



*Switzerland County School Corporation,
providing pathways to success.*

2020-2021 School Year

Mr. McGarvey – Principal/Athletic Director

Mrs. Jesop – Guidance Counselor

Teacher Roster

7th Grade

8th Grade

Math

Mrs. Detmer

Ms. RaheJean

LA

Mrs. Cole

Mrs. Meyerhoff

Soc. Stud.

Mrs. Bougher

Mr. Byrd

Science

Mr. Wiggins

Mrs. Pietrykowski

PE/Health

Mr. Combs/Mrs. Smith & Mr. Gee & Mr. Wrightsman

Special Ed.

Mrs. Hitzfield/Mrs. Druba

PCC/Business

Mr. Jesop

MAIN IDEAS TO KNOW

1. Safety Measures are being implemented in response to COVID-19
2. Seven classes each day (LA, Math, Science, SS, Health/PE, Reading Lab/Basic Skills, Rotation Class)
3. GPA (Grade Point Average) System
4. Free Breakfast and Lunch for all Students (CEP Program)
5. 7th Grade Lunch @ HS, 8th Grade Lunch @ MS
6. New Vaping Policy In Place
7. Incentive Program (Know Criteria)
8. Get involved in Athletics/Organizations/Clubs



RESPONSE TO COVID-19

What SCMS is doing to keep your child safe:

1. Social Distancing will be practiced when possible - Classrooms, Hallways, Cafeteria, and Buses. All students and school employees are required to wear masks/face shields when social distancing is not an option. Plastic shields will be put into place in classrooms, library, and office.
2. Enhanced cleaning procedures each day of student desks, bathrooms, and buses.
3. Battery-powered hand sanitizers will be installed in each classroom and key points around the building.
4. Basic First Aid will be handled by teachers in classroom to avoid overcrowding at the nurse's station.
5. All students will be shown how to use Google Classroom in case of Virtual Learning needing to be implemented and all Chromebooks go home every night with student.
6. All students will be given a lanyard with a QR Code on it so it can get scanned at breakfast and lunch, no need to use keypads anymore.
7. Parents will be allowed in the building on an "Appointment Only Basis"
8. School is asking all students to put their school emails on their phones - main way of communication with teachers and school.

Community Eligibility Program (CEP) Program

CEP Program

- Free Breakfast and Lunch for every MS Student (Both Elementary Schools are part of this program as well.)
- Goal of Cafeteria this school year is to provide options for both Breakfast and Lunch
- Every student who gets in line will be given a tray - the more meals we serve the more sustainable the program will be for years to come

BELL SCHEDULE

Doors Open	7:30am (Allowed to go to Breakfast and line-up in downstairs hallway)
Morning Bell	7:45am (Students will go to 1st Period Class)
Student Bell	8:05am (1st Period Begins)
1st Period	8:05am – 8:51am
2nd Period	8:55am – 9:41am
Homeroom	9:45am – 10:05am
3rd Period	10:09am – 10:55am
4th Period	10:59am – 11:45am
5th Period	11:49am – 12:36pm (Lunch 12:36-1:16 – 8th Grade @ MS and 7th Grade @ HS)
6th Period	1:20pm – 2:06pm
7th Period	2:10pm – 2:55pm

DAILY SCHEDULE

Notes of Interest:

1. Parent Drop-Off/Pick-Up in front of school – Doors will not open until 7:30am each morning – After School all students dismissed at same time (2:55pm)
2. All Rotation Classes are in the afternoon after lunch during 6th and 7th Period (School Personnel will walk students over to HS the first days of school)
3. Seven Different Classes with four minute passing periods
4. Health/PE Classes are a semester long
5. 8th Grade Classrooms on 1st Floor and 7th Grade Classrooms on 2nd Floor
6. No switching out of Rotation classes after a few weeks

ATTENDANCE

- Call before 9:00am
- After **5th absence** from school (classified as unexcused/excused) for the year student will be notified through an “Attendance Agreement” and parent contacted
- On the **10th absence** from school (classified as unexcused/excused) for the year a Certified Letter will be mailed to home address of the student and parent will be contacted to come in for a meeting
- On the **15th absence** from school (classified as unexcused/excused) for the year student will be considered “Habitually Truant” and paperwork will be filed with local court system

SCMS GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) SYSTEM

This system requires students to maintain a certain GPA level based on the semester grade they earn in each class. The minimum GPA needed for a student each semester to progress to the next grade level is listed below and every student would be informed of this information on the first day of school.

Every student would have to maintain a 1.0 Grade Point Average (GPA), an average of 60%, each semester to get promoted to the next grade level. If a student fails to maintain a 1.0 GPA each semester a student will be retained in their current grade level.

Remediation classes for Math and Language Arts will not be used when factoring a student's Grade Point Average (GPA).

SCMS GPA SYSTEM (contd.)

