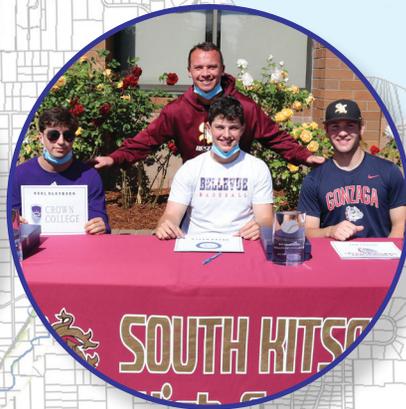
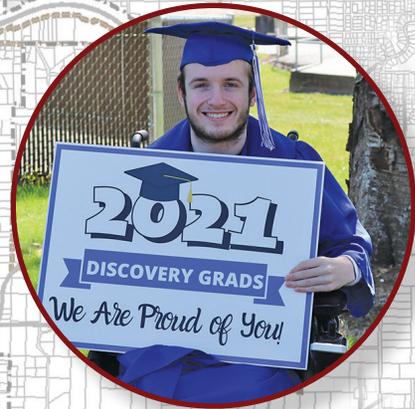




DESTINATION TOP 5

Port Orchard



2021-2022 Calendar & Parent Guide



South Kitsap High School, Discovery and Explorer Academy graduates celebrate their accomplishments.

SEPTEMBER

2021



ACADEMICS

South Kitsap School District students and staff will be problem solvers, critical thinkers, innovators, and effective communicators.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Board Meeting	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day No School	7	8 First Day of School	9	10	11
12	13 Kindergarten First Day of School	14	15 Board Meeting	16	17	18
19	20 Developmental Preschool First Day of School	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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Students at Mullenix Ridge enjoy the new play structure.

OCTOBER

2021



WELLNESS

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					1	2
3	4	5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9
10	11 Indigenous Peoples' Day No School	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Board Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Elementary Conferences Oct 25 - Oct 29, Early Release					
	Middle School Conferences Oct 26 - Oct 29, Early Release					
	High School Conferences Oct 27 - Oct 29, Early Release					





John Sedgwick students extracting DNA from strawberries.

NOVEMBER

2021



SAFETY

South Kitsap School District will create and maintain safe learning and working environments that promote academic excellence, wellness, and efficient use of resources.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 VOTE!	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Board Meeting	11 Veteran's Day No School	12 Middle and High School End of 1st Quarter	13
14	15	16	17 Board Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 EARLY RELEASE (K-12)	25 ← Thanksgiving Break No School →	26	27
28	29	30	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p> Light blue shading indicates late start collaboration Wednesdays.</p> <p> Gray shading indicates no school.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><i>All district-related dates are subject to change without notice. Please check with your school to confirm all times and events.</i></p> </div> </div>			





Hand painted "kindness rocks!" from Cedar Heights students.

DECEMBER

2021



STEWARDSHIP

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			1 Board Meeting	2	3	4
5	6 Elementary End of 1st Trimester	7	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Board Meeting	16	17 Early Release (K-12)	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 Winter Break. No School, December 20 - December 31						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
 Winter Break. No School, December 20 - December 31						





The South Kitsap pride flag has been photographed all over the world. These alumni took it 90' underwater too!

JANUARY

2022



COMMUNITY

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← Winter Break. No School, December 20 - 31 →

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Winter Break. No School, December 20 - 31			1
			New Year's Day			
2	3	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	18	19 Board Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					





Superintendent Winter spent time learning from students at Burley Glenwood Elementary.

FEBRUARY

2022



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Inclement Weather? Sign up for automatic notifications at: www.flashalert.net</p>		1	2 Board Meeting	3	4 Middle and High School End of 2nd Quarter	5
	6	7	8	9 Board Meeting	10	11
13	14	15	16 Board Meeting	17	18	19
20	21 President's Day Break No School	22 President's Day Break No School	23	24	25	26
27	28					

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Principal Macomber enjoyed some hands-on learning at an Olalla Family STEM night.

MARCH

2022



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		1	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Board Meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Board Meeting	17 Elementary End of 2nd Trimester	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
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Marcus Whitman Middle School students learning about electrical circuits.

