Kindergarten Orientation Harry S. Truman School



2025-26



Welcome to Truman School!

Where you child's educational journey begins.



Meet the principal
Ms. Stueber

Meet Our Kindergarten Teachers

- Mrs. Bruens
- Ms. Josiah
- Mrs. Lopez
- Mrs. Makely & Mrs. Marchetta
- Ms. Romano
- Mrs. Avdiu

Kindergarten Specials

- Art – Mrs. Braun-Barreiro
- Music – Mrs. Rice
- PE – Mr. Baffige
- Library / Technology – Mr. Bellamy

- Our School Nurse Ms. O’Brien

Our School Counselor Ms. Goodman

Truman School PTO

- President: Antonella Leverett
- Vice President: Shadia Ghanem
- Recording Secretary: Amanda Kutcher
- Corresponding Secretary: Caitlin Arvanites
- Treasurer: Jennifer DeForge

Other Important People

- Secretaries: Ms. Droulette & Mrs. Culley
- ASI Reading Teachers: Mrs. Porpora & Mrs. DiStefano
- ASI Math Teacher: Mrs. Cibrian
- Speech: Ms. Cacioli
- ELL: Mrs. Leonard
- TAG: Mrs. Mihalenko
- CST: Mrs. Brock

Truman School Mission Statement

Truman School provides a nurturing environment that is committed to achieving excellence. We prepare and motivate students for a rapidly changing world in which they will be responsible and productive citizens. We inspire a passion for learning in order promote lifelong learners. The core values of honesty, integrity, perseverance, compassion, and loyalty are promoted in order to develop well rounded learners. Truman School believes in a positive school climate promoting this perseverance in academic and social/emotional skills development. A professional and highly motivated staff, in partnership with parents, encourage children to reach their highest potential. Together we create and support a school environment in which all children, families, and staff feel welcomed and respected as contributing members of our Truman School Community.

Elementary Schedule

- Regular Schedule 9:05 A.M. – 3:20 P.M.
  - Drop off time is 8:50 (doors open)

- Early Dismissal 9:05 A.M. – 1:35 P.M.
- Delayed Opening 10:35 A.M. - 3:20 P.M.

KINDERGARTEN HAS CHANGED A LOT



- **Talk about their interests**
- **Encourage curiosity and questions**
- **Point out letters and numbers in books and around town**
- **Problem solve everyday problems**
- **Read to him/her; Have them read to you, and ask many questions that cause them to ponder and reflect on the stories they read**

Can your child?

- Tie his or her shoes
- Put on and take off his/her coat
- Go to the restroom independently & wash hands
- Zipper his/her coat
- Operate zippers, snaps, & buttons
- Open his/her lunch
- Buckle a seatbelt

Academics

- Looping - Students remain with the same teacher and students through kindergarten and first grade
- Standards based report card
- Reading Assessments: BAS & Running Records
- Fountas & Pinnell
- Guided Reading / Daily 5
- Math – Daily 3

What if my child is struggling in school?

- Contact your child's teacher – Communication is Key
- Academic Support Instructors – Mrs. Porpora, Mrs. DiStefano & Mrs. Cibrian
- RTI
- Literacy & Math Academies
- Tier 3 Instruction
- School Counselor – Ms. Goodman
- Contact your child's principal – Ms. Stueber

Communicating with Your Child's Teacher

- Back to School Night – September 18th
- School Conferences – Week of January 20th – 23rd
- Individual conferences may be requested and must be set up with the teacher ahead of time
- Email
- Phone Conferences

School Bus Safety Rules

- Be at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the arrival of the bus. Never run to or from the bus
- Wait at your designated stop in a safe place, back from the side of the road
- Remember never to stand in the danger zone that surrounds the bus. The danger zone is 10’ from all sides of the bus
- All Kg-3rd grade students must be met at the bus stop by a parent. Please do not wait in your car or house
- Parents cannot go on to the school bus.



