

Dear Spring Hills Families,

Happy New School Year! Welcome back to Spring Hills! We are so excited to see our Hawks on Wednesday, August 19th, for the first day of school. There is a lot of helpful information in this newsletter, so please read through it as it may answer questions you may have. Please reach out with any questions or concerns. #WeAllBelongAtSpringHills

Ms. Karen Petelle

-SHS Principal

Headlines:

PTO Sponsored School Supply Pick Up

August 13th 3:30-5:30 at SHS Door 18 (in the front of the building). Please take your supplies home to label them. You can bring them to school during the meet and greet on 8/18.

Teacher Meet and Greet

August 18th 3:30-4:30 Come in to meet the teachers and drop off school supplies. Learners welcome!

School Fees

School fees are visible in Skyward.

First Day of School

August 19th doors open at **8:15**. More information to come on car line pick up and drop off in August. There is no supervision outside until 8:15 so please stay with your child until you see school personnel outside. School starts at 8:30. Students arriving after 8:30 need to be brought into the building by a parent or they receive an unexcused tardy.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten families that walk or drop off may go to **Door 13** (off the playground). You may also drop off in the car line at the front of the school and a staff member will walk your Kindergarten learner to their classroom.

School Parties: Due to the tremendous number of severe allergies, we, as a district, are a NO FOOD district when it comes to special classroom events. **Treats are not allowed for birthdays or holiday celebrations.** This year, **we are also unable to have latex products** in our building. Be reassured, we do organize activities and experiences that are very fun and engaging for our learners!

School Lunch

If you would like to order school lunch you must do so by Wednesday of the previous week on the lunch website [here](#). You may order for weeks in advance as well. Please see the [Lunch Program section on our district website](#) for more info. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch you must still sign up to request lunches. Please call the office if you need assistance or reach out to **Ms. Mary Ellen Graf** with questions at megraf@sd12.org. **You have until Friday to order lunch for next week.**

- 1.Login
- 2.Create a free account
- 3.Student Lunch
- 4.Create an account
- 5.You will need your 5 digit student ID from Skyward under student profile.

Pick Up and Drop Off

****Please do not walk through the school parking lot for pick up and drop off. The lot is a very busy place and a potential danger. With the buses moving through, we may not see you or your children. Please use the sidewalks to get to and from school.**

If you need to park during pick up or drop off, please park on Pinecroft **PAST** the horseshoe drive on the street. Keeping the lane open allows for a quick arrival and dismissal, especially on rainy

days when there is a lot **more traffic**. Also, please be courteous to our neighbors by driving the speed limit and leaving driveways accessible. Please be aware, Orchard Terrace is a designated school zone and no parking signs are posted around our bus exit.

Drop Off

Please approach the school heading **east on Turner** to Pinecroft (Pinecroft is one way) and line up in the line of traffic. Using Turner heading east allows for traffic flow to continue and eliminates the potential for accidents with people trying to turn left from westbound Turner. I understand that it feels like a long wait in line, but, believe it or not, drop off is typically completed in less than 10 minutes. Wait to drop off your children in the circle drive where staff will be there to assist them getting out of the car.

Kindergarten students may be walked to Door 13 where they will be greeted by a teacher.

Pick Up

Pick up procedures are slightly different as we do not utilize the circle drive. Again, we ask that you line up in traffic on **eastbound Turner**. Staff will have students ready for cars at the curb just before the circle drive on Pinecroft. Please follow the staff prompts to pull forward so we can safely get your child in your vehicle. Please be considerate of our neighbors and do not block driveways or crosswalks.

Attendance

We did a great job working together to improve attendance last year and are looking forward to your continued partnership this year. Please help us by getting your child to school on time and sending them unless they have a fever or diarrhea.

Religious Holidays

We understand that families have different ways of honoring religious holidays. If your child needs to be exempt from a course such as PE or music, the principal needs to be notified in writing, per the state guidelines. We will then create an alternative learning opportunity for your child during those times.

No Pets on Property

We know pets are an important part of our families, however, they are not allowed on school property. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Snacks and Lunches

Please send some healthy items for snack and lunch. NO soda pop or canned drinks please. Drinks should be water or clear items such as clear sports drinks.