A P R I L

2022



SAFETY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	 SPRING BREAK. NO SCHOOL - March 29 - April 2					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Board Meeting		Middle and High School End of 3rd Quarter	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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This Manchester Elementary classroom is ready for a day of learning.

M A Y

2022



STEWARDSHIP

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1	2	3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Board Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Board Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day No School	31				

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Roscoe the Wolf and the South Kitsap High School Dance Team keep spirits high at athletic events.

J U N E

2022



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Board Meeting	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Board Meeting	9	10 Developmental Preschool Last day of school	11
12	13	14	15 Board Meeting	16	17 Last day of school Early Release	18
19 Juneteenth	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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John Sedgwick Middle School student put knowledge to the test by building models.

J U L Y

2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Board Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



AUGUST

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Board Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



SEPTEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7 First day of school Board Meeting	8	9	10
11	12 Kindergarten first day of school	13	14 Board Meeting	15	16	17
18	19 Developmental preschool first day of school	20	21 Board Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Board Meeting	29	30	





Sign up for e-mail snow day alerts
www.flashalert.net

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Forecasting the weather for school closures is not an easy task. South Kitsap School District officials put a lot of effort into preparing a decision when determining whether to keep schools on schedule, start late, or close schools due to inclement weather conditions. Each time a decision has to be made, many different interests and issues are taken into consideration; the primary decision factor is student safety. School district officials try to make the decision by no later than 5:30 a.m. Sometimes, conditions are stable enough that the district is able to make the announcement the night before.

“Check the district social media, website, TV, radio for current info.”

The best means for finding out changes in the school schedule due to inclement weather is through television, radio, or websites like

www.flashalert.net or the district website. You can register with Flash Alert for automatic email messages that are sent out as soon as the district posts its decision with the Public Emergency Communications System.

CLOSURE AND LATE START PROCEDURES

“No News is Good News!” - SKSD will report all school schedule changes to the local news media, www.flashalert.net, the home page of the district website, and social media. If no reports have been made, school will begin at regularly scheduled times.

Collaboration Late Start Wednesday - If SKSD reports a 2 hour late start schedule on a Collaboration Late Start Wednesday, Collaboration will be cancelled and 2 hour late start will operate on the normal non-Wednesday schedule.

BUS INFORMATION AND SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

To ensure the safety of students on their way to and from school, all students riding school buses are required to observe bus transportation rules. Families who live within walking distance to their child’s school are encouraged to review safe and appropriate walking/bike riding practices

with their child. An interactive boundary map is available online. Simply type in your address to find out the school boundary in which you live. Click on the school icon and the school name, address, and phone number will pop up. Visit www.skschools.org



MEAL PROGRAMS

Qualifying students are eligible for free or reduced priced breakfasts and lunches. Free/reduced applications are sent to all families at the beginning of each school year. Applications can also be obtained at any time during the school year at your child’s school office or on the district’s website at www.skschools.org

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Good news! Just like in 2020-21, meals will be provided FREE of charge to all students during the 2021-22 school year.





ARMED FORCES OPT OUT OPTION

South Kitsap School District has been asked by the Armed Forces to supply directory information about secondary students. Public Law 96-342, Title 3, Section 302 (United States Congress); Statute 1083, Title 10, Section 503 (United States Congress); and the Washington State Legislative Code Chapter 223 all provide for the dissemination of student directory information to the armed services upon their request, which is done typically by recruiters. Legal guardians have the right to request that such information not be released to the armed services. Please contact your child's secondary school for more information.

Opt out information
available at
www.skschools.org

PUBLICATION OF STUDENT ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS, PHOTOS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) permits a school district to identify certain information as directory information. This information may be released publicly without permission of the parent/legal guardian or the student. The school district identifies "directory information" as: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, schools attended, photographs, and other related information.