Rules for Riding the Bus Safely

- Wear your seatbelt at all times
- Keep the aisle clear at all times
- Please do not bring any toys on the bus and keep cell phones and other electronic devices in your backpack
- Eating and drinking is not allowed on the bus at any time. This rule protects students or drivers that have food allergies, prevents choking, and maintains bus cleanliness.
- Always follow the bus driver's instructions

Questions?

Please feel free to reach out the Transportation Department

732-525-5200 Ext. 1307

Patrick Cerniglia – Director of transportation

TransDept@SayrevilleK12.net

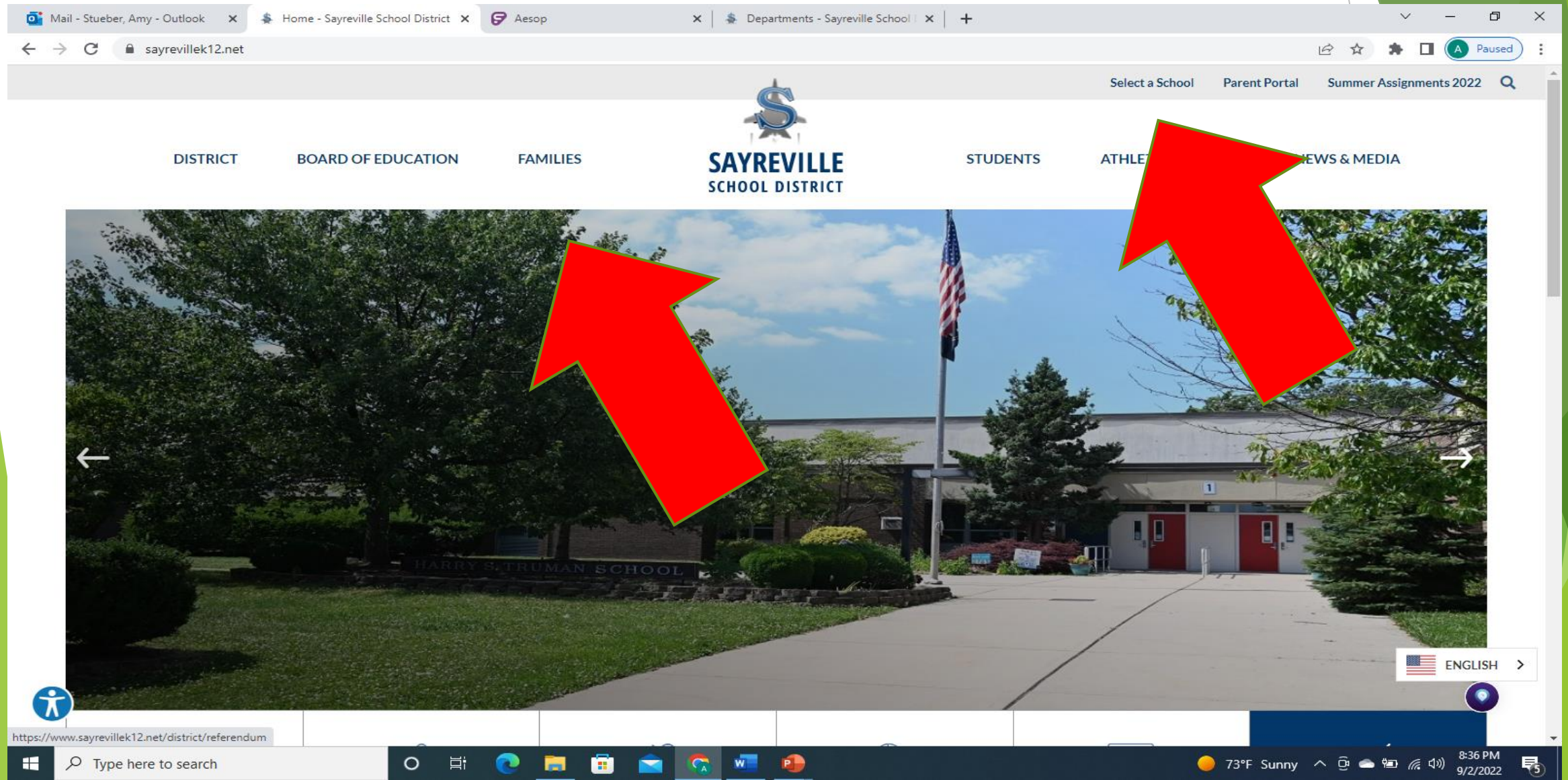
Walkers

- Students that are picked up by their parents at the end of the day are called walkers.
- Kindergarten walkers are dismissed before all other students.
- They will exit out of the front door of the building
- Parents should stand by flagpole
- Please do not approach the students who are lined up or call your child to you.
- Teachers will have the children point to their parents. You should then wave so that we know you saw your child.
- The teacher will release the child to come to you.

Tips for a Smooth Transition

- Make sure your child:
  - Get’s plenty of sleep
  - Eats healthy meals
- Limit video games and TV time
- Develop Routines
- Talk to your child about what to expect
- Send in an extra set of clothes - Accidents happen
- Separation Anxiety

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Attendance

- It is very important that your child attends school.
- Any absence from school requires notification to the school nurse's office. Some reasons for an absence may be illness, doctor's appointment, religious holiday or vacation.
- Notification can be made either by phone, email or note (only if sent in advance). Please clearly indicate your child's name, their teacher's name and the reason for the absence. If the absence is for a planned extended period of time, such as a vacation, please provide the dates the student will be absent and the expected date of return. If your child is absent for a religious holiday, a note will always be required and may be provided in advance of the holiday.
- Sayreville has an automated phone system that will call to notify you of your child's absence regardless of whether you have called already or not. If you have already called to report the absence or sent in a note, an additional call is not necessary.
