



SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear SHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

On behalf of the Administration and Staff, I want to welcome you to the 2024-25 school year. We are excited for the opportunity to work with you to make this year positive, productive, and memorable for all stakeholders. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information to assist you with a successful start of the school year. One of the keys to this success is the ability to communicate with you easily and accurately on a regular basis. To do this, we will be utilizing email, phone calls, social media, and our website. Please contact the SHS main office to provide updates to your contact information if needed. Please also encourage your student to check his/her school email regularly starting now and throughout the school year. The student email accounts allow the school staff to make sure the students have current information about classes, school events, and various opportunities throughout the year. You will also want to use at least one of the following resources to stay current on information and opportunities for our students throughout the school year:

Instagram - [Smyrna_High_School](#)

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SmyrnaHighSchool>

Website - <https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/Page/19>

Additionally, I strongly encourage you and your student to use the Parent and Student Portals in Infinite Campus at least once a week to keep informed about grades, attendance, and any missing assignments for classes.

As part of our safety plan for Smyrna High School, all students will be required to have their school-issued student identification card with them each school day. This identification card and a lanyard to wear it on will be provided to all students during the week of September 9th as part of the underclassmen school photography process. Seniors who have had their senior portrait session received their identification cards during the photo session. Seniors who have not yet had their portrait session can use their identification card from last school year, or can have one created at the school during the first two weeks of the school year. Starting September 16th, students will need to have their identification cards for the following reasons:

- To use the SHS school library
- To purchase school event tickets
- To receive a pass out of class for any reason
- To purchase lunch in “id only” designated lines

Another important item as we begin this school year is the new policy regarding student electronic devices during instructional time. Per this policy, all student personal electronic devices must be kept silenced and stored in the designated area of each classroom. One of the consequences of violating this policy is the confiscation of the device. More details can be found on the Smyrna School District website, <https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/domain/30>.

The Smyrna School District does not discriminate in employment, educational programs, services, or activities based on race, color, marital status, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or any other protected category or status in accordance with state and federal laws.
Inquiries should be directed to the District Superintendent.

All incoming 9th graders are required by State of Delaware Law to have a current health examination. The health examination must have been completed within 2 years of entry into 9th grade. This documentation should be submitted to the SHS school nurse within 30 days of the start of school. The forms that can be used for this purpose can be found on the SHS website.

The student packet of information is now available online. Please visit the “Student Resources” page of the Smyrna High School website (<https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/Page/734>)

The first day of school for all 9th grade students is Tuesday, September 3rd. On this day the Freshmen will have an opportunity to spend time in all eight of their classes as well as their Huddle class. The first day of in-person school for students in grades 10-12 is Wednesday, September 4th. Students in grades 10-12 will receive an email with information about the asynchronous assignment they are expected to complete for September 3rd.

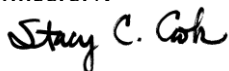
All students and parents/guardians need to complete the technology agreements linked below in order for the student to receive a Smyrna School District Chromebook for this school year.

[Chromebook Student Agreement](#) Students must use their smyrnaeagles.org account to complete form
[Chromebook Parent Agreement](#)

We will host “Open House” on Monday, September 9th. The event will begin at 6:00 PM and end at approximately 8:30 PM. The schedule will provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to follow the class schedule to hear from each of their student’s teachers about curriculum, expectations, and opportunities. On this evening, we will host a traditional in-person event to allow parents/guardians to visit each classroom and meet each teacher. We will also make available online a collection of videos from each staff member. These videos will be available for viewing starting on September 9th. These videos will allow you to “visit” each of your student’s classes virtually. More information about how to access this virtual option for “Open House” will be made available as the date of Open House gets closer.

Please reach out to our Administrative staff at any time throughout the year. We are here to assist you and to provide the best educational experience possible for your student.

Sincerely,



Stacy C. Cook - Principal