VISITORS

Visitors to schools during the regular school day must report their presence and purpose to the school office upon their arrival. A visitor is considered a parent, family member, or community member. A parent or guardian wishing to visit a child's classroom is asked to make arrangements with the teacher and school principal.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer services are important to the overall functioning of schools. To volunteer, please contact your neighborhood school and complete a volunteer application. Once the background check process is complete, the volunteer clearance is valid for two years. We particularly need bilingual individuals who would be willing to occasionally serve as translators for the parents of our ELL students. Please be aware that in order to volunteer in South Kitsap School District, you will need to fill out a Washington State Patrol request for Criminal History Information form. This form is in accordance with RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.845 and is available at all South Kitsap School District buildings.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Throughout the school year, South Kitsap School District's Community Relations Department, teachers, and other staff take photographs of students participating in school activities. These photographs may be used in South Kitsap School District and school publications, including the district website and social media pages.

The District assumes permission to use a student's photo, video, or class work in District and school publications, and on District-sponsored websites UNLESS a parent or guardian submits a written request for his or her student to opt out.

Please note: More opt out information is on the "Acknowledgement of Receipt" form in the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, which is available on the district website.



RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to their student's education records. They are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records;
2. The right to request the amendment of student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading;
3. The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent; and
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A Student, Parent, and School Personnel Handbook

Each year on our district website the SKSD makes available to all students, staff and parents the district's Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. The purpose of this handbook is to familiarize students and families with their rights and responsibilities in helping maintain a dynamic, responsive, and nurturing learning environment. Please refer to this handbook for policies pertaining but not limited to:

- Student Conduct
- Student Alcohol and Drug Use
- Bus Conduct
- Attendance
- Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- Medication at School
- Student Dress
- Electronic Mail and Internet Use

Please review the contents of this document with your student(s) so they understand their personal rights and responsibilities. The handbook contains the 'Acknowledgement of Receipt' form which parents and students are required to read, sign, and complete via Skyward Family Access. This must be completed each year. Due to budget constraints, the district has limited copies of the handbook. If you DO NOT have access to the internet and need a handbook provided to you, please contact your school office or for those with access, you can download the handbook at www.skschools.org

REPORT CARDS

All students receive a combination of report cards and parent-teacher conferences during the school year to report on their progress. Parents may request status on a student's grades from a teacher at any time or arrange to visit a classroom by contacting the school.

Elementary students (grades K-5) are on a trimester schedule and receive a report card at the end of each trimester. Conferences are held twice a year.

Middle school students (grades 6-8), operate on a semester system. Students receive report cards twice a year and conferences are held twice a year.

High school students (grades 9-12) operate on a semester system and report cards are issued at the end of each semester. Conferences are held twice a year.

View your child's school Report Card on the OSPI website. Type in your school's zip code to find your school. Paper copies are also available by contacting the South Kitsap School District Teaching and Learning Department at 360-874-7000.

Our state also participates in National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) testing in grades 4 and 8 in Math and Reading. There is no district level data reported, only state level data in relation to national achievement levels.

Parents have online access to a variety of student information, such as attendance, grades, food service account, and vaccinations via Skyward Family Access.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

In 2004, the Washington State Legislature passed a law requiring school districts to annually notify parents of their right to request public information about their school district. If you would like to make a Public Disclosure Request, please call 360-874-7013.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Title I is a federally funded program to meet the needs of students who are academically below grade level who are at greatest risk of failing to meet state standards in reading and math. Supplemental instruction is provided in reading, language arts, and/or mathematics. Four elementary schools receive Title I funds - East Port Orchard, Hidden Creek, Orchard Heights, Sidney Glen. Marcus Whitman and Cedar Heights Middle Schools also receive Title 1 funds. The Learning Assistance Program (LAP) is available at all elementary schools, South Kitsap High School, and Discovery. LAP serves students who are below grade level in basic skills and those who did not meet standard on the SBA including students needing credit retrieval in grades 11 and 12.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The District offers special education and related services to students who have a disability that creates an adverse impact on educational performance and requires specially designed instruction.

Special services for students who qualify may include support in the area(s) of learning, social development, daily living, behavior, motor and communication skills. Special education services are designed to allow students to actively participate in general education instruction to the maximum extent appropriate. Federal and state laws require school districts to provide free and appropriate public educational programs in the least restrictive environment to eligible students determined to have a disability.

