



## Shenandoah Valley Governor's School

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Dear Students and Parents,

Although it was a short week, it was a productive week. We would like to thank all of the families who came to the SVGS "Back to School" night. Here are a few items of interest for next week:

- Students will continue to be allowed to park in the "Heaven" parking lot this week. We will send a correspondence to families and announce on our daily announcements at school when that policy will change. The new lot will be completed by early next week. Parking tags will be distributed to students in their homerooms within the next 2 weeks.
- Fees will be corrected in Infinite Campus. A few students had AP Physics listed as their fee rather than AP Chemistry.
- This is the second notification of a school wide policy. We, as a center, are asking that students, "dress for success" per the Augusta County guidelines for appropriate attire. Students from VCTC are allowed to wear hats and we will continue to allow hats to be worn at SVGS. Students wearing vulgar slogans or inappropriate dress will be asked to change. If it is not possible to change, students will be sent home and it will count as an unexcused absence. Our juniors were given this new policy during IWT meetings and orientation. Our seniors have only had email correspondences regarding these changes. We were understanding this week, but we will begin enforcing the policy next week. I have attached the dress policy below. This is a change from last year.

**DRESS:** Students are expected to dress and behave in a civil and modest manner at all times. It is the prerogative of the SVCAL administrative team to determine if dress or behavior is demeaning, disruptive, detracting, or otherwise unacceptable for SVCAL students or presents safety issues. **The list includes, but is**

*not limited to, swimwear, halter tops, tank tops, sundresses, muscle shirts, bare midriffs, bare feet, sunglasses, short-shorts, net tops, and see-through shirts. "Demeaning" refers to words and graphics that are profane, obscene, racist, sexist or offensive or insulting to any religious, social, or ethnic groups, or that glorify products, media, or organizations that espouse such views. Clothing that advocates use of violence or illegal products, including those not suitable for consumption or viewing by minors, will not be tolerated. Students may be asked to change clothes at SVCAL if something suitable is available or go home to change. A student may be sent home to change, resulting in an unexcused absence.*

- Students have done an amazing job learning the traffic patterns and overcoming parking woes. That being said, we still have students arriving after homeroom is called. Homeroom is called at 7:38. If a student is late to homeroom, please remember to check into the main SVGS office. 3 Unexcused absences and/or tardies will result in morning detention at SVGS starting at 7:15 a.m. Parents will be notified after 3 unexcused absences and/or tardies. We will be understanding the first two weeks of school due to new traffic patterns and parking issues.
- Next week will be a normal week (schedule-wise) for SVGS. Students will have all four classes on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. On Wednesday, they will have "lab blocks" for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> block. On Thursday, they will have "lab blocks" for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> blocks.
- Our new attendance email is up and working. Please email [attendance@svgs.k12.va.us](mailto:attendance@svgs.k12.va.us) if you would like to excuse a student absence or prearrange a student absence.
- Continue to contact Sherri Robords if you have fee questions or need assistance with the Parent Portal. She can be reached at [robordss@svgs.k12.va.us](mailto:robordss@svgs.k12.va.us) or (540) 245-5088.
- Continue to check the website and Facebook for weekly updates and photos!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

