



SOUTH HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The first day of school for students in the South Huntington School District will be on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021. There will be a full-day schedule for students in Grades 1-12. Kindergarten students will participate in an orientation program. More information will be forthcoming.

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM: Cafeterias will be serving breakfast and lunch starting on the first day of school. Free and reduced benefits from last year will be provided until Wednesday, October 20th. To continue benefits, **it will be necessary to complete a new application**, which will be mailed to you separately. School Breakfast and Lunch will be **FREE** for the 2021-2022 school year according to Federal mandates.

TRANSPORTATION: Before the opening of school, you will receive a bus pass indicating the bus stop for your child with the approximate arrival time marked on the pass. All students must carry their bus pass, which they should be prepared to present. Students who ride the buses should be at their stops approximately ten (10) minutes before the indicated arrival time. If additional information is needed, contact the Transportation Department at 812-3088. PLEASE NOTE: Educational Bus Co. is the contracted service provider. Children who do not ride school buses should adhere to the following time schedule for their particular school:

Countrywood & Oakwood Primary Centers	Grades K – 2	8:20 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.
Birchwood & Maplewood Intermediate Schools	Grades 3 – 5	9:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Silas Wood Sixth-Grade Center	Grade 6	8:05 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.
Stimson Middle School	Grades 7 – 8	8:05 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.
Walt Whitman High School	Grades 9 – 12	7:30 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.
South Huntington Intervention Program (SHIP)	9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS:

Registration for all new entrants, including transfer and private school students, can be initiated via the District's online registration (OLR) system. Parents/guardians are also welcome to schedule an appointment to register at the Central Registration Office located at the James Kaden Administrative Offices (JKAO), 60 Weston Street, Huntington Station, NY. To schedule an appointment, please go to District>Central Registration Information page on the District's website to access the online booking calendar. For specific questions regarding the registration process, please email, registration@shufsd.org.

Registration hours during the summer and the school year are 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. In order to complete the registration process, parents are required to bring the child's original birth certificate as proof of age, current immunization records and physical and current proofs of ownership/lease (i.e. deed, notarized lease, or

mortgage statement) and three additional proofs of address, such as a driver's license, bank statement, utility bill, e.g. PSEG or telephone bill.

UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN (UPK)

The District offers both half and full day UPK classes. Half day classes operate 2.5 hours per day; full day classes operate 5 hours per day. Admittance into the UPK class is by application and lottery. For additional information and availability of seats, please contact the Office of Student Services, 631-812-3150.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING/DELAYED SCHOOL OPENING PROCEDURE: On days when severe weather precludes transporting the students safely, an announcement will be made by the Superintendent by 6 a.m. that schools are closed for the day. When conditions are questionable, rather than close schools for the entire day, a delayed school opening may be initiated. Under extreme circumstances, such as sudden and severe weather conditions, the District may initiate an early dismissal. Please note the following for either a delayed school opening or an early dismissal:

Delayed Opening

- ◆ All schools will open two (2) hours later than usual and dismiss at the regularly scheduled time.
- ◆ All students going to district schools and St. Anthony's High School will be transported two (2) hours later than usual. For example, if students normally board a bus at 7 a.m., their boarding time under the delayed school opening procedure will be 9 a.m. Students who attend other non-public schools or BOCES programs and are transported on South Huntington buses will also be delayed two (2) hours. Students transported out of district on non-South Huntington buses should listen for announcements from the schools they are attending.
- ◆ All classes that meet only in the morning will be cancelled, i.e., SHIP.
- ◆ All afternoon SHIP classes will meet at their regular times.
- ◆ Birchwood and Maplewood early programs will be cancelled.
- ◆ All before-school programs will be cancelled including the YMCA Child Care Program. Specific information pertaining to the YMCA Child Care Program's operation under delayed opening/early dismissal procedures have been communicated to parents by the YMCA Child Care Program. If you are not familiar with these procedures, please contact the YMCA Program Director at 421-4242, x117.

Early Dismissal

- ◆ Building dismissal schedule:
Walt Whitman High School: 11 a.m. Stimson Middle School and Silas Wood: 12 noon
Birchwood and Maplewood: 12 noon Oakwood and Countrywood: 1:15 p.m.
- ◆ All district, BOCES activities, and YMCA aftercare will be cancelled.
- ◆ Kindergarten through 5th grade students will require a parent/guardian or designated adult **present at the bus stop**, or the student will be returned to the school. Forms will be provided so parents and guardians can designate such individuals.
- ◆ Out-of-district schools will follow their own dismissal procedures and schedules.

Communication

- ◆ The District utilizes the ParentSquare automated telephone notification system to alert parents to emergencies (and other important communications). You will receive information regarding the Household Information Update form before the end of the summer; if you do not fill out the form, it will be available from your child's school in September.

- ◆ Radio stations announcing school closings or delayed openings are: WALK 1370 AM; WBLI 106.1 FM; WHLI 1100 AM; WBAB 102.3 FM; WALK 97.5 FM; WMJC 94.3 FM; WINS 1010 AM; WBZO 103.1 FM; WGSM 740 AM; WOR 710 AM. Television stations announcing school closing/delayed opening information: Channel 12 News, FIOS, and Channel 7 News.
- ◆ School closing/delayed opening/early dismissal information is available on the South Huntington School District's website: www.shufsd.org

We look forward to a great year ahead!

Very truly yours,

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