

August 20, 2026

Dear Spring Hills Families,

We had a great first few days at SHS. I am proud of the staff for creating a welcoming environment, and I am proud of our learners for being engaged and participating. I promise these newsletters will get shorter, but I wanted to include the essential information for the beginning of the year. Please be on the lookout next week for an email regarding the student handbook. #WeAllBelongAtSpringHills

Ms. Karen Petelle-SHS Principal

Headlines:

Please watch for newsletters from the classroom teachers. They will share information on collaborative learning and the different ways we like to engage our learners throughout the day. Our classrooms are active and we encourage teamwork, dialogue, and collaboration throughout the day. Please reach out to your learner's teacher for more information.

iReady Testing August 24-28

Grade 1-5 will take iReady Benchmark testing in Reading and Math this coming week. Please make sure your child has a good breakfast and brings a snack to school. We want them to try their best. The information we receive from their performance on this test helps guide our instruction and lays the foundation for the growth and goals we want to achieve with our learners this year.

GPS Parent Series

World-renowned authors and clinicians present relevant, research-based teaching to empower and strengthen families, individuals and communities by sharing practical strategies to help humans of every age thrive. GPS is *free* and open to all. No registration, no subscription! CPDUs are available to school staff, and clinicians in Illinois can pre-register to obtain CEUs. Please click the menu link under Connect With Us for more information.

GPS Parent Series-<https://gpsparentseries.org/>

School Parties: Due to the tremendous number of severe allergies, we, as a district, are a NO FOOD district when it comes to special classroom events. **Treats are not allowed for birthdays or holiday celebrations.** This year, **we are also unable to have latex products** in our building. Be reassured, we do organize activities and experiences that are very fun and engaging for our learners!

School Lunch

If you would like to order school lunch you must do so **by Wednesday of the previous week** on the lunch website [here](#). You may order for weeks in advance as well. Please see the **Lunch Program section on our district website** for more info. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch you must still sign up to request lunches. Please call the office if you need assistance or reach out to **Ms. Mary Ellen Graf** with questions at megraf@sd12.org.

1. Login
2. Create a free account
3. Student Lunch
4. Create an account
5. You will need your 5 digit student ID from Skyward under student profile.

Pick Up and Drop Off

****Please do not walk through the school parking lot for pick up and drop off.** The lot is a very busy place and a potential danger. With the buses moving through, we may not see you or your children. Please use the sidewalks to get to and from school.

If you need to park during pick up or drop off, please park on Pinecroft **PAST** the horseshoe drive on the street. Keeping the lane open allows for a quick arrival and dismissal, especially on rainy days when there is a lot more traffic. Also, please be courteous to our neighbors by driving the speed limit and leaving driveways accessible. Please be aware, Orchard Terrace is a designated school zone and no parking signs are posted around our bus exit.

Drop Off

Please approach the school heading east on Turner to Pinecroft (Pinecroft is one way) and line up in the line of traffic. Using Turner heading east allows for traffic flow to continue and eliminates the potential for accidents with people trying to turn left from westbound Turner. I understand that it feels like a long wait in line, but, believe it or not, drop off is typically completed in less than 10 minutes. Wait to drop off your children in the circle drive where staff will be there to assist them getting out of the car.

Kindergarten students may be walked to Door 13 where they will be greeted by a teacher.

Pick Up

Pick up procedures are slightly different as we do not utilize the circle drive. Again, we ask that you line up in traffic on eastbound Turner. Staff will have students ready for cars at the curb just before the circle drive on Pinecroft. Please follow the staff prompts to pull forward so we can safely get your child in your vehicle. Please be considerate of our neighbors and do not block driveways or crosswalks.

Attendance

We did a great job working together to improve attendance last year and are looking forward to your continued partnership this year. Please help us by **getting your child to school on time** and sending them unless they have a fever or diarrhea.

