

Dear Scott Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year at Scott School! I hope you are enjoying your summer adventures. The Scott staff and I are looking forward to greeting our Eagles in August! This year, our theme is "Get in the Game!" At Scott, we believe that every student, family, and staff member plays an important role in our school community. "Getting in the Game" means showing up, trying your best, taking positive risks, supporting one another and being actively engaged in learning and school life. Whether students are building new skills in the classroom, participating in activities, making new friends or overcoming challenges, we want everyone to know that they belong and have something valuable to contribute. Together, we can create a school culture where every member of our community is encouraged to participate, grow, and succeed.

The 2026-2027 Summer/Back to School Update Information will be found on our [website](#) in mid July by hovering your cursor over the "Our School" tab in the middle of the gray banner and then clicking on the "2026-2027 Back to School Update" tab in the dropdown menu. You can also click on the website's Back to School Update banner. Once the school year starts, you will receive our weekly newsletter, the Eagle Extra, on Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM.

We have some changes in grade level staff for the upcoming school year. Here are our grade level teams:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Lackey-LeBeau

1st Grade: Mrs. Kovacs, Mrs. Close, Mrs. Gose

2nd Grade: Mr. Wardzala, Mrs. Conant, Mrs. Berghoff, Mrs. Reed

3rd Grade: Mrs. Baier, Mrs. Jacobucci, Ms. Michael

4th Grade: Mrs. Ancira, Ms. Byrd, Ms. Dolph

5th Grade: Mr. Pak, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Day

Ms. Salerno will be joining our special education team and will be a special education resource teacher (LBS) next school year. Mrs. Kearney, one of our speech and language pathologists, will be returning in the fall as one of our full time speech and language pathologists.

Additionally, we have some new staff members joining us. Please help me in welcoming the following staff to Scott!

Reading Specialist: Jenny Louis (coming from Kingsley)

Math Specialist: Nicole Stevens (coming from Meadow Glens)

Math Specialist: Jamie Kelley (coming from Madison Junior High)

Part Time School Psychologist: Stephanie Eustance

Occupational Therapist: Joey Hill

HM/PI: Ashley Slowik (who was our librarian second semester of 25-26)

The end of this update contains a short introduction blurb for most of our new staff members if you would like to learn more about them.

Please see each area below to learn important information you will need for the start of the school year.

New Family Tours

On Friday, August 7th, school tours for new families and incoming kindergarteners will take place at 4:30 PM right before the kindergarten and new family popsicles on the playground (sponsored by Home & School). The tour will meet in the front lobby of the school by Door 1. During this time, families will view the school and receive answers to questions about our school to assist you with a smooth transition to your new school.

Kindergarten & New Family Popsicles on the Playground:

Friday, August 7th at 5:00 PM (through Home & School): Incoming Kindergarten and new families. Come meet fellow students while enjoying some popsicles at Scott's playground! Members of the Home & School Executive Board will be there from 5:00-6:00 PM to answer any questions you may have about Home & School, as well.

Transportation Survey

As we continue to refine our procedures and practices for arrival and dismissal, we ask that all families take the transportation survey that is linked below. Please do the survey (one per family) by Monday, August 3rd so we can use your thoughts and feedback for the upcoming school year: [26-27 Transportation Survey](#)

Class Assignments

Classroom and teacher assignments for kindergarten through fifth grade will be posted through Infinite Campus on Wednesday, August 5th at 5:00 PM. Parents will access their child's classroom assignment via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Visit the District 203 website (<http://www.Naperville203.org>) and click on the Resources tab on the far right in the gray banner and then click on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal link on the right side. Follow the prompts to create your parent account. If you have difficulty with your account, contact the help desk by email at parentsupport@naperville203.org.

Teacher Meet & Greet

All students and parents are invited to meet their teachers for the 2026-2027 school year on Tuesday, August 11th from **8:30 AM to 9:30 AM**. Please note this is in the morning and not the afternoon this year due to districtwide professional development taking place on Tuesday afternoon. To spread out the crowds at this event, families are scheduled to come at specific times based on children's last names.

Children with Last Names A-L	8:30- 9:00 AM
Children with Last Names M-Z	9:00- 9:30 AM

Enjoy this open house style event to meet your child's teacher and see other staff before the first day of school. This is an informal gathering with more detailed information about classroom activities and curriculum during Parent Night/Curriculum on August 27th. If you did not purchase your child's school supplies from School Toolbox to be delivered directly to your child's classroom, please bring them at this time.

Students in our Structured Learning program are welcome to attend this event, as well. We are also having a sensory friendly Meet & Greet the day before, on Monday, August 10th from 2:30-3:00 PM for our students to meet their teachers. We would love to see our structured learning families there!

First Day of School!

The first day of school for all students in kindergarten-fifth grade will be Thursday, August 13th! All students will gather on the blacktop and we will do a short activity before heading into the building. Parents are welcome to remain on the blacktop until we head inside.

School Supplies

School supplies ordered online will be waiting for your child in his/her classroom on the first day of school if they were ordered before June 7th. Although the deadline to have supplies shipped to school has passed, you can still order to have them shipped to your home here: [School supply kit order link](#). You can also view the school supply lists for each grade level here: [Scott 26-27 school supply lists](#).

Arrival & Dismissal

Aside from the first morning of school, the arrival doors are shown on the map below.



- 1 Grades 3, 4, and 5
- 14 Kindergarten, Mrs. Kovacs (1st)
- 13 Mrs. Close (1st), Mrs. Gose (1st), 2nd Grade

For more information on arrival, dismissal and carline procedures, please visit our [Scott 26-27 Handbook](#) (this will also be available on our website soon).

