



SUPERINTENDENT'S BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

August 2015

**The first day
of school is
Monday,
August 31**

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

Kindergarten-3rd grade students
(last names A-G) attend August 31 only
(last names H-O) attend September 1 only
(last names P-Z) attend September 2 only

**Daily kindergarten, first,
second, and third grade
classroom schedules begin
September 3.**

Phase 2 Elementary School Dedication Ceremonies

J.C. Sommer Elementary School
Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Darbydale Elementary School
Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Finland Elementary School
Thursday, August 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Stiles Elementary School
Friday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m.

**Open house and schedule
pick-up information is
available on your child's
school Web site, newsletter
or at
www.swcsd.us**

From the Superintendent



*Dr. Bill Wise
Superintendent*

It's been another busy summer for the South-Western City School District! We are opening four new replacement elementary buildings when students return to school on August 31 - Darbydale, Finland, J.C. Sommer and Stiles.

We are opening the new Franklin Heights High School. While the final piece of construction had to wait until the demolition of the old building was completed, the vast majority of the building will be open for students on the first day of school.

We demolished six buildings this summer to complete and/or continue our Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) project. If you haven't seen the pictures of the construction of the new buildings, there are photo albums for each school on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SWCSD.

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 are implementing all-day, everyday kindergarten this school year.
- The Accelerated Learning Center is opening and will provide our junior and senior high school students with the opportunity to take college courses while completing their high school graduation requirements.
- New state assessments are on the horizon, due to the State replacing PARCC assessments.
- Another version of the state report card will be coming out this fall with more information than in the past.
- The final four elementary schools in Phase 3 of our construction project are being built - Highland Park, Prairie Lincoln, Richard Avenue and West Franklin.

More of our elementary school boundary changes go into effect this school year. Our elementary school boundary changes are phased in over a three-year time period to coincide with the opening of the new school buildings.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Bill Wise, Superintendent

School Telephone Numbers (Attendance Line)

Elementary

Alton Hall ES – 801-8000 (801-8001)
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)
North Franklin ES – 801-8275 (801-8277)
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)
S-W Kindergarten Center – 801-8100

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)

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)

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)
Career Academy – 801-3400 (801-8864)

District

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

For more information, visit our
Web site at www.swcsd.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 2015-2016

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

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>.

2015-2016 South-Western City School District Calendar

August

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8/31 First Day of School for Students in grades 4-12
 8/31 gr K-3* (Last names A-G Only)

9/1 gr K-3* (Last names H-O Only)
 9/2 gr K-3* (Last names P-Z Only)
 9/7 No School (Labor Day)

10/14 Early Dismissal
 10/16 No School
 10/30 End Nine Weeks

11/2 Begin Nine Weeks
 11/25 No School
 11/26-11/27 No School (Thanksgiving)

December

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12/9 Early Dismissal
 12/23-1/3 No School (Winter Break)

January

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12/23-1/3 No School (Winter Break)
 1/18 No School (Martin Luther King Day)
 1/22 End First Semester
 1/25 Begin Second Semester

February

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2/15 No School
 2/24 Early Dismissal

March

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3/24 End Nine Weeks
 3/25-3/31 No School (Spring Break)

2016 High School Graduation Dates

Franklin Heights . . . June 4 (9:00 a.m.)
 Grove City June 4 (12:30 p.m.)
 Westland June 4 (4:00 p.m.)
 Central Crossing . . June 4 (7:00 p.m.)

Designated Make-up Calamity Day options:
 February 15, April 1, June 6, 7, 8, 9

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

April

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4/1 No School
 4/4 Begin Nine Weeks
 4/13 Early Dismissal

May

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5/30 No School (Memorial Day)

June

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6/3 Last Day of School for Students
 End Nine Weeks
 End of Semester



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 3805 Marlane Drive
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- = No School
- ★ = Early Dismissal
- = Begin/End School



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**Important
 2015-2016
 School Year
 Information
 Enclosed**

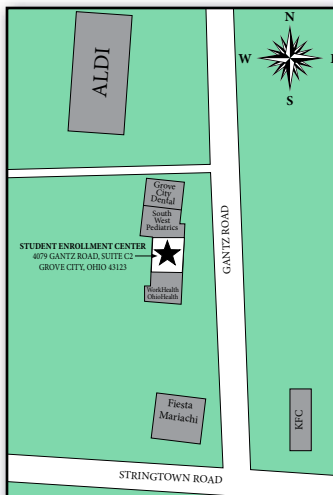
Student Enrollment Center.....(614) 801-6280
Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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 Portal accounts. This information will be included in the "Back to School Parent Letter," which is mailed home in 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 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 in a previous 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.