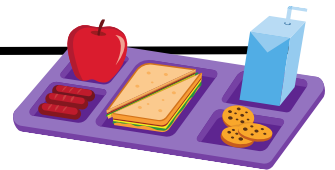
- 7:30 AM (in-person at SHHS)
- 2:30 PM (virtual, go to <https://wcskids.webex.com/meet/jlanni>)
- 6:30 PM (in-person at SHHS)



NEW ATHLETIC VISITOR POLICY

The recently approved policy goes into effect immediately and pertains to all students attending WCS high school athletic events

- Only WCS high school students and those from the visiting team will be allowed entrance to athletic events without a parent. Students **MUST** present their school IDs to enter.
- Students who do not attend a WCS high school or do not attend the visiting school, will be allowed entrance **ONLY** when accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- No bags or backpacks are allowed inside the stadium (purses and handbags are OK).
- Absolutely no re-entry will be allowed.
- Students and guests who do not follow the rules may be subject to removal without a refund.



BREAKFAST & LUNCH NEWS

This year, WCS will serve all students both a free breakfast and free lunch.

This exciting news is made possible by funding accessed through the "Educational Benefits Form", which you received in the registration packet. Parents are asked to complete one form per family. You can also complete the form electronically by [clicking here](#) and selecting "Apply for Benefits."

We are also proud to announce our new menu portal, which can be accessed by [clicking here](#). From the portal you can view meal ingredients, nutrition information, search for options that meet specific dietary needs, and select from a variety of different languages.

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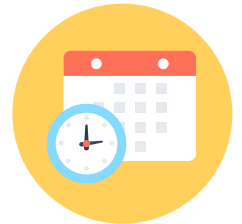
Last Names A-G
586-698-4255

Last Names H-Nh
586-698-4264

Last Names Ni-Z
586-698-4267

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 1-4	No School - Labor Day
September 5	Classes Resume - Full Day, 7:15-2:15
September 7	Title 1 Parent Meetings
September 11	NWEA Testing Begins
September 19	Early Release, 1:15 Dismissal
September 19	Open House, 5:30
October 3	Early Release, 1:15 Dismissal
October 4	COUNT DAY - ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND
October 6	Homecoming Football Game
October 7	Homecoming Dance
October 11-12	Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 12	Half Day, 10:25 Dismissal



NEWSLETTER

The SHHS newsletter, *The Stallion*, will be emailed home and posted to the [school website](#) on Fridays.

Please direct newsletter concerns to jlanni@wcskids.net

Information contained in the newsletter is subject to change without notice.

If you are not receiving emails from the school, please update your email address through [PowerSchool/Parent Portal](#)

LINKS & FORMS

[WCS Website](#)

[SHHS Website](#)

[SHHS Athletics](#)

[Parent Portal/PowerSchool](#)

[Schoology](#)

[Payments/Revtrak](#)

[Transportation/Bus Stop Info](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)

[Lunch Application/Meal Magic](#)

[Student Work Permits](#)

[WCS Student Code of Conduct](#)

[WCS Course Description Guide](#)



WCS LAPTOPS

To request a WCS laptop for your student, [click here](#).

For laptop support, call 586-782-6999 or email WCSLaptops@wcskids.net

SCHOOL INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is important to every student's learning and success. Chronic absenteeism is identified as a key risk indicator of student academic failure. A student who does not attend at least **90%** of scheduled school days is considered chronically absent by federal definition.

Sterling Heights High School expects all healthy students to be present and on time every day. If a student must stay home due to illness, a parent or guardian should report the absence to the student's attendance center by 8:00 AM.

Excused Absences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed medical absences (MED) In-school suspension (IHS) School sponsored activity (ACT) Administrator approved (AAP)
Unexcused Absences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absences where there is no parent contact (UNV) Absences for non-medical reasons (EXC) Absences without permission (SKIP) Pre-arranged vacations (PAV) At-home suspensions (SUS) When a student arrives to first hour after 7:30 AM When a student arrives to hours 2-6 more than 5 minutes late

ATTENDANCE CENTERS

Last Names A-G

East Center
586-698-4255

Last Names H-Nh

West Center
586-698-4264

Last Names Ni-Z

South Center
586-698-4267



Absence/Tardy Disciplinary Procedures

Absence #5 Parent communication (call or email) by teacher
 Absence #8 Referral to administrator
 Absence #10 Referral to administrator with loss of privilege

Tardy #3 After-school detention given by teacher
 Tardy #4 Parent communication (call or email) by teacher
 Tardy #5 Referral to administrator with in-school suspension
 Tardy #6 Referral to administrator
 Tardy #7 Referral to administrator with loss of privilege



Students Leaving During the School Day: If students are become ill during the school day, they must report to the attendance center to contact parents. Student may not text parents to pick them up. Students must get a pass from the attendance center to leave the building during the school day.

