



South Harrison High

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Opening School Procedures September 2, 2020

Next week begins our new journey into the 2020-2021 school year! I can't wait to welcome you back to another exciting day here at South Harrison! As you know, we are beginning with a staggered start to the school year, which includes one grade level per day for attendance at the beginning. At this time, that would include:

Tuesday, September 8 – only 10th grade students attend
Wednesday, September 9 – only 11th grade students attend
Thursday, September 10 – only 12th grade students attend

Monday, September 14 – only 9th grade students attend
Tuesday, September 15 – only 10th grade students attend
Wednesday, September 16 – only 11th grade students attend
Thursday, September 17 – only 12th grade students attend

Monday, September 21 – only 9th grade students attend

This schedule is subject to change by order of the Governor at any time, and of course the color coding of the county will also play a factor in student attendance. Please pay close attention to the school and district websites for further updates about the school calendar and schedule. Students will be provided with work to do for their classes for the days when they are not in physical attendance.

Masks are required of all high school students in a variety of places. They are required on the bus at all times, in the hallways at all times, and in the classrooms unless the class is small enough that the six foot social distancing requirement can be maintained. If our district status would change from green to yellow, then masks will be required in the classrooms at all times. There are arrows and directions on the floors – all hallways will have one way traffic only. We will train students on how they are to move throughout the building once they arrive here.

We are able to operate our cafeteria at 50% capacity, which means that we will be utilizing one side of the cafeteria tables only. We will have breakfast available when your student arrives at the building that can be consumed in the cafeteria before going to class. Those students that are not eating breakfast will report directly to class – we will not be having

bus room. We are NOT offering a second breakfast during the morning, the logistics and the later start time will prevent that from occurring. The lunch period will be a longer time to accommodate the social distancing delays in moving through the lunch line.

Remember that the times of the school day have also changed while we work with the staggered start – school will begin at 8:35 and dismissal will be at 2:23. When students arrive at the building on the first day, they will report directly to their homeroom immediately (unless eating breakfast first, in which case they will report to homeroom as soon as they are finished eating). We will not be able to congregate in the cafeteria or student commons area. Upon dismissal, we will first release those students riding the early busses. After those busses have departed, we will dismiss those students that have driven to school. Junior and Senior students only are permitted to drive at this time; we will not have student parking in the Greenhouse lot due to the elementary school construction. Students may begin driving on the first day – we will process parking permit applications after students are physically present here in school.

Students that have not yet exchanged their iPad may do so on Friday, September 4 from 9 – 11 am here at the school. If you cannot make it then we will work with you once we return to school. Schedules for upperclassmen will be mailed shortly – and a copy will be available with your homeroom teacher as well on your first day of school. Freshmen schedules will be mailed the beginning of next week. Students will be able to request schedule changes; those changes will be subject to availability of space in those classes as well as consideration of graduation requirements for those courses. I have hand scheduled every student and checked every transcript to ensure that all students are on track for meeting their graduation requirements.

Athletic events are NOT open to the general public at this time. Every student athlete has submitted a list of individuals living in their household. Under our current green designation, immediate household members of participating students may attend events and those students are aware of this and have communicated with their family. In the event that our designation would change to yellow, then ONLY the parent/guardians of the student may attend the events. All tickets for athletic events MUST be purchased prior to the event through School Cash Online. Students and parents have received information about this program multiple times over the past year. All school costs and fees are moving to this program – we will not be handling large amounts of cash through our school office.

Parents and visitors will not be permitted in the school building. We are attempting to limit that access to avoid the possibility of COVID spread. You will be greeted at the door and screened to provide you with assistance as necessary, we will make every effort to help you without admitting you to the premises unless absolutely necessary.

Our processes will continue to change as the guidance from the West Virginia Department of Education and the Governor's office changes. We will do our best to post information on our school webpage and our school Facebook page as quickly as possible, but with this "fluid" situation there will be changes. Please also remember that many stories and rumors can be found online – please refer to these two internet sources to find the official information regarding events and happenings at South Harrison High School.