Vacation Guide

We have created a vacation guide this year to help plan trips throughout the school year. At Meet & Greet, you will also receive a paper copy of this to post somewhere at home.

SCOTT ELEMENTARY
Vacation Planning Guide
 2026-2027

Strong, steady attendance helps students thrive. This guide shares important dates so you can plan ahead and keep your student learning without interruption. Thank you for being an essential partner in your student's education.

KEY DATES:

- August 13 – First Day of School
- May 24 – Tentative Last Day of School
- May 25–June 1 – Emergency Days (if needed)

EXTENDED TIME OFF:

- November 25–27 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 21–January 4 – Winter Break
- March 26 – April 2 – Spring Break

OTHER STUDENT DAYS OFF:

September 7, October 8, October 9, October 12, November 3, January 18, February 15, February 26, March 4, March 5, April 6

At Scott, We SOAR!

- S SAFETY**
We keep ourselves and others safe.
- O OWNERSHIP**
We take responsibility for our actions and our learning.
- A CCEPTANCE**
We include others and celebrate our differences.
- R RESPECT**
We treat others with kindness and respect every day.

Together, We SOAR!

Thank you for partnering with us to support positive behaviors, build strong character, and help every student grow and succeed!

SOARING to success every day!

SAFETY • OWNERSHIP • ACCEPTANCE • RESPECT

Health Office

Our health office will be open to drop off medication and/or forms beginning **August 11th** from 8:00-2:30 PM each day. Please reach out to Ms. Christina Coyle, our certified school nurse, if you are a new family with any significant health concerns. Her email is ccoyle@naperville203.org

Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast will be provided each day beginning at 7:45 AM in the gym. Children can bring lunch from home or buy lunch at school each day. Naperville 203 offers free and reduced-price school meals and milk to students from households that meet the federal income guidelines to qualify under the USDA School Nutrition Programs. Families can apply for free or reduced lunch and breakfast using information provided at this [link](#).

Absence Reporting

The attendance line is available 24 hours a day for your convenience so that you may leave a message regarding absences. The attendance line number is **630-420-6478**. Alternatively, absences may be reported online in the Infinite Campus Portal. For more directions on how to report absences online, please visit <https://www.naperville203.org/Page/2222>

Save The Date!

Curriculum Night this year is on Thursday, August 27th. More information to come on specific times and the format for this year.

Looking forward to a great 26-27!

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Tracey Ratner
Principal, Scott School

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW STAFF!

Dr. Stephanie Eustace

"I am excited to begin my career as a School Psychologist at Scott Elementary School. I recently earned my Doctorate in School Psychology and bring more than 10 years of experience providing mental health, behavioral, and educational support to children and adolescents. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband and our three boys, who keep life fun, busy, and rewarding."

Mrs. Ashley Slowik

"I am excited to continue my career at Scott Elementary School as the HM/PI teacher for our fourth and fifth grade students. Many students and families may already know me from this past school year when I had the opportunity to serve as the Learning Commons Director and work with every student in the building. I hold a master's degree in education, bring experience as a kindergarten and fourth-grade teacher, and preschool principal. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband and our two children. You'll often find me cheering them on at their activities, enjoying time with family and friends, traveling, reading, or finding new adventures together. I am honored to continue serving the Scott community and look forward

to partnering with students and families as we embark on an exciting year of learning, exploration, and growth."

Mrs. Jenny Louis

"Hi! My name is Jenny Louis, and I'm excited to be the new Reading Specialist at Scott School! I bring seven years of experience as a Reading Specialist and 12 years of classroom teaching experience in elementary education. I'm passionate about helping students build a strong literacy foundation and develop a love for reading and learning. I also enjoy partnering with teachers and families to support growth and achievement. Outside of school, I love spending time with my family, watching my three children play sports, and supporting my church and community."

Mrs. Nicole Stevens

"Hello, Scott families! I am excited to join the Scott community as a Math Specialist. I bring nearly 20 years of classroom teaching experience and am entering my sixth year as a math specialist. My goal is to ensure that every student (and adult) sees themselves as capable math learners by building both skills and confidence in a supportive environment. I am passionate about fostering curiosity, willingness to take risks as learners, and building perseverance. Outside of school, my family will tell you that I cannot help but see math everywhere we go and am often taking pictures for a real-life math task. I enjoy spending time with my family, cheering on my son and daughter at swim/dive, water polo and volleyball events and sneaking in some gardening or reading in spare moments. I look forward to partnering with students, staff and families to support mathematical growth and success for all learners."

Mrs. Jamie Kelley

"Hello! I am excited to join the Scott community as a Math Specialist. This is my 26th year as an educator and my second year serving as a Math Specialist in District 203. After 24 years of teaching middle school mathematics, I am looking forward to supporting younger learners as they build strong foundations, confidence, and perseverance in math. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family and traveling. I have a senior at NNHS and a 7th grader at Jefferson."

Mr. Joey Hill

"My name is Joey Hill, and I'm excited to be joining the Scott School community as the new Occupational Therapist! I have 13 years of pediatric occupational therapy experience in both school-based and outpatient settings, and I enjoy helping children become more independent and successful at school. I've found that the best outcomes come from strong partnerships with teachers and families, and I enjoy building those relationships to help each child succeed. When I'm not at school, you'll usually find me spending time with my wife and our three children. We love taking family trips, riding bikes, and working together in our garden. I'm looking forward to getting to know the Scott students, families, and staff and becoming part of the Scott community!"