



*2022-2023*  
*CALENDAR & FAMILY GUIDE*

 **SOUTH KITSAP**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT







## State Champions

The South Kitsap High School relay team of Marissa Crane, Elise Hopper, Savannah Kambich, and Ella Hopper won State Titles in the 4x200 meter and the 4x400meter relay. Ella Hopper also won the State Title for the 300 meter hurdles and was named Kitsap Sun Female Athlete of the Year! (Photo credit: Meegan Reid, Kitsap Sun)



# SEPTEMBER 2022

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|    |  |    |   | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4  | 5<br><b>Labor Day</b>  | 6  | 7<br><b>First Day of School</b><br><b>Board Meeting</b> | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11 | 12<br><b>Kindergarten</b><br><b>First Day of School</b>                      | 13 | 14  | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19<br><b>Developmental</b><br><b>Preschool</b><br><b>First Day of School</b> | 20 | 21<br><b>Board Meeting</b>                              | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26   | 27 | 28  | 29 | 30 |    |





## *Creativity & Connections*

The Orchard Heights Elementary Sharks build connections with each other through costumes and games like Gaga Ball and Connect Four at recess. Social interactions like playing games build character and relationships.





# OCTOBER 2022

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Board Meeting

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Peoples' Day  
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Elementary Conferences Oct 24 - Oct 28, Early Release

Middle School Conferences Oct 25 - Oct 28, Early Release

High School Conferences Oct 26 - Oct 28, Early Release

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# Be the "I" in Kind



## *Kindness is Key*

Kindness is one of the key character traits exhibited by South Kitsap School District learners. Some other traits include responsibility, respect, and integrity. A Manchester student is the "I" in kindness (pictured above). Cedar Heights Assistant Principal Jobie Flint takes a moment to remind students that smiles are contagious (pictured to the left).



# NOVEMBER 2022

| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday    | Wednesday                     | Thursday  | Friday                                | Saturday |
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|        |   | 1          | 2<br>Board Meeting            | 3   | 4                                     | 5        |
| 6      | 7   | 8<br>VOTE! | 9                             | 10  | 11<br>Veterans Day<br>No School       | 12       |
| 13     | 14<br>Middle and<br>High School<br>End of 1st Quarter | 15         | 16<br>Board Meeting           | 17  | 18                                    | 19       |
| 20     | 21  | 22         | 23<br>Early Release<br>(K-12) | 24<br>Thanksgiving Break<br>No School   | 25<br>Thanksgiving Break<br>No School | 26       |
| 27     | 28  | 29         | 30                            | <div> <div></div> <div>Light blue shading indicates <i>late start</i> collaboration Wednesdays.</div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div>Gray shading indicates <i>no school</i>.</div> </div> <div> <div>All district-related dates are subject to change without notice.<br/>Please check with your school to confirm all times and events.</div>  </div> |                                       |          |



# *Olympic ESD 49th Annual High School Art Show*

Luna Phelps (Left) an 11th grade SKHS student and Zoe Byrne (Right) a 12th grade SKHS student. Luna's artwork won a \$2,000 scholarship offer to Central Washington University and moved onto the State level of competition for her artwork titled "Anxiety". Zoe's artwork won the "People's Choice" award and it will be professionally matted and framed and become a part of the Olympic ESD 114 permanent art collection. The piece titled "Too Much Space" was selected to move onto the State level of competition. There were 68 works of art entered into the Regional art competition and only 7 were allowed to move onto the State level.





# DECEMBER 2022

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| 4  | 5<br><b>Elementary<br/>End of 1st Trimester</b> | 6  | 7<br>Board Meeting                             | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11 | 12  | 13 | 14   | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19  | 20 | 21<br>Early Release<br>(K-12)<br>Board Meeting | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26  | 27 | 28   | 29 | 30 | 31 |

← Winter Break. No School,  
December 22 - January 4 →

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## *Students in the Spotlight*

South Kitsap High School students dazzled in the spring production of *Mama Mia* (pictured above). Ticket sales and attendance for the wildly popular show broke school records. The SKHS Choir groups also held the beloved Madrigal Feaste and several other wonderful performances (pictured at right).