Vacations: Prior to a family vacation, a pre-arranged absence form must be submitted to the attendance office. If a student is absent for more than 30 calendar days due to a vacation, they will be dropped and must re-enroll upon return.

Student-Athletes & Extra-Curricular Activities: Students participating in extra-curricular activities, including athletics, must attend at least 4 hours of school. Students not meeting this requirement will be ineligible to participate in the after-school activity.

STALLION DRESS CODE

- Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit, down to approximately mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps 2" wide. Rips or tears in clothing must be below the knee. No pajamas.
- Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment (no house shoes or slippers).
- Clothing and accessories that endanger student or staff safety may not be worn.
- See-through or mesh garments must be worn with appropriate coverage underneath that meet the minimum requirements of the dress code.
- Headgear including hats, caps and wearing a hood are not allowed unless permitted for religious, medical, or other reason by school administration. Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.
- Clothing may not show, imply, or encourage illegal, violent, or sexual conduct; weapons; the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances; vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images; or hate speech/imagery.
- Backpacks & book bags must be stored securely in lockers and may not be brought to class.



The school administration reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress.



BELL SCHEDULE

REGULAR DAY

1	7:15-8:15
2	8:20-9:20
3	9:25-10:25
4	10:30-12:05
5	12:10-1:10
6	1:15-2:15

EARLY RELEASE

1	7:15-8:03
2	8:08-8:56
3	9:01-9:49
4	9:54-11:29
5	11:34-12:22
6	12:27-1:15

LUNCH

A	10:30-10:58
B	11:03-11:32
C	10:37-12:05

LUNCH

A	9:54-10:22
B	10:27-10:56
C	11:01-11:29

OTHER POLICIES

Student ID Badges: ID badges are to worn at all times and must be visible for security reasons. Replacement badges may be purchased at the main office for a fee. Students who have missing or defaced badges will be required to purchase a replacement.

Breakfast & Lunch: Students may bring their own lunches from home, or obtain a school breakfast & lunch at no cost. Snacks and a la carte items are also available for purchase.

Food delivery services are prohibited by the WCS Student Code of Conduct.

Senior students may leave for lunch, but all other grades must remain on campus.

Student Parking Permits: Juniors and Seniors may apply for parking permits. Students must provide vehicle registration, current proof of insurance, and a valid driver's license to obtain a permit. The fee is \$25.

<https://counselingshhs.weebly.com/>

Counselor: Last Names Rb-Z
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BOOSTER CLUB

What is the Booster Club?

This is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to encourage, partially fund; and if necessary, assist in academic and athletic related endeavors of the Sterling Heights High School; within the guidelines established by the Warren Consolidated Board of Education and the policies of Sterling Heights High School.

Boosters is here to ensure that all students, staff and the community have activities, opportunities, and encouragement that they may not otherwise have without the additional support and funding provided by our efforts.

How can you join?

Joining the SHHS Booster Club is very easy. All you need to do is submit your name, contact information and a \$7 registration fee to the office and you are done. Or you can email us directly for a membership form at boosterclubshhs01@gmail.com. Your support is appreciated, and we look forward to meeting you!

Booster Club Donations:

- 10-\$500 Scholarships Annually
- 1-\$750 Scholarship Annually
- WCSPA Program-AD Sponsorship
- Leadership Class: Homecoming
- Senior Stampede
- Athletics: Football, Volleyball, Swim, Baseball, Cheer, Softball, Wrestling
- Purchased Equipment -Indoor & Outdoor Weight Room
- CI Program Purchased Washing Machine and Sponsored Spring Dance
- ELL Program-Classroom Set of Books

Our Team

Fianna Kimble - President
Mea Boktor - Co-VP
Latonya Hudson - Treasurer
Suzanne Galley - Secretary

