

# South Bend Schools

*“A Great Place for Kids”*

Welcome Back to School!

The South Bend School District staff are eager to welcome students back for the 2022-2024 school year! Call 875-6041 to enroll!



## Message from Superintendent Jon Tienhaara

*Hello! As we welcome students back for the 2024-25 school year, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for what lies ahead. At South Bend School District, we continue to emphasize the power of strong relationships, knowing they are essential to creating a learning environment where every student feels valued and supported.*

*We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of educators who are passionate about inspiring and guiding our students, and a supportive community that values education and works alongside us to help our students thrive. Together, these elements ensure that every child has the opportunity to excel.*

*As we begin this new school year, I remain deeply honored to begin my 11th year serving as your superintendent. It's a privilege to be part of a community that consistently supports and invests in our students' futures. I invite you to connect with me at any time—whether it's to visit, call, or email. Your involvement and feedback are key to our collective success.*

*We look forward to seeing students on August 29th and embarking on another year of learning, growth, and shared achievement.*

Jon Tienhaara



Click on the Photo above to watch our new video: *South Bend: A great place for kids.*



***South Bend School District strives to prepare students to be life/career/college ready by providing supportive, meaningful, and challenging opportunities in every aspect of the educational experience.***

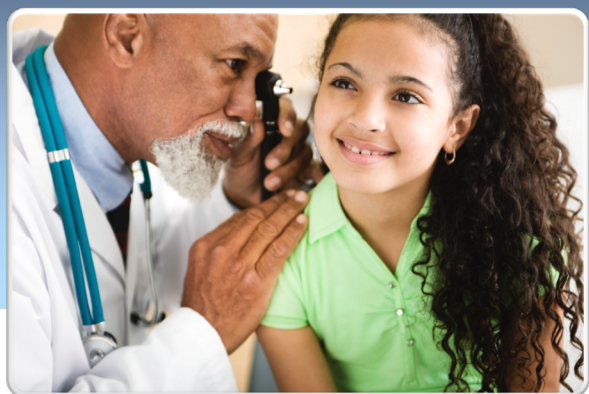
## District Report Card Available

The school district must report to their school District constituents, information including, but not limited to, test scores, financial information, dropout rates, highly qualified teacher information and student demographic information. Please visit: <http://bit.ly/2FvgYOb> for this information.

If you do not have access to a computer or if you simply do not find all the information you are looking for, please feel free to call the district office at 875 – 6041 and we will do the best we can to answer your questions.



**We continue to improve our campus facilities to ensure our students have the best learning environment possible.**

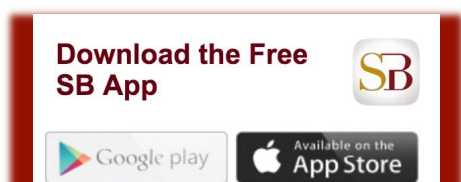


## Immunization Update

The school nurse will be reviewing all immunization records to ensure that all students are current with state requirements and will be contacting parents regarding deficiencies. Changes in the state law as well as other information may be found at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/schools/exemption-info.htm>. Other questions may be directed to the Pacific County

Please be sure to check our school website at [www.southbendschools.org](http://www.southbendschools.org) for current information related to the school district and schools. For information not available on the website, please call the respective school office so that we may assist you.

Visit <https://southbend.parentlink.net/smartlink/> to get our school app!



Get our app by scanning this QR code on your smart phone:



### Asbestos Update

Each year the district must notify parents of any asbestos containing materials in our schools. With the remodel of the junior senior high we no longer have asbestos other than in the glue of some floor tiles and marble creet in some of the walls. If you have any questions regarding these materials, please contact Jon Ashley, maintenance supervisor at 875-6041.

### Homeless Education Act

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act requires school districts to ensure that children and youth experiencing homelessness have full and equal access to an appropriate public education and that they experience success in school. Homelessness is defined as lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence including: 1) sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, 2) living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or campgrounds due to alternative adequate accommodations, 3) living in emergency shelters or hospitals, 4) living in public or private places not normally designed or designated as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings, 5) living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, travel trailers, substandard housing, or similar, 6) migratory children living in any of the circumstances described above.

To the extent practical and is required by law, the district will work with homeless students and their families to provide stability and school attendance and other services. More information is available by contacting Jon Schray at 875-6041.

### Indian Education Program

The Indian Education Program is federally funded by the US Department of Education in Washington DC. Funds to operate the program are based upon the total number of eligible students in our school district who have a Title VII Student Eligibility Certificate (506 form) on file with the district. Students in preschool through 12th grade with parents, grandparents or themselves registered with a federally recognized tribe are eligible to enroll and participate in the program. The focus for the 2016-17 school year will be on cultural education and academic support. Eligible students needing academic support will be provided with extra help. Classrooms with students enrolled in the program will have materials provided to support native education in the curriculum. Parent information and meeting notices will be sent in the mail. Contact Jon Schray at 875-5327 for more information.





**¡Nosotros hablamos español! Si necesita un traductor, por favor pregunte a nuestro personal de la oficina de la escuela.**

## Weather Closures and Delays

In the event that we have severe weather this year, please tune to our local television or radio stations for the most updated information. You will also receive an automated call from her school's telephone alert system if we have your most up-to-date telephone number. Please use these methods to know if we have delays or closures. Staff are not always available to answer the phone on these days, and the Transportation Department is extremely busy during this decision-making time.





### **Birth to Three Program**

South Bend School District is the North County special needs service provider for children birth to three years with special needs or developmental delays. If you suspect your child has a delay in development, or if you just want to be sure everything is okay, call for more information about the services the district can provide for you, please contact Amy Nelson at 875-5327.

