

Swampscott High School



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If your student is not attending Swampscott High School, please contact Lisa Brown at lbrown@swampscott.k12.ma.us to withdraw your student.

August 7, 2019

Dear Swampscott High School Families,

We hope that this letter finds you rested, rejuvenated, and ready to learn. The SHS team has been working hard to make this upcoming school year your best year yet. We also extend a warm Big Blue welcome to the incoming freshman class of 2023.

Important information regarding the beginning of the school year:

- All students (with the exception of seniors) will have their school pictures taken the first two days of school. All freshmen as well as sophomores with last names A-L will have their pictures taken on August 27. All juniors as well as sophomores with last names M-Z will have their photos taken on August 28. These pictures will be used for their school IDs, and families will have the opportunity to purchase picture packages.
- **Tuesday, August 27, 2019**– First day back for all students.
 - o 9th grade students report at 8:10 a.m. to their homerooms. We will spend the morning helping students become acclimated to the building, understand their schedules, find their lockers and get their pictures taken.
 - o Students in grades 10 & 11 will arrive at 10:00 a.m. and report to their homerooms.
 - o Students in grade 12 will report to the field in front of SHS at 9:45 a.m. for their class photo. (If it rains, the photo will be taken in the gymnasium.) Seniors will report to homeroom at 10:00 a.m.
 - o Students will attend periods 1, 2, and 3.
- **Wednesday, August 28, 2019** will be a full-day of school and students will attend period 4, 5, 6, & 7.
- **Thursday, August 29, 2019** will be a full-day of school and students will attend all seven classes.
- **Friday, August 30 & Monday, September 2, 2019** – schools are closed to celebrate Labor Day.
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- **Tuesday, September 3, 2019** will be Day A with Periods 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5.

Last year Swampscott Public Schools used a program called Family ID for online registration. Athletics has been very successful with this registration software and will continue to use it. However, for student registration and back to school paperwork, the software was not robust enough to handle the integration with our student information system, Aspen. As we investigate more appropriate programs that work with Aspen, we will return to the paper **Student Verification Form** and **Emergency-Medical Form** for the 2019-2020 school year.

Included in this letter is the **Student Verification Form** and an **Emergency-Medical Form** to return to the main office of your school. The Student Verification Form is dual sided and both sides must be reviewed and filled out.

At the middle and high school levels, we will not release schedules or teams to parents until the paperwork has been completed and turned in to each school. All paperwork must be turned in to the schools in person, or scanned in via email, but please do not mail. New students who registered over the summer will receive their schedules after meeting with their guidance counselors.

Reminder: New students and all 10th graders, a current physical MUST be submitted by the first day of school.

STUDENTS WITH <u>COMPLETED</u> FORMS CAN PICK UP THEIR SCHEDULE IN THE MAIN OFFICE AT SHS ON THE DATES & TIMES LISTED BELOW.*		
Monday, August 19th	Grade 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Grade 9 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 20th	Grade 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. <i>Current physical due.</i>	Grade 11 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 21st	Grade 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	All grades 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 22nd & Friday, August 23rd	All students may pick up schedules between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.	

****Students with outstanding book obligations will not receive their schedule until their obligations have been fulfilled.***

Students should be close to completing their summer work which is due the first day of school. Summer work can be found on the SHS website.

Parking permit forms and instructions are included with this mailing for the Class of 2020. Parking permits will be required beginning on the first day of school. The Class of 2021 can purchase a parking permit beginning Monday, September 16th.

Other Important Dates:

- **Thursday, August 22, 2019**
 - **Freshman Open House Night from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** The building will be open for incoming 9th graders and their parents to visit, walk through the building, find your classes & locker, and meet the administration. There is no formal presentation.
 - **Naviance Boot Camp for Seniors from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Seniors can drop in between to get a jump start on the Common App if they have not already started.
- **Friday, August 23, 2019**
 - **Freshman Parent Meeting 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in B129** with guidance staff to discuss the next four years for your students.
- **Thursday, September 19, 2019 - Senior Parent Night** with counselors from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - SHS Auditorium.
- **Thursday, September 26, 2019 – Back-to-School Curriculum Night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** We will begin with a brief introductory program in the auditorium and then parents will have the opportunity to follow their student's class schedules to meet all teachers and learn about classroom expectations for students. We will provide more information on this as the school year begins.

Expect to receive regular email updates via the Big Blue Blast regarding events at the school and other general information. You can also follow us on Twitter: Principal Kohut @swampkohut; Assistant Principal Finn @cullfinnshs; the SHS Guidance Department @SHSGuidancedpt; and follow Superintendent Angelakis @sps01907 for all the latest information.

If you have any questions about this letter, or if there is anything that I can do to help you prepare for school, please don't hesitate to call me. I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Very truly yours,

Dennis Kohut
Principal