

August 9, 2022

Greetings, Stewart Wildcat Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. It is hard to believe that we are less than three weeks away from the first day of school. I am excited to begin this school year with plans similar to pre-pandemic times. However, we have become adept at being flexible over the past two years and are prepared to make whatever shifts are needed to keep our scholars safe and healthy.

To the Class of 2030, Welcome to your new home and SMS Family! We look forward to this year and its potential for effective teaching, learning, and partnerships with our staff, scholars, families, and the community.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - SMS will provide each learner with school supplies for the beginning of the school year. While you won't need to buy anything specific, your learner may want you to buy some specially designed supplies for school, which is fine. Backpacks are not provided.

UNIFORM DRESS CODE - SMS Uniform expectations have been shared several times and are posted on the school's website or by clicking on this [Parent/Families Link](#). Based upon the suggestions from families and learners, Shirts & Ink (Main Street- West Norriton) [SMS Gear & Uniform Store](#) has designed three different looks for SMS gear that may be worn to meet the uniform dress expectations. We've tried to keep the costs as low as possible. Students may wear any of the gear on the website to school. You will need a credit card to use the website. If you prefer, you may get an order form in our main office and leave the order and cash with our secretary.

Here is a list of other sites which carry clothing that meets the SMS guidance for uniforms [Where to Buy Uniforms/¿DÓNDE COMPRAR UNIFORMES?](#) Don't hesitate to contact your child's guidance counselor if you are concerned about acquiring uniforms.

BUS TRANSPORTATION - The Transportation Department designates students eligible for bus services and will send that information to those families within the coming weeks.

MEAL SERVICE - Through the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), the district will provide all NASD learners breakfast and lunch at no charge. However, you will be responsible for snacks and extras that your child wishes to purchase.

CLASS SCHEDULE - If your learner wants to see their class schedule before the start of school, they may access it through their Home Access account. Tentative schedules should be available the week before school starts. Learners are required to bring their Chromebooks to school each day. Our guidance counselors will be able to receive any questions you may have about Home Access or your child's schedule.

You may reach them via email at:

Megan Brennan mbrennan@nasd.k12.pa.us (Grades 5-6)

Daniel Morris dmorris@nasd.k12.pa.us (Grades 7-8)

Please mark your calendar with these important dates:

Wednesday	8/24/2022	Back to School Sweet-Treat Social 5-7pm -SMS
Thursday	8/25/2022	5th Grade Orientation - 9:00 - 10:30 am (SMS Auditorium)
Monday	8/29/2022	First day of school - 8 a.m.
Friday	9/2/2022	No school - Labor Day Holiday
Monday	9/5/2022	No School Labor Day Holiday
Thursday	9/15/2022	SMS Open House - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	9/23/2022	Early dismissal
Monday	9/26/2022	No School Observance of Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday	10/5/2022	No School Observance of Yom Kippur

THE STEWART WEBPAGE is a good repository of information sent home by us or shared by the District. Please check it out regularly at [Stewart Middle School / Homepage](#).

THE NASD CALENDAR lists all of the school closings and early dismissals and is a great way to stay informed. You may access it through these links [2022-23 Calendar \(ENGLISH\)](#) or [2022-23 Calendar \(SPANISH\)](#).

This year we continue to commit to Inspire Excellence in all we do. We seek to provide quality instruction daily, expecting all scholars to learn and succeed. In addition, we will continue to provide our scholars with opportunities to address academic deficiencies to build upon their skills as they pursue their paths to college, vocational training, or the workforce. To maximize our successes, partnerships with our families and community are essential.

We will continue the work we began last year with the SMS Parent-Faculty Club and the Stewart Action Team for Partnership (SATP). The SATP undertook several initiatives last year and has more things planned for the 2022-2023 school year concerning school policies and practices. In addition, both organizations will implement strategies to Inspire Excellence throughout SMS and our community. Both committees are open to new members and ideas!

It will be a fantastic year because together... **WE ARE STEWART!**

Sincerely,

Dr. Camil Culbreath
Principal

PS. All SMS Families:

Please come to our **Back to School Sweet-Treat Social, August 24th, 5-7pm.** This event is free to all of our families and will be a great time to meet and greet each other! Please RSVP by 8/16th at kaddisonwilliams@nasd.k12.pa.us and let us know how many will be attending.