Cell Phone / Smartwatch Procedures

(Please see student handbook for consequences)

Using a cellular phone/smartwatch, video recording device, PDA or other electronic device in a manner that disrupts the educational environment is prohibited. When a parent/guardian determines the need for a student to possess a cell phone/smartwatch at school, the following expectations apply:

Cell phone/smartwatch must be turned off and kept in the hall locker. (Senate Bill 2427)

Under certain situations, the bus driver may give a student permission to use a cell phone/smartwatch on the bus.

Under certain situations, an activity sponsor or coach may give a student permission to use a cell phone/smartwatch during extra-curricular activities.

Under certain conditions, such as documented medical conditions, a student may have access to a cell phone / smartwatch if it is part of a student's school medical plan.

No Pets on Property

We know pets are an important part of our families, however, they are not allowed on school property. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Snacks and Lunches

Please send some healthy items for snack and lunch. NO soda pop or canned drinks please. Drinks should be water or clear items such as clear sports drinks.

SMART Day Calendar

Please click the link [here](#) for a list of SMART days.

Club Kids

Please see the flyer [here](#) if you are in need of before and after care. This is offered by the Roselle Park District and registration takes place at the park district.

Here are some important upcoming events to put on your calendar:

- **SMART Day: September 2nd** School Dismissal is at 1:30.
- **Picture Day:** September 3rd Dress your best for school picture day!
- **Curriculum Night:** September 10th 6-6:45 p.m. We will be doing an open house style Curriculum Night. On September 7th, teachers will share their Curriculum Night videos for you to watch ahead of time. Then, join us on September 10th to see the classroom and experience life in the grade level of your learner.
- **Rock the Block:** September 17th 5:00-7:30 p.m. Please join us for our PTO sponsored back to school celebration hosted at Spring Hills School.
- **Culture Fair:** October 14th 5:30-7:00 p.m. Please join us for an evening of fun as we experience the many different cultures represented at Spring Hills.

back to School

Monday, August 24	• Doors Open at 8:20 a.m. • iReady Testing Grades 1-5
Tuesday, August 25	• iReady Testing Grades 1-5
Wednesday, August 26	• iReady Testing Grades 1-5 
Thursday, August 27	• iReady Testing Grades 1-5
Friday, August 28	• Wear your SHS Spirit Wear or Wear Green and White • iReady Testing Grades 1-5

Monday, August 31	
Tuesday, September 1	
Wednesday, September 2	• SMART Day - 1:30pm dismissal
Thursday, September 3	• Fall Pictures-Dress Your Best!
Friday, September 4	

Monday, September 7	• Labor Day-No School
Tuesday, September 8	
Wednesday, September 9	
Thursday, September 10	• Curriculum Night 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Friday, September 11	



8:15 a.m. arrival (**Monday** arrival 8:20 a.m.)

3:30 p.m. dismissal

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- Please approach the school heading east on Turner toward Pinecroft and line up in the car line. Heading east on Turner keeps traffic flowing smoothly and eliminates the risk of accidents caused by left turns from westbound traffic. Please wait to drop off your child in the circle drive, where staff will be available to assist them out of the car.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

- Please line up in traffic on eastbound Turner. Staff will have students ready at the curb just before the circle drive on Pinecroft. Follow staff prompts to pull forward so we can safely get your child into your vehicle. Finally, please be considerate of our neighbors and avoid blocking driveways or crosswalks.

Pinecroft Drive is a one way street

Dismissal is always a busy time, and we truly appreciate your patience and partnership in keeping our students safe. By following staff directions and staying alert, you help ensure every child gets home safely.

Thank you for your cooperation and for being such a supportive part of our school community!



Smile! PICTURE DAY IS COMING!



Color Portraits, Inc. will be at: ♥



Spring Hills School



Thursday, September 3, 2026

★ HOW OUR PROOF PROGRAM WORKS ★

1



We take your student's photo.

2



We email you a link when photos are ready.

3



View and choose your favorite images.

4



Purchase the photos you love!



WHAT YOU'LL RECEIVE:

- ✓ Secure online gallery link
- ✓ Ordering info and instructions
- ✓ View images before purchasing
- ✓ Digital downloads and photo products ♥



Dress your best!

Bring your

biggest smile!

We'll take care of the rest! ♥



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