# JANUARY 2023

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

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## *Making Music & Memories*

A generous community member donation brought music to the Discovery campus. The school was gifted with several guitars and students and staff are enjoying the opportunity to develop their musical skills together.



# FEBRUARY 2023

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**Presidents' Day Break  
No School**

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**Inclement Weather?**  
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## *Staff with Style*

The South Kitsap School District staff are bursting with character and students are eager to build relationships with adults who exhibit joy each day. Well-known bus driver Larry Durfey enthusiastically embraces opportunities to show some flair especially on Saint Patrick's Day (at right). Paraeducators at Marcus Whitman show their spirit during professional development (pictured below).





# MARCH 2023

| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 5   | 6      | 7       | 8  | 9        | 10     | 11       |
| 12  | 13     | 14      | 15<br>Elementary End of 2nd Trimester<br>Board Meeting | 16       | 17     | 18       |
| 19  | 20     | 21      | 22   | 23       | 24     | 25       |
| 26  | 27     | 28      | 29   | 30       | 31     |          |
| <div> <div>Elementary Conferences Mar 27 - Mar 31, Early Release</div> <div>Middle School Conferences Mar 28 - Mar 31, Early Release</div> <div>High School Conferences Mar 30 - Mar 31, Early Release</div> </div>   |        |         |  |          |        |          |







## *School Days Packed with Spirit!*

Students at Mullenix Ridge Elementary show their creativity and individual style. From pajama day and twin day, to sports and super hero themes, the Eagles show up for spirit days.

# APRIL 2023

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| 2  | 3  | 4  | 5             | 6  | 7   | 8  |
|    | <div>← Spring Break. No School - April 3 - April 7 →</div> |    |               |    |   |    |
| 9  | 10   | 11 | 12            | 13 | 14  | 15 |
|    |  |    |               |    | Middle and<br>High School<br>End of 3rd Quarter |    |
| 16 | 17   | 18 | 19            | 20 | 21  | 22 |
|    |  |    | Board Meeting |    |   |    |
| 23 | 24   | 25 | 26            | 27 | 28  | 29 |
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School Lunch Hero Day on May 5 is a national celebration for the hard work being done in school cafeterias! Students at South Colby said thank you with posters and smiles (pictured at right). The team at the central kitchen work tirelessly each day to prepare delicious and nutritious meals for SKSD students (below).

from Mrs. Gerard's class 😊



# MAY 2023

| Sunday | Monday                          | Tuesday | Wednesday           | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------|---|--------|----------|
|        | 1                               | 2       | 3<br>Board Meeting  | 4   | 5      | 6        |
| 7      | 8                               | 9       | 10                  | 11  | 12     | 13       |
| 14     | 15                              | 16      | 17<br>Board Meeting | 18  | 19     | 20       |
| 21     | 22                              | 23      | 24                  | 25  | 26     | 27       |
| 28     | 29<br>Memorial Day<br>No School | 30      | 31                  | <div> <div></div> <div>Light blue shading indicates <i>late start</i> collaboration Wednesdays.</div> <div></div> <div>Gray shading indicates <i>no school</i>.</div> </div> <p>All district-related dates are subject to change without notice.<br/>Please check with your school to confirm all times and events.</p>  |        |          |





## *Celebrating Success*

Prior to graduation, seniors get the opportunity to visit and walk the halls of their middle and elementary schools. A group of former Raindevils visited Cedar Heights (pictured above) and two Bobcats welcomed the graduates visiting South Colby (pictured at right).



# JUNE 2023

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| 4  | 5                | 6  | 7<br>Board Meeting  | 8  | 9   | 10 |
| 11 | 12               | 13 | 14<br>Developmental<br>Preschool<br>Last Day<br>of School | 15 | 16<br>Last Day of School<br>Early Release | 17 |
| 18 | 19<br>Juneteenth | 20 | 21<br>Board Meeting                                       | 22 | 23  | 24 |
| 25 | 26               | 27 | 28  | 29 | 30  |    |







## *Mullenix in Motion*

The annual Mullenix in Motion fundraising event was back in full effect this past spring. The Mullenix Ridge Elementary PTSA hosts the annual fun run as a fundraising effort to support the school. Students, families, and staff take part in the festivities.

