



SALISBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Salisbury Township School District staff, administration and School Board, I would like to welcome you and your child(ren) to the 2016-17 school year. All of us who work in Salisbury look forward to partnering with our families to provide an engaging educational experience full of opportunities, demonstrating our mission each day – Salisbury...Inspire, Think, Learn, Grow...Together!

As we move into the 2016-17 school year, our work with all students will continue to focus on preparing them to be engaged citizens of the Salisbury community and the larger, global community now and into the future. In addition to a focus on instruction aligned to PA Core Standards, the professional staff will continue to design learning opportunities for all students to develop the soft skills of communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creative thinking so necessary in our technology-rich world. Learn more about the opportunities offered to our students by frequently visiting the Salisbury Township School District blog – **SalisburySD.US**; the TL2020 website – **TL2020.org**; and Facebook – **std.org/facebook**. Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Lynn Fuini-Hetten and I frequently tweet out Salisbury happenings using the Twitter handles **@ziegeran** and **@lfuinihetten**. Please follow for regular updates!

On the back of this letter, you will find important information about the opening of school (student orientations and the first day of school), bus transportation, school lunches, emergency closing information and a link to documents specific to each school building. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's building principal. Enjoy the remaining days of summer with your family!

Sincerely,

Randy M. Ziegenfuss, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

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Important Information for the 2016-17 School Year

Orientation Day

The new school year will begin with a student orientation for students entering Kindergarten, Grades 6 and 9 and new high school students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 on **Monday, August 29, 2016**. The district will provide regularly scheduled transportation and lunch on orientation day.

- Kindergarten students will begin school at 8:45 a.m. with dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
- Grade 6 students will begin school at 7:45 am with dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
- Grade 9 students and new SHS students in Grades 10, 11, or 12 will begin school at 7:35 a.m. with dismissal at 12:15 p.m.

First Day of School

On **Tuesday, August 30**, all students will report to their respective schools for full day sessions. Students attending the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute (LCTI) will be transported to and from the high school at their scheduled time. Students will have full days of school on September August 30, 31, and September 1. **There is NO school for any student on Friday, September 2 and Monday, September 5**. School will resume for all students on Tuesday, September 6.

Bus Transportation

Each child's bus/room assignment card, including time for pickup in the morning, is enclosed. Please make sure your child has this assignment card on the bus during the first week of school. All children should be at the bus stop several minutes prior to departure time. If you have any busing questions or concerns, please call Mr. Mark Donnelly, Director of Transportation, at 610-797-2062, extension 1306.

School Lunch

The daily cost of school lunch will be \$2.60 for elementary students, \$2.90 for middle school and \$3.00 for high school students. For your convenience, money may be placed in the mySchoolBucks system at each school. You may access your child's account at www.myschoolbucks.com. Additional details are available on our district website under "Lunch Menu."

School Closings/Emergency Notifications

Salisbury will continue to use a district-wide emergency calling system to contact parents and guardians in the event of emergency closings or to share important information, as needed. In order to enhance our ability to accurately deliver emergency information, we request you create your own contact preference profile using the School Messenger Contact Manager web site. The Contact Manager feature allows you to control the ways in which you are contacted. If you have previously accessed the Contact Manager, you may continue using the same login credentials. If you are new to School Messenger and the Contact Manager, please see the enclosed letter with specific directions and a unique access code for setting up your account.

Building Specific Information Posted Online

Please visit <http://www.stsd.org/2016> to access building specific documents. These documents are very important for you to review but have not been included with this letter to save postage costs.

If you require hard copies of the documents please contact Mary Bishop at (610) 797-2062 ext.1000.

Please continue to access our district website, www.stsd.org, for important and up-to-date district and school information throughout the year.