

SUPERINTENDENT'S BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

August 2016

The first day
of school is
**Wednesday,
August 24**

Students in grades K-3 follow
this schedule:

Kindergarten-3rd grade students

(last names A-G) attend August 24 only

(last names H-O) attend August 25 only

(last names P-Z) attend August 26 only

**Daily kindergarten, first,
second, and third grade
classroom schedules begin
August 29.**

Dedication Ceremonies

**Prairie Lincoln Elementary School
Wednesday, August 17 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Richard Avenue Elementary School
Thursday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Franklin Heights High School
Saturday, August 20 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Bolton Crossing Elementary School
Monday, August 22 at 3:00 p.m.**

**West Franklin Elementary School
Tuesday, August 23 at 2:30 p.m.**

**Highland Park Elementary School
Tuesday, August 23 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Open house and schedule
pick-up information is
available on school Web
sites, newsletters, or at
www.swcsd.us.**

From the Superintendent



Dr. Bill Wise
Superintendent

Sometimes it seems as though summer flies by in the blink of an eye! It feels as though one minute we're saying goodbye to students at the end of a school year and the next minute we're welcoming them back to their new classrooms.

We dedicate six replacement buildings in the final phase of our Ohio Facilities Construction Commission project - Bolton Crossing Elementary School, Highland Park Elementary School, Prairie Lincoln Elementary School, Richard Avenue Elementary School, West Franklin Elementary School and Franklin Heights High School. The old Prairie Norton and Monterey buildings were demolished over the summer. If you haven't had the opportunity to walk through one of

our new buildings, please join us at one or all of the dedications to see the results of strong community support for its schools.

The final phase of our three-year elementary school boundary realignment takes effect with the start of the 2016-2017 school year. This coincides with the opening of the final replacement elementary school buildings. As our district continues to grow, this realignment also helps provide room for additional students in each of our elementary schools so our youngest learners have access to enhanced learning environments and technology.

While this past summer has been very busy with moves from swing space to new buildings, the upcoming school year will be full of new experiences as well:

- All-day, everyday kindergarten continues to expand - providing a solid foundation for our youngest learners.
- The Accelerated Learning Center will have an additional level of courses, offering more opportunities for students to earn college credits while completing their high school graduation requirements. Two new career technical programs are being offered at the South-Western Career Academy - Cyber Security and Health Information Management - to keep pace with our changing world.
- Another version of the state report card will be released this fall with more information than in the past.
- We continue to expand our partnerships and collaborations with local colleges and universities, and community and social service organizations to provide more tools and resources for our students and families.

We continue to move forward to educate our children for their future because education for the real world is our business. We're ready for the new school year and look forward to seeing you at one or all of the many events planned for the start of school!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Wise".

Dr. Bill Wise, Superintendent

School Telephone Numbers

Area Code 614
(Attendance Line)

Elementary

Alton Hall ES – 801-8000 (801-8001)
Bolton Crossing ES - 801-8275 (801-8277)
Buckeye Woods ES – 801-8025 (801-8026)
Darby Woods ES – 801-8075 (801-8076)
Darbydale ES – 801-8050 (801-8900)
Finland ES – 801-8125 (801-8126)
Harmon ES – 801-8150 (801-8920)
Highland Park ES – 801-8200 (801-8200)
J.C. Sommer ES – 801-8350 (801-8356)
Monterey ES – 801-8250 (801-8255)
Prairie Lincoln ES – 801-8300 (801-8301)
Prairie Norton ES – 801-8450 (801-8451)
Richard Avenue ES – 801-8325 (801-8950)
Stiles ES – 801-8375 (801-8376)
West Franklin ES – 801-8400 (801-8401)

School Day: 8:20 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Intermediate

Franklin Woods IS – 801-8600 (801-8602)
Galloway Ridge IS – 801-8850 (801-8852)
Hayes IS – 801-6200 (801-6205)
Holt Crossing IS – 801-8700 (801-8702)
Park Street IS – 801-8800 (801-8802)

School Day: 9:10 a.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Middle

Brookpark MS – 801-3500 (801-8869)
Finland MS – 801-3600 (801-8874)
Jackson MS – 801-3800 (801-8884)
Norton MS – 801-3700 (801-8879)
Pleasant View MS – 801-3900 (801-8889)

School Day: 9:10 a.m. - 3:55 p.m.