# JULY 2023

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| 2  | 3  | 4<br>Independence Day | 5                   | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9  | 10 | 11                    | 12                  | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18                    | 19<br>Board Meeting | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25                    | 26                  | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 |                       |                     |    |    |    |





# AUGUST 2023

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



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|    |   |    |  |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3  | 4<br>Labor Day  | 5  | 6<br>First Day<br>of School<br>Board Meeting | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10 | 11<br>Kindergarten<br>First Day<br>of School            | 12 | 13   | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18<br>Developmental<br>Preschool First Day<br>of School | 19 | 20<br>Board Meeting                          | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25  | 26 | 27   | 28 | 29 | 30 |





*Double check contact information in Skyward to ensure all messages are received!*

## 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.

As soon as a decision is made, communication is sent directly to families and staff in the event of delay or school closure. The message will also be posted on the district social media.

## CLOSURE AND LATE START PROCEDURES

*"No News is Good News!" -*

SKSD will report all school schedule changes to the local news media, post to 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 canceled 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. Visit [www.skschools.org](http://www.skschools.org), use the "Quick Links" drop down menu and click on bus routes.



## SCHOOL MEALS

Qualifying students are eligible for free or reduced priced breakfasts and lunches. The Free/reduced applications are sent to all families at the beginning of each school year and applications may 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](http://www.skschools.org). Critical school district funding is dependent on the applications. Families are asked to complete and return a Free & Reduced Meal application each year.

[www.skschools.org/free-reduced-meal-application/](http://www.skschools.org/free-reduced-meal-application/)



## 2022-2023 MEAL PRICES

| Elementary                    | Secondary         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Breakfast: \$2.15             | Breakfast: \$2.40 |
| Lunch: \$3.50                 | Lunch: \$3.75     |
| Reduced price: \$0            |                   |
| Milk: \$0.50                  |                   |
| Adult lunch: \$5.00 with milk |                   |

\* Thanks to a grant for the 2022-23 school year, meals are FREE for all students at East Port Orchard Elementary and Discovery High School.



## 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 online at  
[www.skschools.org](http://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 Communications 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 "Acknowledgment 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 'Acknowledgment 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](http://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 Request for Public Records, please call 360-874-7013 or email [PublicRecords@skschools.org](mailto:PublicRecords@skschools.org).

## 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:

HiCap identified students will receive differentiated instruction in their regular classroom.

### Grades 3-5:

Qualified HiCap students have the option to enroll in Students of Accelerated Rigor (SOAR), our District's full-time, self-contained program for highly capable students or remain in their neighborhood school, clustered with other HiCap students for differentiated instruction to meet their unique needs.

### Grades 6-8:

Qualified students are enrolled in a self-contained Language Arts/Social Studies block class (Quest) 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), Honors, College in the High School, Running Start, accelerated math, CTE courses, enrichment, academic competitions, and online options. For additional information on Highly Capable services and the identification process, please visit the District's website under Learn in SK and Academic Programs or call 360-874-7057.



## **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](http://www.skschools.org/district/policies) and search for Policy 4130. A hard copy of the policy is available by calling 360-874-7060.



