



Superintendent's

August 2018

Back to School Newsletter for Parents

**The first day
of school is
Wednesday,
August 22**

**Students in grades 4-12 begin
daily classroom schedules on
August 22.**

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

Kindergarten-3rd grade students
(last names A-G) attend August 22 only
(last names H-O) attend August 23 only
(last names P-Z) attend August 24 only

**Daily kindergarten, first, second,
and third grade classroom
schedules begin August 27.**

**Open house and schedule
pick-up information is
available on individual
school websites, in start of
school newsletters, or at
www.swcsd.us.**

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

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From the Superintendent



Dr. Bill Wise
Superintendent

It's hard to believe that it is almost time to start another school year! I look forward to meeting many of you at the various school events held at the start of the school year.

Over the summer months, our staff members have been busy preparing for another great school year in the South-Western City School District. This summer has been a busy time of summer school, professional development, and grounds and facilities maintenance.

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time for students, families, and staff members. It's my favorite time of the year as everyone looks forward to renewing old friendships, making new friends, and learning new information and skills.

Learning does not stop over the summer for our teachers. Our teachers have been hard at work honing their skills through college coursework, book studies, summer academy classes, and learning the newest technology tools to enhance our students' learning experiences. The District offered its first week-long Teachers College workshop, through a partnership with Columbia University, to help further prepare our teachers to better serve students through educational, psychological, behavioral, technological, and health initiatives.

Our preschool through 4th grade enrollment continues to grow at a rapid pace. We are reopening East Franklin Elementary School this August to help us reduce overflow and balance enrollment in the elementary school buildings. The construction of the building addition at Bolton Crossing Elementary School is proceeding as planned and will be fully operational in plenty of time for the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Continuing our partnership with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, the board of education has placed a 'no new millage' bond issue on the November 6 ballot for Segment 2 of our overall facilities project. Segment 2 focuses on rebuilding the four oldest middle schools (Brookpark, Finland, Norton, and Pleasant View), renovating Jackson Middle School, renovating East Franklin Elementary School, and completing some much needed roofing and asphalt projects across the district. Once again, the state will pay half of the core program costs and the District will have retiring bond debt, allowing Segment 2 to be completed without any additional cost to taxpayers.

Once again, it's been a busy summer in preparation for the return of our more than 22,000 students. We hope you've enjoyed your summer and look forward to the start of school as much as we do.

Welcome back everyone!

Sincerely,

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)
East Franklin ES - 801-8100 (801-8100)
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: 7:55 a.m. - 3:02 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

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 (Parent Resources) for more information*

Food Service Information

School Lunch Prices for 2018-2019

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 student-specific school bus route and bus stop information in the mail approximately 7-10 days before school starts. Please keep this letter in a safe place 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 and file a change of address form with the Student Enrollment Center. 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 or view the information in Infinite Campus. 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 Services area of the District website at <http://bit.ly/2yds51g>

2018-2019 South-Western City School District Calendar

August 2018				
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	31

September 2018				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

October 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		

November 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

December 2018				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

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

September	
3	No School (Labor Day)

October	
19	No School (Professional Day)
26	End Nine Weeks
29	Begin Nine Weeks

November	
21	No School (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
22-23	No School (Thanksgiving Break)

December	
12/24/18-1/2/19	No School (Winter Break)

January 2019				
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	

February 2019				
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	

March 2019				
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

April 2019				
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			

May 2019				
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	31

June 2019				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

January	
1/3/19	School Resumes
11	End Nine Weeks/First Semester
14	Begins Nine Weeks/Second Semester
18	No School (Professional Day)
21	(No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day))

February	
18	No School (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

March	
15	End Nine Weeks
18	No School (Professional Day)
19	Begin Nine Weeks
3/25-3/29	No School (Spring Break)

April	
19-22	No School

May	
27	No School (Memorial Day)
30	Last Day of School for Students End Nine Weeks/Second Semester

June	
1	School Rotation To Be Announced

Parent/Teacher Conference days will be scheduled by each school



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Other Information	
2/18/19	2018-2019 Designated Make-up Calamity Day Options
5/31/19	
6/3/19-	
6/6/19...	
Color Key	
No School (Holiday)	
First/Last Day of School	
Graduation Day	



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 43123

**Important
 2018-2019
 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!

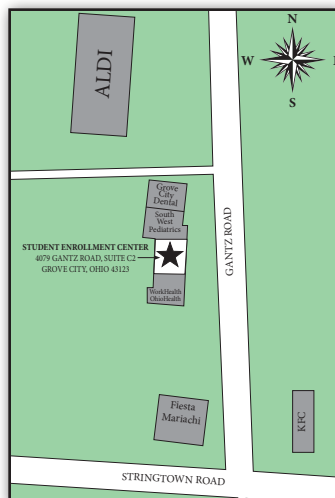
All new and re-enrolling student enrollments will be taken by APPOINTMENT. All students new to the District must be enrolled at the Student Enrollment Center (SEC) prior to attending classes at any South-Western school location.

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 enter enrollment information electronically. Please follow the steps on our website under the Student Enrollment tab:

- Step 1:** Verify address
- Step 2:** Prepare and submit enrollment information electronically
- Step 3:** Make an appointment at the Student Enrollment Center to complete the registration process

*Review the Enrollment Checklist to ensure you bring the appropriate documents and a valid custodial parent/guardian ID with you to your appointment



Student Enrollment Center Map

Infinite Campus Portal & Mobile App

Infinite Campus is the District's Internet-based student information system. 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 a letter mailed home in mid-August, prior to the start of school. Please keep this letter in a safe location and **do not share** your parent account information with anyone - even your children.

Important features of IC are the Campus Portal and Mobile App. These are available to every parent/guardian of a student enrolled within the South-Western City School District. Through these tools parents are able to access their students' information online such as class schedules, attendance, academic reports, transportation information, coursework and more.

While in the Campus Portal, parents should update emergency medical contact information (previously hand-written on green card stock) electronically, 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.