High

Central Crossing HS – 801-6500 (801-3395)
Franklin Heights HS – 801-3200 (801-8854)
Grove City HS – 801-3300 (801-8859)
Westland HS – 851-7000 (801-8979)

School Day: 8:00 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Career Academy – 801-3400 (801-8864)
School Day: 7:57 a.m. - 3:01 p.m.

District

Student Enrollment Center – 801-6280
Preschool Center – 801-8448
District Service Center – 801-3000

More Information on our Web site:
www.swcsd.us

New Immunization Requirements

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, a new immunization requirement has been added. **All students entering 7th grade are required to be vaccinated with one (1) dose of meningococcal vaccine** prior to the start of the school year. **All students entering the 12th grade are required to be vaccinated with two (2) doses of meningococcal vaccine** prior to the start of the school year. Parents must provide proof of the meningococcal immunization to their child's middle or high school on or before the first day of school in August.

School Fees

Student Instructional Fee — \$20 per student - now payable online!

- Additionally, middle school students will need a combination lock for their lockers.
- High school students may have additional fees. These are noted on student schedules.
- Upon acceptance into South-Western Career Academy programs, letters will be sent home listing lab fees and uniform costs.

* *To pay school fees online, visit www.swcsd.us (Parent Resources) for more information*

Food Service Information

School Lunch Prices

Breakfast and lunch are available every school day. Check our Web site for menu details.

Elementary School: \$2.45/day (\$11.75/week), 40¢/day reduced*

Intermediate School: \$2.70/day (\$13.00/week), 40¢/day reduced*

Middle School: \$2.70/day (\$13.00/week), 40¢/day reduced*

High School: \$2.95/day for lunch combos (\$14.25/week), 40¢/day reduced*

Breakfast at all levels: \$1.00/day and 30¢/reduced*

* *Information on free and reduced lunch is available at the Student Enrollment Center or at your child's school.*

PayPAMS - online payment

From the convenience of your home, PayPAMS allows you to pay for your child's meals, view your child's account balance, schedule automatic payments based on your child's account balance, receive low balance e-mail reminders, and view a report of your child's daily spending and cafeteria purchases.

Visit <https://goo.gl/FWIO9t> for more information on PayPAMS and to take a tour of the system.

Transportation Information

School Bus Services

Students eligible for transportation services from the South-Western City School District will receive school bus route and bus stop information in the mail approximately two weeks before school starts.

NOTE: Please keep this letter as it also contains your Infinite Campus Parent and Student Portal log-in information and student homeroom information.

Please notify your child's school of any change of address or childcare changes before school starts. Due to late enrollments and bus route changes, please allow flexibility the first week of school.

Please do not call the Transportation Department for school bus numbers and/or route information. Contact your child's school. Parents are reminded that during the first few weeks of school, stop times may vary substantially.

High School (Grades 11 & 12) Opt-In Information

In an effort to continue to fully utilize all of our school buses, we ask the parents of 11th and 12th grade students to reserve their child's seat on the bus by filling out the Opt-In form found in the Transportation area of the District Web site at <https://goo.gl/vPdY6w>.

