



SALISBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Salisbury...Inspire, Think, Learn, Grow...Together!

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Dear Parents:

On behalf of the high school faculty, staff, and administration, I welcome you and your child to Salisbury High School for the 2016-2017 academic year. This welcome letter and the contents of the summer mailing are familiar hallmarks that the beginning of school is just around the corner. Please carefully review the contents of the back-to-school mailing with your student, and do not hesitate to contact SHS if you have any questions.

LAPTOP DISTRIBUTION

Students in grades 9-12 may pick up their laptops on August 15th and 16th from 11:00 p.m.– 2:00 p.m. in the high school library. All students must submit Agreement for Laptop Use – Version A (permission to take laptop home) and the \$50 insurance premium at the time of laptop pickup. Version A is available at tl2020.org→Device Rollout→Documents and Forms. Please pay with a check or money order payable to Salisbury Township School District (no cash, please). Laptop distribution information can be found at TL2020.org.

All students and parents are required to watch a brief orientation video at www.stsd.org/laptoporientation.

FIRST DAY – FRESHMEN / NEW STUDENTS

The first day for incoming freshmen and students who are new to SHS is August 29, 2016, from 7:35 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. On orientation day, your child should report directly to his / her homeroom NO LATER THAN 7:35 a.m. The homeroom teacher and room number appear on the student schedule under Falcon Period – Day 1 (also listed as homeroom on the top of student schedule).

Busing will be provided to and from school for orientation. Please refer to the STSD bus info. card for bus number, stop, and pick-up time. If you have any questions about busing, please contact the Director of Transportation, Mark Donnelly, at 610-797-2062 x1306.

If you drop off your child in the morning, please arrive no later than 7:25 a.m. to allow for travel time to homeroom. ***Students should be dropped off using the entrance / exit off Dauphin Street.*** At this entrance, there is a designated “Student Drop-off Zone” and entrance for students.

FIRST DAY – SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, & SENIORS

The first day for incoming sophomores, juniors, and seniors is August 30, 2016. On opening day, students should report directly to homeroom NO LATER THAN 7:35 a.m. The homeroom teacher and room number appear on the student schedule under Falcon Period – Day 1 (also listed as homeroom on the top of student schedule).

All SHS students enrolled in LCTI will attend SHS in the morning and will be dismissed for LCTI at 11:25 a.m. All half-day LCTI students will eat lunch A at SHS. CAP and Academic Center students will depart from SHS for LCTI at 7:40 a.m. (should meet bus by main office lobby).

HOURS OF OPERATION

The high school office is open and staffed by a secretary from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day.

STUDENT DROP-OFF

Parents wishing to drop their children off at the beginning of the school day / pick them up at the conclusion of the school day should enter the student drop-off zone from Dauphin Street (will be clearly marked with signage) and follow the traffic signs for student drop-off / pick-up. This drop-off area helps to ensure that the Montgomery Street entrance is utilized exclusively by buses during the morning and afternoon bus drop-off and pick-up times. Visitors to SHS (those with appointments or meetings) should still park in the visitors' spots in the front of the building. Additionally, parents who wish to pick up their students during the school day should do so at the main office entrance (park in visitors' spots). PLEASE DO NOT PARK ALONG THE CURB NEXT TO THE BUILDING.

Salisbury High School welcomes parents to visit our school. Please be advised that we maintain a secure entrance to help ensure the safety of our students and staff. Should you wish to visit our school during normal hours of operation, simply press the intercom buzzer at the office entrance. A member of our office staff will greet you and ascertain the nature of your visit before releasing the lock. Once in the secure vestibule, visitors must report to the office to obtain a visitor's pass.

STUDENT HANDBOOKS

Students will receive access to their student handbooks on the first day of school. Parents may access the student handbook by visiting the school website (www.stsd.org/shs). Please encourage your child to use the handbook as a reference guide to answer questions about school policies and expectations (including dress code). Advisors will review portions of the handbook with students on the first day of school.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Requests to drop or add courses for extenuating / exceptional reasons will be given consideration until the end of the first six (6) calendar days of the school year.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Our Meet the Teacher Night will be held on September 29, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. We encourage you to attend to meet your child's teachers and learn about our academic and extra-curricular offerings. Teachers will be available to answer questions you may have pertaining to individual courses. If you wish to consult or meet with a guidance counselor or teacher at any time throughout the year, please call (610) 797-4107.

ACT 80 / EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

On the following dates, students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. to allow for Act 80 / professional development time. We encourage you to schedule any predetermined appointments for students for the afternoon on these dates to minimize loss of instructional time:

September 16, 2016

April 12, 2017

October 21, 2016 (10:45 am dismissal)

November 7, 2016 (10:45 am dismissal)

November 18, 2016

January 27, 2017

SCHOOL LUNCH / BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The cost of a regular student lunch will be \$3.00 this year, and milk will cost \$.75. Beginning this year, a regular student breakfast will be available for \$1.90. Our cafeteria offers a variety of nutritious lunch options each day. Healthy beverages and snack items may also be purchased ala carte. A monthly menu may be viewed on our school website (www.stsd.org). For your convenience, SHS utilizes a computerized lunch payment system. This system operates much like a debit card / point of sale system based on a student's identification number. Money may be deposited into student accounts between 7:15 a.m. and 7:35 a.m. each school day in the SHS office or by accessing the student's online account at www.myschoolbucks.com.

If your student qualified for Free/ Reduced Lunch during the 2015-16 school year, his / her status will remain in effect for the first few weeks of school. This lunch status will also be applied for breakfast in the high school (i.e. if student receives free lunch, s/he will also receive free breakfast). Parents must submit a new application for free / reduced lunch for the 2016-17 school year (sent home and available on our school website at www.stsd.org). You may also apply at <http://www.compass.state.pa.us/>. If you already received a letter indicating your status for this school year, you do not need to submit another application

STUDENT PARKING

Student parking is available in the upper parking lot (by the gymnasium). This is the only lot in which students may park. Student who elect not to park in this lot must park on the street. All students must register their vehicle(s) in the main office. Student will receive tags that must be suspended from the rearview mirror. Students who utilize more than one vehicle will receive a tag for each vehicle. There is no charge for parking registration.

We believe that frequent and open communication is essential for your child's success. We will be utilizing School Messenger, a communication system that will allow us to e-mail or call the parents of all students to notify them about important school information, early dismissals, emergencies, and other school-related events. **PLEASE SEE INFORMATION / DIRECTIONS REGARDING SCHOOL MESSENGER (INCLUDED IN SUMMER MAILING). THIS SYSTEM ALLOWS PARENTS TO SELECT THE METHODS AND NUMBERS / ADDRESSES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF COMMUNICATIONS.**

We at Salisbury High School look forward to collaborating with you in the coming year as we work to prepare your child for the future and enable his or her success. Please do not hesitate to contact Salisbury High School if we can provide any information or assistance. We wish you an enjoyable remainder of your summer and eagerly look forward to working with you throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

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