### **BECCA Bill & School Attendance**

The BECCA bill requires that the district and parents enter into an agreement on school attendance no later than the fifth absence, or the district will file a report with the courts. The school must notify parents of the consequences of continued unexcused absences.

The law allows the court to order a child to attend the current school, another public school, seek alternative placement, be punished by the court, or provide community service. Parents may also be fined \$25 per day for violating the law. To learn, students need to be in school.

The compulsory attendance age for attending school is 16 years of age. Parent permission is required for a child to leave school to go to work unless they are emancipated from their parents. The law defines an unexcused absence as: not attending the majority of hours or periods in an average school day, or failing to comply with the attendance policy.

The district reports to the courts any student with seven or more excused absences in a month or 10 within a school year and may file a report for fewer absences if deemed necessary.

See <http://www.k12.wa.us/attendance/default.aspx> for more information.

### **Preschool Open to All**

South Bend School District offers a full menu of preschool services for children birth to five including playgroups for infants and toddlers, preschool for three and four-year-olds, and support programs for expectant mothers.

For more information on our early childhood programs, please call our Early Learning Center at 875-5327.

### **Health & Accident Insurance Info**

South Bend School District encourages all students to have health and accident insurance. Low income families may be eligible to obtain free or low-cost insurance under the State's Apple Health program. District secretaries may be contacted for more information. Information is also available through Willapa Harbor Hospital.

The district's Board of Directors have agreed to allow Myers Stevens Insurance Company to offer insurance to our students for a very nominal fee. In order to ensure our records are correct, we will be asking parents to provide the name of each child's insurance company and policy number. This allows the district to respond quickly in the case of an accident. All information of this nature is confidential and not shared with others.

**Your School Board** We are fortunate to have a very intelligent and dedicated Board of Directors to make thoughtful, kids first decisions. The South Bend school board is made up of Chairman Chuck Spoor, Todd Strozyk, Jim Rose, Wendy Manlow, and Andy Seaman. Many thanks go to our board members for their dedication and support!

# District is Drug, Tobacco, and Weapon-Free Zone

The Board of Directors has declared, as required by law, South Bend School District to be a drug, tobacco, and weapon free zone. This means that it is illegal to possess drugs, tobacco or weapons in or near the school complex. The district has a no tolerance policy on drugs, tobacco and alcohol in and around the school campus. It should be noted that the South Bend Police Department may utilize a drug dog to make random, periodic inspections. State law requires that school authorities notify law enforcement and a student's parent or guardian if a student possesses a firearm or dangerous weapon on school premises. It is also understood and a requirement that the district must expel for one year a student who brings to, or possesses a firearm at school. However, the superintendent also has the discretion, on a case-by-case basis to modify the expulsion period.



This section should be construed in a manner consistent with the IDEA Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec 1401 et seq. Contact the school district office for more information.

## Breakfast & Lunch Program

The popular South Bend cafeteria program will be in operation the first day of school. Cooks Bailey Johnson, Trista Johnson, and Sally Kunke are looking forward to the students' arrival. **Breakfast and lunch are both provided free of charge to all students attending South Bend Public Schools!** Please contact your school office for more information.

## Parent's FERPA/PPRA Rights

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act affords parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to student education records. These rights are noted on the district website and available in the district office. The Protection of People Rights Amendment gives parents and students over the age of 18 certain rights regarding the way the district conduct surveys, collects and uses information for marketing purposes, and certain physical examinations. Parents of students who believe their rights of been violated have the right to file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office, US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave, Washington DC 20202. Visit <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/resources/ppra-model-general-notice-rights> for more information.

## Spraying for Insect Information

South Bend School District requests that any citizen who wishes to be notified of insect spraying to please make a written request and to include their name and current phone number or e-mail address, and that it be

delivered to the district office. Parents who notify the district in writing will be contacted by phone or e-mail by district personnel prior to any spraying.

### **Admission & Access Open to All**

The South Bend School District Board of Directors have publicly stated all district students, without regard for race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap have the opportunity to access all academic and vocational classes, programs and extracurricular activities. Any concerns, questions or complaints should be directed to the District's Title IX and ADA officer Barb Cenci or 504 Coordinator Jon Tienhaara at the district office.

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), a school district must give parents of a child with a disability a copy of its procedural safeguards one time per year, and upon initial referral or parental request for an evaluation, the filing of a first request for a due process hearing, a disciplinary action constituting a change in placement, and at the request of a parent. Parents may choose to receive the procedural safeguards notice and other notices under the IDEA by email, if the LEA makes this option available. Please contact Superintendent Jon Tienhaara for questions or more information at 360-875-6041.

The South Bend School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, disability, or age in its program or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. South Bend School District offers classes in many career and technical education program areas under its open admissions policy. For more information about CTE course offerings and admissions criteria, contact Principal Jason Nelson at 360-875-6041. Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education programs. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:



Jon Tienhaara, Superintendent  
360-875-6041  
jtienhaa@southbendschools.org

### **Translation Services (Servicios de traducción)**

South Bend School District provides translation services to students and families. These services include translated documents and interpreting. Families, parents, and students who require translating or school documents in their native language should contact their school office at 360-875-6041. Parents and students who do not receive adequate translations may contact Superintendent Jon Tienhaara to file a concern.

*South Bend School District provee servicios de traducción a estudiantes y familias. Estos servicios incluyen traducción de documentos e interpretación. Las familias, los padres y los estudiantes que necesitan traducir o documentos escolares en su idioma nativo deben comunicarse con escuela al 360-875-6041. Padres y estudiantes que no reciben las traducciones adecuadas pueden ponerse en contacto con el Superintendente Jon Tienhaara para presentar una inquietud.*

