

SIMS BULLETIN

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MR. PROCTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Friday SIMS Families,

I hope that everyone is starting to get back into the swing of things. We have had a great start to the school year. I can't believe next week we will already be starting our fourth week of school. Sixth graders head to Outdoor School next week which is a great experience. It will be one that they will always remember and hopefully decide that in the future they want to work towards becoming a high school counselor to give back to our future sixth graders.

Mrs. Nau will be including important information to this newsletter. I know at times it may seem as though families receive constant emails or other avenues of communication from the district. Just know that we are only trying to make sure everyone stays up to date with all the happenings at school.

Thank you to our PTC for holding a wonderful back-to-school dance last night. We had over 220 sixth through eighth graders attend from across the district. As I was greeting kids this morning, they all said they were tired, but they had a blast. Thank you, PTC!!!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend as we roll into fall.

Mr. Proctor

DRESS CODE CLARIFICATION

Hello SIMS Families,

Stayton Intermediate/Middle School wants to ensure that students' dress is appropriate for the school setting. Students' dress should be modest, neat, and clean to ensure that our learning environment is comfortable for all students.

The following standards have been developed from the district to guide students and families in making sure that clothing choices are appropriate for school:

1. Dress and grooming shall be clean, in keeping with proper health, safety and sanitary practices; this includes always wearing shoes in school.
2. The dress and grooming of students shall not cause a substantial disruption to the teaching and learning process (distractions due to the type of clothing).
3. Any clothing deemed to be gang-affiliated or gang-related paraphernalia will not be allowed.
4. Clothing which has pictures of or references to alcohol, firearms, or drug-related clothing will not be allowed at school. Students are also not allowed to wear anything that promotes racial harassment or racial discrimination.
5. Clothing should be modest in nature in every school setting, including sporting events.

In addition to the district standards, SIMS has established the following guidelines for students that are NOT allowed on our campus:

- hoods on the head while inside a building may not be worn
- bandanas of any sort
- wallet chains (heavy chains connected to a wallet)
- clothing with holes above the knee (may be allowed if worn over leggings, tights or spandex)

Please remember that the dress expectations apply to all after-school activities, including dances.

I want to be clear around a couple of key terms used in the district clothing guidelines.

1. Modesty, and how it applies to all students. This term when related to clothing would be halter tops, crop tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, backless shirts, any see-through attire and/or clothing that exposes undergarments or midriffs.
2. The second term is when clothing is deemed to be a substantial disruption to the educational process. Remember, students and staff come to school each day to create an environment that needs to be conducive to learning. Clothing fashion that is appropriate in certain circumstances outside of the school setting is not always appropriate at school. If a student is not following expectations, they will be asked to change or to wear additional clothing. If necessary, families will be contacted so that the student may make arrangements to change into school appropriate clothing.

Please remember that students attending SIMS are not required to dress down for PE. In addition, all students, even in the seventh and eighth grade, have recess. An item of clothing that, when sitting at one's desk, is appropriate may not be appropriate for PE or recess when students are moving their bodies.

Please know that we are here to work with both students and families to ensure that everyone feels safe and comfortable within the school's learning environment.

Thank you for your time and energy in helping us create this learning environment.

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UPCOMING DATES

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| • Sept. 23-27 | | 6 th Grade Outdoor School |
| • Sept. 23 | 4:00 pm | Girls Soccer vs Talmadge |
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| • Sept. 24 | 4:00 pm | Volleyball at Valor – A and B Blue |
| • Sept. 25 | 4:00 pm | Volleyball vs Patton – A and Blue |
| • Sept. 25 | 4:00 pm | 8 th Football at Duniway |
| • Sept. 25 | 4:00 pm | Girls Soccer at North Marion |
| • Sept. 25 | 4:00 pm | XC at Jefferson |
| • Sept. 25 | 4:45 pm | 7 th Football vs Duniway |
| • Sept. 26 | 2:00 pm | 4/5 SOM Assembly |
| • Sept. 27 | 4:00 pm | XC at McMinnville |
| • Sept. 30 | 4:00 pm | Boys Soccer vs Lebanon |
| • Sept. 30 | 4:00 pm | Girls Soccer at Lebanon |
| • Sept. 30 | 4:00 pm | Volleyball at Duniway – A and B Gold |
| • Oct. 11 | | NO SCHOOL – STATE INSERVICE |

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

- [Republic Services Bulky Waste Event - Oct. 26](#)
- [Stayton Manta Rays Swim Team](#)
- [Santiam Hospital Flu Vaccine Clinic](#)



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