



SUPERINTENDENT'S BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

August 2014

**First day
for all students in
grades 4-12**

**Tuesday,
September 2**

**Students in Kindergarten
follow this schedule:**

Kindergarten–Green

(last names A-L) attend September 2 only
(last names M-Z) attend September 5 only

Kindergarten–Blue

(last names A-L) attend September 3 only
(last names M-Z) attend September 4 only

**Regular Green kindergarten
schedule begins September 9.**

**Regular Blue kindergarten
schedule begins September 8.**

**Students in grades 1-3 follow
this schedule:**

1st-3rd grade students

(last names A-G) attend September 2 only
(last names H-O) attend September 3 only
(last names P-Z) attend September 4 only

**Daily first, second, and third
grade classroom schedules
begin September 5.**

**Look for open house and
schedule pick-up
information in your
school's newsletter or at
www.swcs.us.**

From the Superintendent



Dr. Bill Wise
Superintendent

What a busy summer it has been and what an exciting time to be part of the South-Western City School District! We are opening four new replacement elementary buildings on September 2 when students return to school - Alton Hall, Harmon, Monterey and Prairie Norton. If you haven't seen the pictures of the new buildings, they can be found on our Facebook page in multiple photo albums.

Buckeye Woods and Darby Woods Elementary Schools were renovated over the summer. These schools will mirror the newly-constructed buildings.

These new and renovated buildings will have enhanced technology and learning environments to help our students keep pace with our ever-changing world. This will also give our schools the ability to strengthen connections with our families.

While this summer has been busy, the upcoming school year will be eventful as well. We will be preparing for the implementation of all-day everyday kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year, the development of a dual-enrollment high school, new state assessments, a new state report card, new graduation requirements, and another five replacement elementary buildings - Bolton Crossing, Darbydale, Finland, J.C. Sommer and Stiles.

Some of our new elementary school boundaries go into effect this school year. Our boundary changes are phased in to coincide with the opening of the new school buildings.

Over the summer, our district has "Gone Google," meaning we have new tools to support learning in our district, plus new building Web sites and a new e-mail system. We hope these improvements make it easier for you to find the information you want and need regarding your child's education and school.

South-Western is a member of a consortium that will be receiving Straight A grant funds from the state for an EDCITE project - Evaluating Digital Content for Instructional and Teaching Excellence. Our portion of the monies will allow us to purchase 3,000 Chromebooks for our high school students and train our teachers in how to evaluate, select and integrate digital materials into our classrooms.

Busy and exciting! We're ready for the new school year and hope you are too!

Sincerely,

Dr. Bill Wise, Superintendent

Web site: www.swcs.us | Facebook: www.facebook.com/SWCSD | Twitter: @SWCSD

School Contact Phone Numbers (Attendance Line)

Elementary

Alton Hall – 801-8000 (801-8001)
Buckeye Woods – 801-8025 (801-8026)
Darby Woods – 801-8075 (801-8076)
Darbydale – 801-8050 (801-8900)
East Franklin – 801-8100 (801-8101)
Finland Elem. – 801-8125 (801-8126)
Harmon – 801-8150 (801-8920)
Highland Park – 801-8200 (801-8930)
J.C. Sommer – 801-8350 (801-8356)
Monterey – 801-8250 (801-8255)
North Franklin – 801-8275 (801-8277)
Prairie Lincoln – 801-8300 (801-8301)
Prairie Norton – 801-8450 (801-8451)
Richard Avenue – 801-8325 (801-8950)
Stiles – 801-8375 (801-8376)
West Franklin – 801-8400 (801-8401)

Intermediate

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

Middle

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

High

Central Crossing – 801-6500 (801-3395)
Franklin Heights – 801-3200 (801-8854)
Grove City – 801-3300 (801-8859)
Westland – 851-7000 (801-8979)
SWCA – 801-3400 (801-8864)

District

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

For more info, visit our
Web site at www.swcs.us

School Times

- Elementary School (Grades K-4):** 8:20 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
NOTE: Monterey & Prairie Norton Elementary Schools 8:05 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.
- Intermediate (Grades 5 & 6):** 9:10 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.
- Middle School (Grades 7 & 8):** 9:10 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.
- High School (Grades 9-12):** 8:00 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.
- South-Western Career Academy (Grades 11 & 12):** 7:57 a.m. to 3:01 p.m.