SMART Day Calendar

Please click the link [here](#) for a list of SMART days.

Supply Lists

Please click [here](#) if you need the supply list for your learner. Scroll through to get to the grade level you need.

Club Kids

Please see the flyer [here](#) if you are in need of before and after care. This is offered by the Roselle Park District and registration takes place at the park district.

Cell Phone / Smartwatch Procedures

(Please see student handbook for consequences)

Using a cellular phone/smartwatch, video recording device, PDA or other electronic device in a manner that disrupts the educational environment is prohibited. When a parent/guardian determines the need for a student to possess a cell phone/smartwatch at school, the following expectations apply:

Cell phone/smartwatch must be turned off and kept in the hall locker. (**Senate Bill 2427**)

Under certain situations, the bus driver may give a student permission to use a cell phone/smartwatch on the bus.

Under certain situations, an activity sponsor or coach may give a student permission to use a cell phone/smartwatch during extra-curricular activities.

Under certain conditions, such as documented medical conditions, a student may have access to a cell phone / smartwatch if it is part of a student's school medical plan.

HOT LUNCH ALERT!

The clock is ticking on next week's meals!
Keep your kiddo fueled, happy, and ready to learn—without the morning prep panic.

FINAL CUTOFF: THIS FRIDAY!

Don't let the deadline slip by!
Order Hot Lunch Today:

SCAN TO ORDER
mymealorder.com

Here are some important upcoming events to put on your calendar:

- **Class placement available on Skyward:** Class placement for the 2026-27 school year will be finalized and shared with families on Thursday, August 13th after 3:00PM.
- **Bus Schedules:** The bus schedule will be posted on our website by the end of next week. An email message will be sent once they are available.
- **Meet and Greet:** On August 18th from 3:30-4:30 we will hold our SHS Meet and Greet. Please stop by the school to meet the teachers and drop off school supplies.
- **First Day of School:** August 19th is the first day of school. Doors open at 8:15. Learners should be in their classrooms by 8:30 ready to start the day. We hope that you partner with us this year to get your child to school on time and commit to having them in school. We made great strides in reducing our absenteeism to pre-pandemic numbers and believe that our students learn best when they are engaged with a community of learners. Getting into a routine starting the first day of school is important for a successful school experience. Kindergarten families - please join us outside Door 13 for the PTO sponsored Tears and Cheers on August 19th at 8:30am!
- **SMART Day: September 2nd** School Dismissal is at 1:30.
- **Picture Day:** September 3rd Dress your best for school picture day!
- **Rock the Block:** September 17th 5:00-7:30 Please join us for our PTO sponsored back to school celebration hosted at Spring Hills School.
- **Curriculum Night:** September 10th 6-6:45PM We will be doing an open house style Curriculum Night. On September 7th, teachers will share their Curriculum Night slides for you to look through ahead of time. Then, join us on September 11th to talk with teachers and ask questions.

We hope you continue to enjoy this Summer as you prepare for school! See you all on August 19th!

Ms. Karen Petelle
~SHS Principal

back to School

Monday, August 17	Institute Day
Tuesday, August 18	- Institute Day 3:30-4:30PM Student/Teacher Meet & Greet
Wednesday, August 19	First day of school-doors open at 8:15AM 😊
Thursday, August 20	
Friday, August 21	

Monday, August 24	
Tuesday, August 25	
Wednesday, August 26	
Thursday, August 27	
Friday, August 28	

Monday, August 31	
Tuesday, September 1	
Wednesday, September 2	SMART Day - 1:30pm dismissal
Thursday, September 3	Fall Pictures-Dress Your Best!
Friday, September 4	



8:15 a.m. arrival (Monday arrival 8:20 a.m.)

3:30 p.m. dismissal

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

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DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

- Please line up in traffic on eastbound Turner. Staff will have students ready at the curb just before the circle drive on Pinecroft. Follow staff prompts to pull forward so we can safely get your child into your vehicle. Finally, please be considerate of our neighbors and avoid blocking driveways or crosswalks.

Pinecroft Drive is a one way street

Dismissal is always a busy time, and we truly appreciate your patience and partnership in keeping our students safe. By following staff directions and staying alert, you help ensure every child gets home safely.

Thank you for your cooperation and for being such a supportive part of our school community!

