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BACK TO SCHOOL (BTS) INFORMATION

LEONARDTOWN, MD – St. Mary's County Public Schools is pleased to announce that the 2026-2027 Open House Schedule is now available for online viewing at www.smcps.org/bts. **The first day of school for students is on Wednesday, August 26, 2026**, with the exception of Chesapeake Charter School, which begins on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we invite you to visit www.smcps.org/bts where you can access school supply lists, student resources, forms, bus information, and other back-to-school resources.

Questions about the open house schedule or first-day-of-school preparation should be directed to your child's school.

The Department of Transportation expects to have Bus Routes available for the 2026-2027 school year on August 1, 2026. For more information, please visit the Department of Transportation website at www.smcps.org/transportation.

Home Access Center (HAC) will be available to the public on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at www.smcps.org/hac. Here you will find student schedules, update emergency information, and see your student's bus stop times and bus stop locations.