Contact Us

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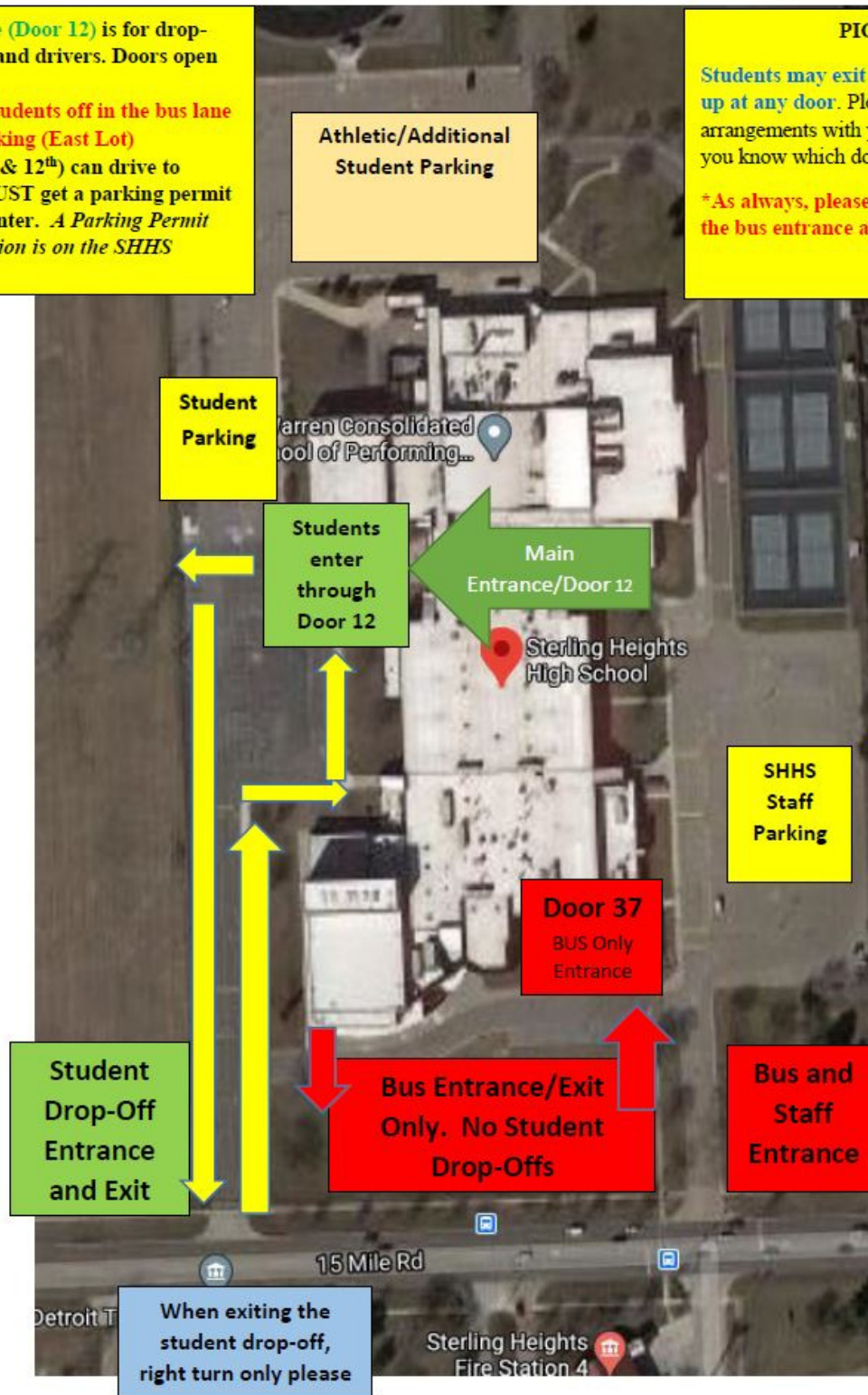
SHHS MORNING DROP-OFF MAP

- **Main entrance (Door 12)** is for drop-offs, walkers, and drivers. Doors open at 6:45 AM
- **Do not drop students off in the bus lane or in staff parking (East Lot)**
- Students (11th & 12th) can drive to school, but **MUST** get a parking permit from West Center. *A Parking Permit Form/Application is on the SHHS Website*

PICK UP:

Students may exit from and be picked up at any door. Please make arrangements with your student so that you know which door is best for pick up.