School Fees

Student Instructional Fee — \$20 per student

- 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.

Food Service Information

School Lunch Prices - CHANGE IN PRICES for 2014-2015

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

Elementary School: \$2.35/day (\$11.75/week), 40¢/day reduced*

Intermediate School: \$2.60/day (\$13.00/week), 40¢/day reduced*

Middle School: \$2.60/day (\$13.00/week), 40¢/day reduced*

High School: \$2.85/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

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 <http://www.swcs.us/home/FoodService/PayPAMS.htm> 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 www.swcs.us.

2014-2015 South-Western City Schools Master Calendar

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September

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			

9/1 Labor Day (No School)
 9/2 First Day of School for Students in grades 4-12
 9/2 gr 1-3* (Last names A-G Only)
 9/3 gr 1-3* (Last names H-O Only)
 9/4 gr 1-3* (Last names P-Z Only)

**for kindergarten dates, please view the kindergarten calendar at www.swcs.us.*

October

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

10/15 Early Dismissal Day
 10/17 No School
 10/31 End Nine Weeks

November

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

11/3 Begin Nine Weeks
 11/26 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)*
 11/27-11/28 Thanksgiving (No School)

December

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		

12/10 Early Dismissal
 12/22-1/4 Winter Break (No School)

January

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

12/22-1/4 Winter Break (No School)
 1/19 Martin Luther King Day (No School)
 1/23 End First Semester
 1/26 Begin Second Semester

February

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

2/16 Parent/Teacher Conference Day (No School)*
 2/25 Early Dismissal

March

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			

3/27 End Nine Weeks
 3/30 Begin Nine Weeks

April

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	

4/2-6 No School
 4/7 Ordering Day (No School)
 4/15 Early Dismissal Day

2015 High School Graduation Dates

To Be Determined

Make-up Calamity days (if needed) will be:

February 16, April 7, June 8, 9, 10

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

May

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

5/25 Memorial Day (No School)

June

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5

6/5 Last Day of School for Students
 End Nine Weeks



South-Western City Schools
 3805 Marlane Drive
 Grove City, Ohio 43123
(614) 801-3000

- = No School
- = Early Dismissal
- = Testing Dates
- = Begin/End School

Visit the South-Western City School District Web site (www.swcs.us) to keep updated on news and events!



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**Important
 2014-2015
 School Year
 Information
 Enclosed**

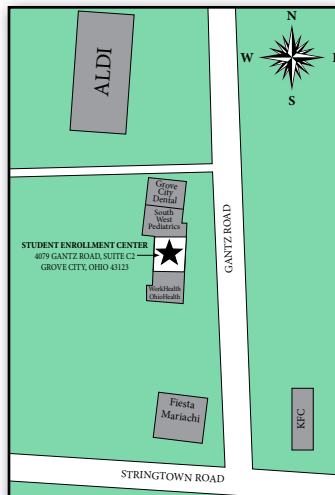
Student Enrollment Center.....(614) 801-6280
Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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 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.swcs.us/home/ParentResources/Registration.htm>

- Step 1:** Verify address
- Step 2:** Review Enrollment Checklist (<http://bit.ly/12Taqzy>)
- 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 (www.swcs.us/home/ParentResources/Registration.htm#NewStudentRegistration)



SWCS 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 Portal accounts. This information will be included in the "Back to School Parent 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 account information with anyone - even your children.

One of the important features of Infinite Campus 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.

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

If you set-up your student and/or parent accounts last school year, you will not need to change any of the 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.