2016-2017 South-Western City School District Master Calendar

August

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

8/24 First Day of School for Students in grades 4-12
 8/24 gr K-3* (Last names A-G Only)
 8/25 gr K-3* (Last names H-O Only)
 8/26 gr K-3* (Last names P-Z Only)

September

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

9/5 No School (Labor Day)

October

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

10/19 Early Dismissal
 10/21 No School
 10/28 End Nine Weeks
 10/31 Begin Nine Weeks

November

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

11/8 No School (Election Day)
 11/23 No School
 11/24-11/25 No School (Thanksgiving)

December

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

12/7 Early Dismissal
 12/22-1/2 No School (Winter Break)

January

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

12/22-1/2 No School (Winter Break)
 1/13 End First Semester
 1/16 No School (Martin Luther King Day)
 1/17 Begin Second Semester

February

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

2/20 No School (Presidents' Day)
 2/22 Early Dismissal

March

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

3/17 End Nine Weeks
 3/20 Begin Nine Weeks
 3/27-3/31 No School (Spring Break)

2017 High School Graduation Dates

Franklin Heights.....June 3.....9:00 a.m.
 Central Crossing.....June 3.....12 noon
 Westland.....June 3.....3:30 p.m.
 Grove City.....June 3.....6:30 p.m.

Designated Make-up Calamity Day options:

February 20, April 17, June 2, 5, 6, 7

**Parent/Teacher Conference days will be scheduled by each school.*

April

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

4/14 No School
 4/17 No School
 4/19 Early Dismissal

May

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		




5/29 No School (Memorial Day)

June

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2

6/1 Last Day of School for Students
 End Nine Weeks
 End of Semester

 **South-Western City School District**
 3805 Marlane Drive
 Grove City, Ohio 43123
(614) 801-3000
www.swcsd.us

 = No School
 = Early Dismissal
 = Begin/End School



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**Important
 2016-2017
 School Year
 Information
 Enclosed**

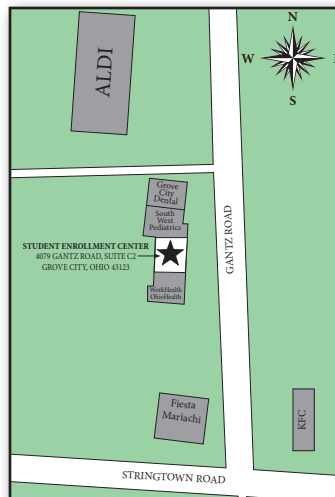
Student Enrollment Center.....(614) 801-6280
Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

4079 GANTZ ROAD, SUITE C2, GROVE CITY, OHIO 43123
CALL TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT!

All new and re-enrolling student enrollments will be taken by APPOINTMENT. All students new to the District must be enrolled at the Student Enrollment Center (SEC) prior to attending classes at any South-Western school location. All students whose families move within the district must also change their address at the SEC - this action does not require an appointment.

New and re-enrolling students may now enter enrollment information electronically or manually. Please follow the steps on our Web site at <http://www.swcsd.us/enrollment>

- Step 1:** Verify address
- Step 2:** Review Enrollment Checklist
- Step 3:** Prepare enrollment information for submittal either electronically or manually
- Step 4:** Make an appointment at the Student Enrollment Center to complete the registration process
- Step 5:** Bring the appropriate documents and a valid custodial parent/guardian ID with you to your appointment



Student Enrollment Center Map

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

You will soon be receiving information on how to set up your student and/or parent Infinite Campus (IC) Portal accounts. This information will be included in the "Back to School Letter," which is mailed home in mid-August, prior to the start of school. Infinite Campus is the District's Internet-based student information system. Please keep this letter in a safe location and do not share your parent account information with anyone - even your children.

One of the important features of IC is the Campus Parent Portal. The Portal is available to every parent/guardian of a student enrolled within the South-Western City School District. Through the Portal, parents are able to access their students' information, such as class schedules, coursework, attendance and academic reports, via the Internet. Parents are also able to submit updates to emergency and family contact information via the Portal.

New this year, parents will be able to complete emergency medical information (previously on a green card) electronically through their Parent Portal, including emergency medical treatment consent information.

Parents can determine how and where they wish to receive emergency communications, attendance calls, general announcement messages, and e-mail messages from teachers, the school, and the school district.

If you set-up your student and/or parent accounts in a previous school year, you will not need to change any of the login information this school year to access your child's information. You will need to review the "Contact Preferences" area of your account to specify how and where you wish to receive home-school communications as well as the emergency medical information area.