***As always, please refrain from using the bus entrance and exit lanes**



Warren Consolidated Schools 2023 - 2024 Calendar

August	September	October
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Legend	
T	Teacher Work Day-Prof. Dev.-5 Hours
NS	No School
NS	All Students Half-Day
ER	Early Release
	Count Days
SC	6-12 Secondary P/T Conferences
EC	K-5 Elementary P/T Conferences
HS	High School ONLY Half-Day
PTC	P/T Conferences
TD	MS/HS Testing Day
GD	High School Commencements



IMPORTANT DATES

Elementary (K-5) Marking Periods	
1 st Trimester	08/30/2023 - 11/10/2023
2 nd Trimester	11/13/2023 - 2/16/2024
3 rd Trimester	2/26/2024 - 6/12/2024

Secondary (6-12) Marking Periods	
1 st Quarter	8/30/2023 - 10/27/2023
2 nd Quarter	10/30/2023 - 1/12/2024
3 rd Quarter	1/16/2024 - 3/22/2024
4 th Quarter	4/1/2024 - 6/12/2024

Updated 8/9/2023

Date*	Event Description
Aug. 30	K-12 Half day (HD) - ECSE-AM ONLY; NO PM ECSE
Aug. 31	K-12 Half day (HD) - ECSE-NO AM; PM REPORT IN AM
Sept. 1-Sept. 4	No School (NS)
Sept. 19	K-12 Early Release (ER)
Oct. 3	K-12 Early Release (ER)
Oct. 4	Official Student Count Day (CD)
Oct. 11	K-12 Full Day - *6-12* ONLY EVENING P/T CONFERENCES (SC)
Oct. 12	K-12 Half Day (HD) - ECSE-AM ONLY; NO PM ECSE
Oct. 17	*6-12 ONLY* AFTERNOON AND EVENING P/T CONFERENCES (SC)
Oct. 25	K-12 Full Day - *K-5 ONLY* EVENING P/T CONFERENCES (EC)
Oct. 26	K-12 Half Day (HD) - ECSE-NO AM; PM REPORT IN AM
	K-5 ONLY AFTERNOON AND EVENING P/T CONFERENCES (EC)
Oct. 31	K-12 Early Release (ER)
Nov. 7	No School (NS) - District Wide
Nov. 10	K-12 Half Day (HD) - ECSE-AM ONLY; NO PM ECSE
Nov. 21	K-12 Half day (HD) - ECSE-NO AM; PM REPORT IN AM
Nov. 22-24	No School (NS) - Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 5	K-12 Early Release (ER)
Dec. 19	K-12 Half Day (HD) - ECSE-AM ONLY; NO PM ECSE
Dec. 20-Jan. 2	No School (NS) - Holiday Break
Jan. 10	9-12 Half Day (HS) - High School Only - Exams
Jan. 11	9-12 Half Day (HS) - High School Only - Exams
Jan. 12	K-12 Half Day (HD) - ECSE-NO AM; PM REPORT IN AM; HS - Exams
Jan. 15	No School (NS) - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 23	K-12 Early Release (ER)
Feb. 6	K-12 Early Release (ER)
Feb. 14	Supplemental Student Count Day (CD)
Feb. 16	K-12 Half Day (HD) - ECSE-AM ONLY; NO PM ECSE
Feb. 19-23	No School (NS) - Winter Break
March 5	K-12 Early Release (ER)
March 14	K-12 Half Day (HD) - ECSE-NO AM; PM REPORT IN AM; K-12 - Afternoon & Evening P/T Conferences (PTC)
March 19	K-12 Early Release (ER)
March 22	K-12 Half Day (HD) - ECSE-AM ONLY; NO PM ECSE
March 25-29	No School (NS) - Spring Break
April 9	HS/MS Testing Day (TD) - Date subject to change/Schedules to Follow
April 16	K-12 Early Release (ER)
May 3	K-12 Half Day (HD) - ECSE-NO AM; PM REPORT IN AM
May 7	No School (NS) - District Wide - Professional Development 6 Hours
May 14	K-12 Early Release (ER)
May 24	K-12 Half Day (HD) - ECSE-AM ONLY; NO PM ECSE - Senior Last Day
May 27	No School (NS) - Memorial Day
June 1	High School Commencements (GD)
June 10	9-11 Half Day (HS) - High School Only - Exams
June 11	9-11 Half Day (HS) - High School Only - Exams
June 12	K-11 Half Day (HD) - ECSE-NO AM; PM REPORT IN AM

*Dates Subject to Change

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Student Achievement

A focus on measurable student achievement in our Professional Learning Communities.

High Expectations

Clear expectations for every stakeholder, including students, staff and parents.

Strong Relationships

Strong relationships among all stakeholders, including: teacher-student, parent-teacher, principal-teacher, and superintendent-board member.

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, it is the policy of the Warren Consolidated Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, (including sexual orientation or transgender identity), disability, age, religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, genetic information, or any other legally protected category, (collectively, "Protected Classes") be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination during any program, activity, service or in employment. Inquiries should be addressed to the Chief Human Resource Officer, 31300 Anita, Warren, Michigan 48093, (586) 825-2400, ext 63110.