

Freshmen Orientation Night

August 31, 2022

At Smyrna High School, we are making connections and building dreams

Questions?

We will respond to all questions, individually, via email, from the administrative team or counseling team.



We Are The EAGLES!

At Smyrna High School We:

- **E**xtend Compassion
- **A**ccept Responsibility
- **G**ive Respect
- **L**earn Perseverance
- **E**xhibit Integrity
- **S**myrna Pride



Meet Our Administrative Team



Clarence Davis, Associate
Principal/Dean of Discipline
(Students A-Z)



Stacy Cook, Principal



Paul Damask, Associate Principal
(Students A-G)



Miranda Lee, Associate Principal
(Students P-Z)



Julia Tulloch, Associate Principal
(Special Education A-Z)



Dainelle Hampton-Morton,
Associate Principal
(Students H-O)

Meet Our Student Support Team



Denise Zavitsky, Nurse
(Lead Nurse)



Rose Sarkissian, Nurse
(Students A-K)



Shae Evans, Nurse
(Students L - Z)



Sara Black
Counseling Office Staff



Shadasia Carroll
Counseling Office Staff



Corrie Kiger
Counseling Office Staff



Ron Girtan
9th Grade Counselor



Brooke Moore Main
Office Staff



Stacy Watts
Main Office Staff



Alicia Bryan
Main Office Staff



Keith Buscemi, SRO



Jacalyn Jenkins
Class of 2026 Advisor



Kristy Hankins Class
of 2026 Advisor

Everything You Need To Know

- Visit our website - often!
- QR code will take you to the Student Packet Section (scroll to Class of 2026)
 - Bell schedule
 - Attendance letter
 - District calendar
 - Code of conduct
 - Chromebook agreement
 - Class letter
 - Parent/Student agreement
 - Info from our nurses
 - Dress code information
 - Welcome letters from Counseling and the Wellness Center
- Visit our social media sites
 - Twitter - @smyrnahs
 - Facebook - Smyrna High School
 - Instagram - smyrna_high_school



Bell Schedule

SHS Class Schedule - M/T/Th/Friday – 2022-23

Period 1 or 2	7:25 am – 8:55 am (90)
Period 3 or 4	9:00 am - 10:30 am (90)
A - LUNCH	10:30 am - 11:00 am
Period 5 or 6	11:03 am - 12:39 pm
Period 5 or 6	10:35 am - 11:03 am
B - LUNCH	11:03 am - 11:33 am
Period 5 or 6	11:36 am - 12:39 pm
Period 5 or 6	10:35 am - 11:36 am
C - LUNCH	11:36 am - 12:06 pm
Period 5 or 6	12:09 pm - 12:39 pm
Period 5 or 6	10:35 am - 12:09 pm
D - LUNCH	12:09 pm - 12:39 pm
Period 7 or 8	12:44 pm - 2:15 pm (90)

WEDNESDAY – TEAM HUDDLE DAY

Period 1 or 2	7:25 am – 8:45 am (80)
Period 3 or 4	8:50 am - 10:10 am (80)
Team Huddle	10:15 am – 10:40 am (25)
A - LUNCH	10:40 am - 11:10 am
Period 5 or 6	11:13 am – 12:49 pm
Period 5 or 6	10:45 am - 11:13 am
B - LUNCH	11:13 am - 11:43 am
Period 5 or 6	11:46 pm – 12:49 pm
Period 5 or 6	10:45 am – 11:46 pm
C - LUNCH	11:46 pm - 12:16 pm
Period 5 or 6	12:19 pm – 12:49 pm
Period 5 or 6	10:45 am - 12:19 pm
D - LUNCH	12:19 pm – 12:49 pm
Period 7 or 8	12:54 pm - 2:15 pm (80)

HUDDLE on Wednesdays

- Dedicated to supporting the SEL needs of each student.
- Huddle groups remain the same all 4 years.
- The “H” on the schedule
 - Only need to focus on the O, E on your schedule.
- Students earn a pass/fail grade and 0.25 credit/year.
- Attendance is taken.



Days
O, H
E, I
O, H
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Credits

Subject Areas	Credits
English	4
Math (one must be taken senior year)	4
Social Studies	3 (must include US History)
Science	3 (must include Biology)
Physical Education	1
Health	.5
World Language	2
Career Pathway	3
Electives	5.5
Total:	26

Promotion Requirements

The following requirements were established by the Smyrna School District Policy #6115: Promotion/Retention/Acceleration/Graduation.

9th to 10th	Six total credits, including one English credit, one math credit and four additional credits
10th to 11th	Thirteen total credits, including two English credits, two math credits and nine additional credits
11th to 12th	Eighteen total credits, including three English credits, three math credits and twelve additional credits

Absences

- Amount of absences can greatly affect credits earned.
- It is possible to earn a passing grade and not be awarded the credit for the course if you go over the number of permitted absences.
- Allowable absences in order to earn credit for a course:
 - 10 days/semester course
 - 20 days/year long course

Cell Phones

- Are allowed in the building but are not to be visible/used in any class.
- Smyrna High School is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen cell phone.
- When in the classroom, cell phones are to be:
 - Silenced
 - Stored
 - Secured

Note From Our Nurses



Our Nurses:

- Rose Sarkissian, MSN, RN (A-K)
- Shea Evans, BSN, RN (L-Z)
- Denise Zavitsky, MSN, RN (SSD Lead)

9th Grade Health Requirement Reminder: According to Delaware laws and regulation, all students entering 9th grade must have a current health examination on file. The health examination must be done within 2 years of entry into 9th grade. We encourage these health forms be submitted 30 days from the start of school. Entering 9th graders must additionally have 1 dose Tdap (adult booster) and 1 dose meningococcal.

