



# SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL

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## *Making Connections & Building Dreams*

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August 3, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Smyrna High School Community,

On behalf of the Administration and Staff, I want to welcome you to the 2021-22 school year. We are excited that you are part of our Smyrna High School family. Together, we will make this year a successful one!

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information to assist you with a successful start of the school year. This year, more than ever before, we will be relying on emails, phone calls, social media, and our website to communicate with our students and their families. An automated call and email from me will go out the evening of August 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you do not receive these, then we do not have the correct information on record. Please call the SHS main office at 653-8581 to address this as soon as possible. Please encourage your student to check his/her school email regularly starting August 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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>

Twitter – follow @smyrnahs

Website - <https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/Domain/13>

I strongly encourage you and your student to use Home Access Center (HAC) at least once a week to keep informed about student grades and attendance, as well as any missing assignments for classes. There is a “forgot username/password” function in HAC to allow you to reset your access as needed. If that doesn’t work, you can email Sara Black, [sara.black@smyrna.k12.de.us](mailto:sara.black@smyrna.k12.de.us) for help. **Student schedules will be available in HAC starting August 23<sup>rd</sup>.** We will have the building open for self-guided tours on August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM for any students who want to locate their classrooms prior to the first day of school.

The first day of school for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students is Wednesday, September 8, 2021. This allows our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to become familiar with the building prior to the 11-12<sup>th</sup> grade students attending. Virtual students will also use this day to familiarize themselves with how to access each of their classes. Starting on Thursday, September 9, 2021 all students in grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are expected to attend school for the 2021-22 school year.

(Please see next page.)

We will host a virtual “Open House” this year to allow parents to hear from each of their student’s teachers. These videos will be available for viewing starting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Starting on this day, we will post on our website a document with directions for how to access videos from each of our teachers. These videos will allow you to “visit” each of your student’s classes to gather important details to help them be successful this school year.

Students who plan to participate in sports must make certain an approved physical form has been completed and submitted prior to the first day of practice. Students are not permitted to practice without an approved physical on file. Please refer to the SHS Athletics website for more details on the practice plans for each sport, <https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/Page/471>.

Additionally, please be aware that all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 that has been mailed to homes in the past will be available online starting Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the “Student Resources” page of the Smyrna High School website (<https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/Page/734>) and locate the student packet for your student’s grade level. The items you will find there are also listed below. For each student you have at SHS, please complete the google form using this link to verify you have reviewed the required information prior to the first day of school: <https://forms.gle/UHAM5RQQ9wCSbhAR9>

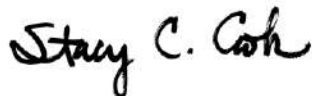
“Student Packet” items include:

**- Student & Parent info on 1:1 computer plan**

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| - School Transportation Letter | - School Counselors Letter |
| - District Calendar            | - Yearbook Order Form      |
| - Parking Permit Application   | - List of Important Dates  |
| - Odd/Even Schedule Calendar   | - Dress Code               |
| - Class Advisor Letter(s)      | - School Nurses Letter     |
| - Wellness Center Letter       | - Attendance FAQ           |

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