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Dear SVHS Students and Parents:

I hope that you are all doing well and enjoying the summer months! We are currently in the process of planning for the return of our students with great anticipation and excitement! The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information that will ensure an effective and efficient start to the school year in September. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our main office at (315) 839-6316.

Students – your current course schedule for the coming school year will be accessible through the [Parent/Student Portal](#) as of **Friday, August 9**. For information on how to use the Portal, please consult our [Parent/Student Portal User Guide](#); you will want to click on the Schedule tab. The counselors will be at school on various days through the month of August to address questions and concerns with schedules. Please call our counseling office secretary, Ms. Heather Larabee, at (315) 839-6337 or email your counselor to schedule an appointment, if necessary. Ms. DeTraglia (ndetraglia@svcsd.org) is the 9th and 10th grade counselor, and Mr. Scialdone (pscialdone@svcsd.org) is the 11th and 12th grade counselor.

Parents – please log in to the [Parent/Student Portal](#) to make sure your child's contact information is up-to-date. For information on how to use the Portal, please consult our [Parent/Student Portal User Guide](#); you will want to click on the Contacts tab. If you need to make any updates to this information, including any updates to who has the ability to pick your child up from school, please contact our attendance secretary, Ms. Mary Stout, at mstout@svcsd.org or by calling (315) 839-6335. Please note that if two individuals live at the same address, they will have the same home phone number listed. The parent who should be called first should have their number listed as the home number for all individuals who reside at that address. Also please note that you may only list up to three individuals as contacts (in addition to parents/guardians).

Please also note the following for the coming school year:

To all incoming freshmen and other students who are new to our school, welcome! We hope you can join us on Wednesday, August 21 for Freshmen and New Student Orientation! You are welcome to attend any time from 9 am to 12 pm. You will be able to pick up your schedule and student handbook, find your locker, take a tour of the building, sign out a Chromebook, meet some of our staff, and have your questions answered. Family members are welcome to attend. We are thrilled to welcome the Class of 2028!

This year, we will continue to utilize digital tools including Google Classroom and other online instructional resources. Therefore, each student will again be required to bring a fully-charged Chromebook or laptop to school daily. Students will be able to utilize their own personal devices. Students who wish to borrow a Chromebook and charger from the district will be able to do so. As stated above, freshmen and new students will be able to obtain their Chromebooks at orientation (as long as a parent attends to sign the Chromebook form).

Parents and students should make sure they are registered in [ParentSquare](#) to receive important communications throughout the year. Once the school year begins, we will be sending some important forms through ParentSquare that we will need parents and students to complete, so please make sure that you are registered. For support with registering in ParentSquare, please access our [ParentSquare registration instructions](#). Parents and students may also request a ParentSquare invite by emailing me at bread@svcsd.org.

We are very excited to be continuing our after school homework help sessions each school day from 2:30 to 3:15! All students are welcome to attend! Transportation home on the elementary bus is available; students may request a ride home on the elementary bus by stopping by the main office by noon on the day the transportation is needed.

The complete [2024-2025 SVHS Student Handbook](#) is available on our website, as is our [supply list](#).

Since we will be using Chromebooks and laptops daily in class, access to cell phones will typically not be necessary. Therefore, as has been the case previously, students will not be permitted to utilize cell phones in instructional settings (classes and study halls) unless specific permission is granted by the supervising staff member for academic reasons. Students will be permitted to use cell phones and electronic devices before school begins (7:15 - 7:42), during their assigned lunch period, and between periods.

Students will again be able to enter the school starting at 7:15 each school day. As has been the case previously, juniors and seniors will report to the cafeteria prior to first period, and freshmen and sophomores will report to the auditorium. Breakfast is available to all students in the cafeteria prior to first period.

Juniors and seniors can find the [driving/parking application](#) on our school website at <http://highschool.svcsd.org>. The form may be submitted in the main office. Students who need to take medications at school can find the [medication form](#) on our website as well. The medication form may be submitted in the nurse's office.

Please note that in order to promote the importance of students developing perseverance, we will be continuing our practice of not permitting course drops/withdrawals after the 10-week mark.

Do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns whenever they arise! Our faculty members' email addresses can be found on the [Staff Directory page](#) of our website, and again, you can contact our main office at (315) 839-6316. You may also email me at bread@svcsd.org.

Please also remember that we are here to provide social and emotional support to our students as well. Students and parents are encouraged to reach out to our counselors who are readily available to assist students. We take pride in fostering our great community and in supporting one another!

Thank you so much for your continued support! We cannot wait for the year to begin!

With Sauquoit Valley Pride,



Brian Read
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