Wellness Center: Free to families and offers a wide variety of resources and supports for students. Students must be registered. Form can be found by clicking the link titled SHS Wellness Consent Form, using the QR code.

Sports

- Contact our Athletic Director, Bill Schultz, with any questions
- Must have DIAA physical to play any high school sport

Fall Sports

- Football
- Cheer
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Boys Soccer
- Unified Flag Football
- Girls Volleyball

Winter Sports

- Basketball
- Cheer
- Indoor Track
- Wrestling

Spring Sports

- Baseball
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Girls Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Unified Track and Field
- Boys Volleyball

Clubs

- SGA (Student Government Association)
- Drama Club
- Eagle Outlet
- News Team
- Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC)
- Student Ambassadors
- CTE
- Random Acts of Kindness Club
- Gamers Club
- Blue and Gold
- National Honors Society
- Art Club
- Ladies of Distinction
- Gentleman of Distinction
- DECA
- Girls Wrestling
- Jobs for Delaware Graduates (JDG)
- Open Minds
- Allied Health
- Yearbook Club
- Ed Rising
- Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- Technology Students Association (TSA)
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- Math League
- Link Crew
- The Letterman's Club
- Business Professionals of America (BPA)
- Chorus
- Select Ensemble
- Marching Band
- Symphonic Band
- Jazz Band
- Dance Team
- Color Guard

****During the first couple weeks of school, more information will be provided about all clubs during lunches.**

Child Nutrition

- NO outside food deliveries are allowed during the school day, i.e. doordash, grubhub, etc.
- Students are not allowed to eat fast food in the cafeteria. Please do not drop off a fast food lunch for your student.
- Student meals are not free this year.
- QR code is for MySchoolBucks to pre-pay for your student's meals.



Odds and Ends

- Students must have their pass book to be in the hallway during class
 - Signed by teacher with time and destination
- Students will be getting student ID badges and must wear them during school and extracurricular activities.
- Home Access Center (HAC)
 - Please check frequently to stay on top of grades, absences, and tardies
- High school exams
 - Students will take a final exam in each of their courses. Teachers will communicate guidelines for their exam.
- Grades (A, B, C, D, F)
 - Similar to Smyrna Middle School with the addition of +/-
- Drop/Add class procedure - Refer to email sent by from Mr. Girton with link to a Google form.

Odds and Ends

- Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures
 - Car riders on Smyrna-side inside lane
- Procedures for Students Entering the Building
 - Prior to 7:25 am - Main Lobby, Auditorium Lobby, Ag Sci Hall
 - After 7:25 am - Main Lobby Only
- Lockers - assigned by request
 - Google form sent 8/29
- Building is separated, mostly, by subject.
- Academic Enrichment Program - for students who need additional help with their classes.
 - Monday - Thursday after school for one hour.
 - Bus is provided and makes stops at designated locations in the community.
 - Keep an eye on the website for more information.

Tips From 9th Grade Teachers

Always have your agenda book and do not let anyone borrow it

Download HAC to your phone

Always have your charger for your chromebook and do not let anyone borrow it

Ask questions!!

Put important codes and account information for Google Classroom, HAC, and Remind into your phone

Be open minded and accepting of everyone and their differences

Sign up for Remind or whatever teacher communication tool your teacher uses

Complete test corrections (procedures for this in each class may be different, so ask)

Use the calendar on your phone to keep track of important dates

Use the Academic Enrichment program after school to finish assignments or for test help/studying

Use class time wisely

Have separate folders for each classes materials

Set measurable goals for yourself

Tips From 9th Grade Teachers

Make connections with
classmates and teachers

Explore ways to give back to others

Freshman year is your
building block - start off
strong!

Find the right
fit for YOU

Be a part of something bigger
than yourself

Find something that
interests you and get
involved!

In order to take Driver's
Ed, you need to pass ELA
and Math in 9th grade and
earn 6 credits

Join at least 1 club to
make new connections
with other students

It's going to be an
adjustment - WE are here
for YOU

Stay out of high school drama

BE KIND!!

Tips From The Class of 2023

Participate in anything and everything; the 4 years go by quickly

It is never too late to be yourself

Stay organized.

Grades truly matter.

High school is a lot of fun, but not without its challenges. The competitive pep rallies and football games are to live for! Take every day, one day at a time and keep your focus!

It's not as hard as it looks. Just pay attention and do as you're told.

Keep your grades up, use all of your resources, and start applying for scholarships.

Once you find your group, you'll have the best time ever. Don't let drama alter your look on high school.

It's ok to have downfalls; it gives you room for growth.

Don't stress it too much. Always ask your teacher for help and don't get into the wrong group of friends.

Be friendly with everyone.

Stay up to date with assignments!

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