## **NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION PROGRAM**

This federally-funded district program serves American Indian students from approximately 83 different tribes. A home-school liaison staff member 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 or is not the language spoken in the home. Students are supported by staff to assist them in acquiring proficiency in English to support their achievement of 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:  
Will Sarett, Executive Director of Human Resources,  
2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366  
360-874-7071, [sarett@skschools.org](mailto:sarett@skschools.org)

Section 504 Coordinator:  
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## 2022-20223 School Start Times

| Schools                      | Start Time | End Time | Late Start | Early Re-lease | Last Day |
|------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|----------------|----------|
| Burley Glenwood Elementary   | 8:35       | 3:10     | 9:20       | 12:10          | 11:10    |
| East Port Orchard            |            |          |            |                |          |
| Mullenix Ridge Elementary    |            |          |            |                |          |
| Hidden Creek Elementary      | 9:05       | 3:40     | 9:50       | 12:40          | 11:40    |
| Manchester Elementary        |            |          |            |                |          |
| Olalla Elementary            |            |          |            |                |          |
| Orchard Heights Elementary   |            |          |            |                |          |
| Sidney Glen Elementary       |            |          |            |                |          |
| South Colby Elementary       |            |          |            |                |          |
| Sunnyslope Elementary        |            |          |            |                |          |
| Cedar Heights Middle School  | 8:10       | 2:45     | 8:55       | 11:25          | 10:45    |
| John Sedgwick Middle School  |            |          |            |                |          |
| Marcus Whitman Middle School |            |          |            |                |          |
| Discovery High School        | 7:30       | 2:00     | 8:10       | 10:35          | 9:55     |
| Explorer Academy             | 8:00       | 4:00     |            |                |          |
| South Kitsap High School     | 7:25       | 2:00     | 8:10       | 10:40          | 10:00    |



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE  
THE MOST CURRENT START TIMES & STUDENT CALENDAR**

Or Visit: <https://www.skschools.org/learn-sk/student-calendar>

## 2022-2023 School Calendar

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| September 5  | Labor Day  |
| September 7  | First Day of School                                  |
| September 12   | Kindergarten First Day of School                     |
| September 19   | Developmental Preschool First Day                    |
| October 10   | No School for Students                               |
| October 24-28  | Elementary Conferences 1/2 Day Release               |
| October 25-28  | Middle School Conferences 1/2 Day Release            |
| October 26-28  | High School Family Reach Out                         |
| November 11  | Veterans Day - No School                             |
| November 14  | High School and Middle School First Quarter End      |
| November 23  | 1/2 Day Release K-12                                 |
| November 24-25   | Thanksgiving Break                                   |
| December 5   | Elementary First Trimester End                       |
| December 21  | 1/2 Day Release K-12                                 |
| December 22 - January 4  | Winter Break   |
| January 16   | Martin Luther King Junior Holiday. No School         |
| February 3   | Middle School & High School Second Qtr. Semester End |
| February 20-21   | Presidents' Day - No School                          |
| March 15   | Elementary Second Trimester End                      |
| March 27-31  | Elementary Conferences 1/2 Day Release               |
| March 28-31  | Middle School Conferences 1/2 Day Release            |
| March 30-31  | High School Conferences 1/2 Day Release              |
| April 3-7  | Spring Break   |
| April 14   | High School & Middle School Third Quarter End        |
| May 29   | Memorial Day Holiday - No School                     |
| June 14  | Last Day Developmental Preschool                     |
| June 19  | Juneteenth Observance - No School                    |
| June 16  | Last Day of School - 1/2 Day Early Release           |
| Emergency make up days may be added after the last day of school if necessary. |  |





## *District and School Communication*

Get the information you need when and how you want it!

South Kitsap School District uses a tool called ParentSquare for school communication, primarily with email, text and app notifications. ParentSquare automatically generates an account for each parent, using their preferred email address and phone number listed in Skyward Family Access. We encourage parents to access their accounts so they can download the mobile app and update their preferences on when and how they are notified.

### *How ParentSquare Works:*

- Receive messages from the school via email, text or app notification
- Choose to receive information as it comes or all at once with a daily digest at 6pm
- Communicate in your preferred language
- Comment on school postings to engage with your school community
- Direct message teachers, staff and other parents
- Participate in group messages
- Sign up for parent-teacher conferences
- Send payments, sign forms & permission slips, receive report cards, sign up to volunteer and more all from your desktop or mobile device



### *Get Started in 3 Easy Steps!*

1. Download the free iOS or Android mobile app.
2. Log in with your email or phone registered with the school.
3. Start receiving posts relevant to your student.

**DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY:**

