

Spring Woods Middle School Families,

This is a reminder that in-person instruction, for those students who have selected as such, will begin on Tuesday, September 8th, with students last names beginning with A-L. Our doors open at 8:00 for breakfast in the classroom and 1st period will start at 8:40. Students with last names A-L will come to the campus on Tuesday and Thursday, while they participate virtually on Wednesday and Friday. Students with last name M-Z will come to the building for in-person instruction on Wednesday and Friday, and will participate virtually on Tuesday and Thursday. This staggered start is for the week of Sept 8th only. All in-person students will come to school every day, starting September 14th. Also, please remember Monday, September 7th is a holiday, no school, virtual or in-person on Monday, September 7th. Happy Labor Day!

Arrival/Dismissal:

All car riders and walkers should enter through the front of the campus, starting at 8:00. All bus riders will be dropped off at the back of the campus. Dismissal will begin at 3:50 for the first couple of weeks, with car-riders and walkers dismissed through the front of the campus and bus-riders at the back of the campus. Car riders, please form one line on the right side of the drive-through lane. The left side of the lane needs to be kept open for driving-through, no stopping.

Office Visits:

Due to safety reasons and limiting traffic in the main office area, the main office will not be open to in-person visitors from 8:00-8:40 and from 3:45 to 4:00. You may call the main office at 713 251-5000, if you need anything during the office hours of 8:00-4:00.

When you do visit the main office, please make sure you are wearing a mask. We are allowing two families at once into the main office lobby; please wait outside if there are two families already being assisted inside, and only come inside when a family has left the building. Also, no deliveries of lunch will be allowed throughout the year.

Masks/Health Screenings:

Face masks or coverings are **required** for all staff and students, ages 3 years old to adults, and **must** be worn when entering the building, throughout the entire day including dismissal and bus riders. Students may remove their masks to drink water from their water bottles and while eating breakfast and lunch. Masks must be appropriate for the school setting—no slogans or logos and no masks with one-way ventilation. Masks should be solid in color or an appropriate pattern. SWMS and university logo masks are appropriate as well.

Also, all students will have their temperatures taken in the morning, during 1st period. Students will also complete a quick health screening survey as well. Any students with a temperature over 100.0 and/or exhibiting symptoms of Covid, will need to be isolated in a designated area and will need to be picked up within 30 minutes.

Face Shields:

- According to the Texas Education Agency, full- face shields may be used in place of a mask to protect eyes, nose, and mouth whenever a mask is not feasible or whenever the education context may benefit from the ability to see an individual's full face. School systems may require the use of masks or face shields for adults or students for whom it is developmentally appropriate.

- Teachers may distribute face shields to students, if needed, to facilitate clear communication for in-person instruction. Students would only be allowed to wear them while seated at their desk, during instruction. If the student needs to move about the room, the mask or face covering must be put on again before getting up from their desk.
- A note from a health care provider is required if a student or employee has a health condition that inhibits them from wearing a face covering/mask or due to a religious practice that would require otherwise.
- A parent/guardian shall complete the mask accommodation form for students and provide a physician's note to the nurse. If the accommodation is approved the student shall be required to wear a face shield when physically possible.

Skyward Forms (Due Sept 4th):

Please complete all 3 required Skyward forms (SBISD Mask Acknowledgement Form, SBISD Health & Safety Protocol Parent Acknowledgement Form, etc.) on Family Access/Skyward, before September 4th

Uniforms/Backpacks/Electronic Devices:

All students should bring their electronic device to campus, fully charged. Backpacks must be clear or mesh, if a student chooses to bring a back pack.

Uniforms include jeans, khaki, or navy blue bottoms and polo tops, matching the grade level. 6th grade is gray, 7th grade is navy blue, and 8th grade is dark green. If you need assistance with uniforms, please let us know.

Spring Woods MS families can expect to receive a weekly district communication every Friday as well as additional communication from Mr. de la Riva, Principal of Spring Woods MS. Also, please look over our school website and visit our social media accounts for more information as well.

Twitter: @WoodsMiddle

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/springwoodsmiddle/>

Instagram: **@springwoodsms_hawks**

Second Nine Weeks Learning Model Selection

For families who selected Distance Learning for the first nine weeks and would like to change the learning model for the second nine weeks may do so beginning on Sunday, Sept. 20. The window will close on Sunday, Sept. 27 at midnight. Please watch for district communication. The second nine weeks begins on Monday, October 19, 2020

Best,

Cristian de la Riva
Principal, SWMS