- If your child is kept home for illness, they must be without a fever without the aid of medication, i.e. Tylenol, Advil, or any fever reducing medication), vomiting and/or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.



Treat Policy for Birthdays

- Food Allergies
- No food
- Suggested treats: pencils, stickers, donate a book to the classroom library

Food Services

What's for lunch?

Breakfast & Lunch are served

Free & Reduced Lunch Forms

What if my child forgets their lunch?

What if my child has food allergies?

Lunch Time

- Kindergarten lunch is at 11:49 – 12:29.
- The students will have lunch and recess during that time.
- Students have 20 minutes to eat and 20 minutes for recess.
- The students eat in our cafeteria.
- They are assisted by lunch aides.
- Specials teachers are also on duty.
- Recess takes place behind the school. The area is fenced in.
- No metal water bottles. Water only in the classroom.

School Safety
Campus monitors

- Your child's safety is our number one priority
- Every school has a campus monitor – Mr. Sosnak
- You must have an appointment to enter the building
- You must have photo identification
- Hall Pass
- Metal detectors
- No bag policy – Subject to search
- Drop Box

Police in schools

- Shared Services Agreement
- Security
- Patrol the Building
- Assist with Drills

School Bus & Walkers

Student IDs

Drop off & Pick Up Locations



Early Release

- If a parent wishes to have a child released from school early, the parent is required to send a written note requesting that the child be excused. **Please complete the early dismissal form found on our website.** The parent or guardian must call for the child at the school office, present an acceptable form of identification and sign out the child. Children will be released into the custody of their parent or guardian only from the Principal's Office. This is done to ensure the safety of our students.

Leading Edge
Before and Aftercare Program

- Website: http://www.leadingedgekids.com
- phone: 1-800-341-5791
- Program Hours: 7:00am to 6:30pm
- Rates vary by usage

Contact Information

- Email: Amy.Stueber@sayrevillek12.net
- Phone number: 732-525-5215


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