Special Education Screening is available for all children (birth to 21 years old) suspected of having delays in learning, motor skills, speech or language, or social skills. Monthly screening dates are held by the Office of Special Education. For a screening appointment, parents should call 360-443-3625. Parents of school-age students concerned with their child's educational performance should contact their neighborhood school's principal or school psychologist. Parents are actively involved in the planning of special education services through their participation in an annual meeting to develop an Individual Education Plan (IEP). Parents are encouraged to become involved in their child(ren)'s programs by participating in school and district committees and organizations.

HIGHLY CAPABLE STUDENTS

Highly Capable services have been developed to meet the special needs of all identified students.

Grades K-2: Qualified students receive enrichment services in their regular classroom.

Grades 3-5: Qualified students are invited to enroll in SOAR (Students of Accelerated Rigor), our District's full-time program for highly capable students housed at Orchard Heights Elementary School. Students are provided an academically rigorous program of study in all content areas. Critical thinking, creativity and logical reasoning are embedded within the curriculum. Students who opt to remain at their neighborhood school receive enrichment services in their regular classroom.

Grades 6-8: Qualified students are enrolled in a self-contained Language Arts/Social Studies block class at their neighborhood middle school. Students who qualify in mathematics will be offered the highest-level math course available at each grade.

Grades 9-12: Students identified as highly capable meet with advisors to monitor class schedules as well as academic and other needs. Students are encouraged to enroll in a challenging course of study through Advanced Placement (AP) or IB courses, College in the High School, or the Running Start program. For additional information on Highly Capable services and the identification process, please visit the District's website under Student Center or call 360-874-7057.

parent guide

TITLE 1 PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT - Policy No. 4130 TITLE I PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The board recognizes that parent and family engagement helps students participating in Title I programs achieve academic standards. To promote parent and family engagement, the board adopts the following policy, which describes how the district will involve parents and family members of Title I students in developing and implementing the district's Title I programs.

To read the entire policy, go to www.skschools.org/district/policies and search for Policy 4130. A hard copy of the policy is available by calling 360-874-7060.



Photo: 2021 Discovery graduates at cap & gown pick up.

INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

This federally-funded district program serves American Indian students from approximately 83 different tribes. A home-school liaison paraprofessional assists students and families.

TRANSITIONAL BILINGUAL PROGRAM (for English Language Learners)

This state funded program supports students in grades K –12 for whom English is not their primary language. Students are supported by paraprofessionals to assist them in meeting academic requirements and state standards. Parents are supported with interpreting services as needed.

SECTION 504

The District will provide a free appropriate public education to students with disabilities found eligible within the provision of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The District will educate students with disabilities with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. Instruction will be designed and provided through reasonable accommodations, aids, and services to meet the needs of students with disabilities as equally effective as the needs of students without disabilities. Section 504 also ensures that students with disabilities will be afforded protection from discrimination that may occur as a result of their disability.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

Compliance/ADA/Title IX Coordinator:

Dr. Mona Johnson,

Executive Director of Wellness & Support,

2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366

360-874-7063, johnsonmona@skschools.org

Section 504 Coordinator:

Dr. Andrew Cain, Principal,

2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366

360-874-6022,

cain@skschools.org



DESTINATION TOP 5

South Kitsap School District Priority Plan 2020-2025



Honoring the Past - Moving to the Future

Alignment, beliefs, and communication tie us together as a school district and guide our journey to become a **Top 5** district in Washington State.

Our Priority Plan 2020-2025 shows who we are, where we want to be, and how we will get there. It is a living document that will evolve over time. Staff will develop and follow action plans to support our priorities.



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- innovators
- effective communicators



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- feel a sense of belonging



SAFETY

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- academic excellence
- wellness
- efficient use of resources

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FRONT COVER
 From left to right: Graduate from Discovery High School. A game of checkers at South Colby Elementary event. Student enjoying a CTE class at John Sedgwick Middle School. Student athletes at national college signing day. Superintendent Winter with his South Kitsap pride flag.



MAY '22



JAN '22



SEPT '21



JUN '22



FEB '22



OCT '21



JUL '22



MAR '22



NOV '21



APR '22



DEC '21