

# SUPERINTENDENT'S BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

August 2017

The first day  
of school is  
**Wednesday,  
August 23**

**Students in grades 4-12 begin  
daily classroom schedules on  
August 23.**

**Students in grades K-3 follow  
a staggered start schedule:**

**Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students**  
(last names A-G) attend August 23 only  
(last names H-O) attend August 24 only  
(last names P-Z) attend August 25 only

**Daily kindergarten, first, second,  
and third grade classroom  
schedules begin August 28.**

**Open house and schedule  
pick-up information is  
available on individual  
school Web sites, in start of  
school newsletters, or at  
[www.swcsd.us](http://www.swcsd.us).**

**Parent/Teacher Conference  
times are scheduled by  
individual school buildings.**

**Web site: [www.swcsd.us](http://www.swcsd.us)  
[www.facebook.com/SWCSD](https://www.facebook.com/SWCSD)  
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## *From the Superintendent*



*Dr. Bill Wise  
Superintendent*

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and school will be starting in a couple of weeks. Hopefully you and your family are looking forward to the start of a new school year with all of the excitement and anticipation that accompany it - new classes, new teachers, new buildings, and new friendships.

One of the goals of our continuous improvement plan is to help our students develop a sense of belonging to their school community so they want to come to school each and every day. Working together, we can ensure that students are prepared to learn and develop an enthusiasm for lifelong learning. By attending the open house at your child's school, as well as any other orientation opportunities offered by our schools, we can create optimal conditions for success. In addition, this helps children get excited about heading back to school and familiarizes them with important locations within the school. They can also reconnect with friends they haven't seen all summer and make new friends.

The summer months allow students to spend time with their families, learning through events and adventures outdoors and through the wonderful world of reading. Summer months in our schools allow us the opportunity to examine previous year's academic data, looking at test scores, assessment data, and the overall academic progress of our students. We use this data to plan for the new academic year to help our students achieve at higher levels. We're proud of our students and staff members for their hard work as they continue to achieve at higher levels each year. Our state assessment results for last school year document an average increase in the percentage of students proficient of more than 3% over the previous school year.

We've also been working hard over the summer to get our buildings and grounds ready for students to start school. Asphalt and concrete work, chillers, roof repairs, lighting improvements, fencing and flooring repairs, and top-to-bottom cleaning have all taken place to ensure our buildings are ready for the arrival of our students on August 23.

We're excited about the building assessments and evaluations taking place around Segment 2 of our Ohio School Facilities Commission project. These tools will help us make informed decisions about our facilities needs, future improvements and construction efforts. We expect to be able to share these results with the community in early 2018.

Our schools have many outstanding events planned for this school year. We look forward to seeing you at many of these events as we partner to educate our children for their future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script 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](http://www.swcsd.us)

## New Immunization Requirements

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 - payable online!

- Additionally, middle school students will need a combination lock for their lockers.
- High school students may have additional course 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](http://www.swcsd.us) (Parent Resources) for more information

## Food Service Information

### School Lunch Prices - NEW Prices for 2017-2018

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

Elementary School: \$2.60/day, 40¢/day reduced\*

Intermediate School: \$2.80/day, 40¢/day reduced\*

Middle School: \$2.80/day, 40¢/day reduced\*

High School: \$3.00/day for lunch combos, 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 10 days before school starts.

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

# 2017-2018 South-Western City School District Calendar

August 2017				
M	Tu	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	31	

September 2017				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

October 2017				
M	Tu	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			

November 2017				
M	Tu	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	

December 2017				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

August	
23	First Day of School for Students in grades 4-12 Grades K-3 (Last names A-G ONLY)
24	Grades K-3 (Last names H-O ONLY)
25	Grades K-3 (Last names P-Z ONLY)

September	
4	No School (Labor Day)

October	
20	No School for Students (Professional Day)
27	End Nine Weeks
30	Begin Nine Weeks

November	
22	No School for Students (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
23-24	No School (Thanksgiving Break)

December	
12/21-1/2	No School (Winter Break)

Other Information	
2/19/18	2017-2018 Designated Make-up Calamity Day Options
6/1/18	
6/4/18-	
6/7/18	

January 2018				
M	Tu	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		

February 2018				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28		

March 2018				
M	Tu	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

April 2018				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

May 2018				
M	Tu	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	31	

June 2018					
M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2
4	5	6	7	8	
11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	29	

January	
12/21-1/2	No School (Winter Break)
15	No School (Martin Luther King Day)
16	No School for Students (Professional Day)
17	Begin Second Semester Begins Nine Weeks

February	
19	No School (Presidents' Day)

March	
16	End Nine Weeks
19	No School for Students (Professional Day)
20	Begin Nine Weeks
3/26-4/2	No School (Spring Break)

April	
3/26-4/2	No School (Spring Break)

May	
28	No School (Memorial Day)
31	Last Day of School for Students End Nine Weeks End of Semester

June	
2	FHHS Graduation - 9:00 a.m. CCHS Graduation - 12:00 noon WHS Graduation - 3:30 p.m. GCHS Graduation - 6:30 p.m.



## South-Western City School District

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## School Start and End Times

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

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

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

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



**South-Western City Schools**  
 3805 Marlane Drive  
 Grove City, Ohio 43123  
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**Important  
 2017-2018  
 School Year  
 Information  
 Enclosed**

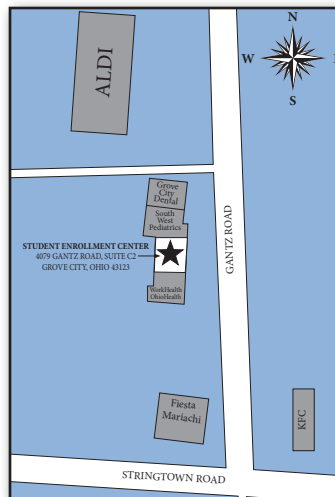
**Student Enrollment Center....(614) 801-6280**  
**Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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, online. Parents are also able to submit updates to emergency and family contact information via the Portal.

**Parents should update emergency medical contact information (previously hand-written on green card stock) 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 update the emergency medical information area.