



South Eugene High School

Strive for Excellence

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Dear Friends and Families of South Eugene High School,

On behalf of all our South Eugene staff, I am pleased to welcome families and students to the 2018-19 school year. It is an honor to join the South Eugene community as we prepare together to support students' success in the coming year. In conversations with people in our region, I have been impressed by the extensive support for students within our community and the diversity of programs available in grades 9-12. High school is an amazing time of life, and I'm excited to work with staff and community members in the years ahead in providing excellence in instruction and in learning opportunities for students.

As you may be aware, summer has been busy with the installation of a full set of new bleachers in our gym and renovations to the women's locker room, which now includes new team rooms. You may have noticed that crews are working on the installation of energy-efficient windows in several rooms across the front of the school, and we anticipate that work will be fully completed in early fall. Students can see our updated South Eugene seal on the front of the school, and a new coat of paint in the gym and auditorium entryway brightens those spaces.

The work begun last spring around South's updated AXE team name has continued this summer, and you will see those updates throughout the building as we begin the year. If you have questions about a specific item and the timeline around any updates still in process, please don't hesitate to call our front office. We're excited to have South Eugene AXE spirit wear available for students and families this fall and are looking forward to coming together as a community to support students in all their activities. South has a long history of excellence in so many areas and we're looking forward to continuing that tradition.

Our staff has been busy preparing for the year ahead. In recent weeks, your teachers have engaged in AP and IB conferences, AVID trainings, graduate coursework and professional development in their content areas, district trainings, and personal study as we commit to serving students well across the school.

It has been a pleasure meeting many students and families already as the start of school approaches. I am arranging a few informal opportunities for parents and guardians to stop in and say hello, enjoy simple refreshments, share information about the community with me, and hear a few updates about the coming year. Please feel free to stop in at one of the Principal's Coffee & Teas if a time works with your schedule. I'll look forward to meeting many of you at school events during the year as well.

Principal's Coffee & Tea

Friday, August 24, 12:00-12:45 p.m. in the Library

Monday, August 27, 10:00-10:45 a.m. in the Library

Thursday, August 30, 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Library

Below, I would like to share some important information about the start of the year. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the main office.

Student schedules

Please see the enclosed document entitled SEHS Student Schedule Information. Schedules will be available through StudentVue/ParentVue on August 23. If you have difficulty accessing your schedule through StudentVue/ParentVue, please call the Registrar's office at 541-790-8015. If you need an account, please contact the SEHS Registrar, Elsa Andrew, at andrew_e@4j.lane.edu

Back to Business Day for all grades will be Friday, August 24th.

All students are expected to attend. Fines and fees can be paid. Additionally, students will have their photos taken for ID cards and school pictures, purchase parking passes, and register for various support services provided by the school and district as needed. Back to Business Day begins in the Cafeteria at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 3:00p.m. Please enter through the back of the building.

Fines and Missing Books

If you have received a notice that you have an outstanding balance with the school, please call 541-790-8053 to make arrangements to return books or pay fines on the Back to Business Day on August 24. To save time, please try to pay before that date, as the line can be quite long.

Connect to ParentVue to verify or update your contact information.

It is important that we are aware of any changes in your contact and emergency information. If you need a ParentVue account or if you have any changes, please contact our registrar at andrew_e@4j.lane.edu. Please note that if you have an address change, you bring proof of residency to the registrar's office.

9th Grade Orientation Day will be Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We are excited to welcome our new ninth-grade class to our SEHS community! To help students get off to a great start, we have planned a fun and informative orientation event. Students will learn school policies specific to first-year students, receive information about a variety of school resources, and explore the many opportunities for engagement. Ninth-graders will also have the opportunity to meet teachers, talk with student leaders, and do a run-through of their schedules before all other grades are present. Each student will receive a planner, T-shirt, and information packet. As such, we encourage students to bring a backpack or bag and a pen or pencil. **Attendance is required.**

9th GRADE ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

- 8:30 Arrival: nametag, schedule, and folder distribution (AUDITORIUM LAWN)
- 8:50 Faculty Gauntlet (LAWN into AUDITORIUM)
- 9:00 Welcome Axe: Overview of the day, ASB President introduction, homecoming news, and student panel (AUDITORIUM)
- 9:40 Group activities & tours with Peer Navigators
- 10:30 Jazz band, sports overview, and locker information (GYM)
- 10:50 Schedule run-thru and "Make Your Mark" tiles (BUILDING-WIDE)
- 12:05 Locker assignments and teacher "meet and greet." Snacks provided. (CAFETERIA)
- 12:30 Departure - T-shirts distributed (CAFETERIA)

**The first day of school for ALL students will be Wednesday, Sept. 5.
We will be on a regular schedule (see attached new bell schedule for 2018-19).**

SEHS Parent Volunteer Opportunities

South Eugene relies extensively on the invaluable support of our volunteers. We have all kinds of opportunities available, and we hope you'll join us in supporting students. We need your help regardless of your interest or area of expertise. Please contact Kathy Ruggles, ruggles_k@4j.lane.edu for more information and to register as a volunteer.

New Bell Schedule

Schools across the district have new schedules this year. Please see the enclosed Regular and Early Release Bell Schedule document for details. The Schedule will also be posted on our website at www.sehs.4j.lane.edu As a reminder, Wednesdays this year will have a regular schedule. Fridays will be Early Release days.

We're so glad to have you as part of our South Eugene community this year. We're looking forward to engaging students in excellent learning opportunities in 2018-19 as we help them prepare for their future.

Kind regards,



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