Examples

Student A:	1st Semester	2nd Semester
Math	B = 3.0	A = 4.0
LA	C = 2.0	D = 1.0
Science	A = 4.0	C = 2.0
Soc. St.	D = 1.0	F = 0.0
Health/PE	A = 4.0	B = 3.0
Business	F = 0.0	F = 0.0
Rotation	C = 2.0	D = 1.0
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	2.29 GPA	1.57 GPA

*Student A WILL BE PROMOTED to the next grade level.

SCMS GPA SYSTEM (contd.)

Examples

Student B: 1st Semester 2nd Semester

Math C = 2.0 F = 0.0

LA D = 1.0 D = 1.0

Science D = 1.0 F = 0.0

Soc. St. D = 1.0 D = 1.0

Health/PE D = 1.0 D = 1.0

Business D = 1.0 D = 1.0

Rotation D = 1.0 D = 1.0

1.14 GPA

0.71 GPA

*Student B WILL BE RETAINED in their current grade level.

“ZERO HOMEWORK” Policy

Students will no longer be able to take a “ZERO” on any assignment during a grading period. It will be marked as “INCOMPLETE” in Skyward by the teachers and the students will have up to five days to complete the missing assignment, each day the assignment is late 10% of the overall grade will be deducted. While a student has any assignment labeled as “INCOMPLETE” in their classes they will eat Lunch in an assigned Study Hall (No Cell Phone Privileges) supervised by a teacher and they will not be able to participate in any Athletic Contest or Game until all missing work is completed. At the end of the five day period any assignments still labeled as “INCOMPLETE” will become permanent zeroes in the grading book on Skyward.

HIGH SCHOOL RE-TAKE POLICY

- Students are not permitted to retake classes unless they have failed a class and need to receive the credit. A student who needs to retake a class must take it in proper sequence. Both grades, from the original class taken and the retake class, will be included in the student's GPA and will appear on the student's transcript. No student grade will ever be eradicated from their transcript.

GENERAL RULES

- No outside food or drink in building – will be told to put in trash
- Lockers – school property and are subject to searches
- Fire/Emergency Drills – know your exit points and where to meet your class if separated
- **Tobacco/Alcohol – DO NOT USE IT ANYWHERE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**
 - New Vaping Discipline Guidelines have been approved by Switzerland County School Corp:
 - 1st Offense = 1 Day OSS and pay Tobacco Citation
 - 2nd Offense = 3 Days OSS and pay Tobacco Citation
 - 3rd Offense = 10 Days OSS, put up for Expulsion and pay Tobacco Citation
- **NO BACKPACKS IN CLASSROOMS – KEEP IN YOUR LOCKERS (SAFETY ISSUE)**
- Any use of foul language in conversation or directed toward an adult will be met with severe penalty (Most likely a 1-3 Hour Friday School being assigned)

ADDITIONAL RULES

- **Bullying Policy** – Bullying in and out of school across any medium (in person, social network, texting, etc.) can be investigated and discipline assigned
- **AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION and FRIDAY SCHOOL:** No rescheduling unless a parent/guardian calls in - Student will be given a two-day notice so they can make arrangements to be picked up after school on their assigned day.
- **PLEASE READ OVER SCMS HANDBOOK SO YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH SCHOOL POLICY!!! (Posted on School Website)**

PHONE USE

- No Cell Phone use between 8:00am-2:55pm, no exceptions to this rule.
- Cell Phones need to be securely placed in the student's locker by the first bell in the morning (8:00am) and remain there unused throughout the school day except during their assigned Lunch period. School Staff will enforce this policy.
- Cell Phones can **ONLY** be used at Lunch Time



TARDY POLICY

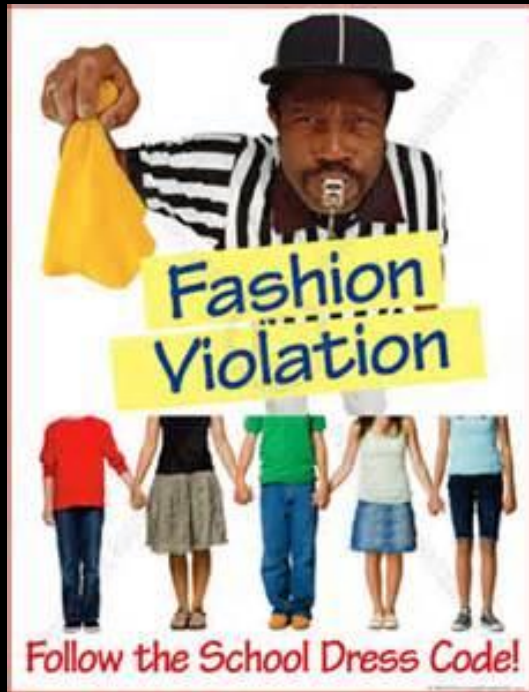
- Tardy procedure – tardies are handled through the office with coordination from the teachers
- Allowed two tardies per class per nine weeks and on the third tardy After School Detentions will be assigned



DRESS CODE

- Appropriate dress – no offensive, drugs/alcohol ads, no inappropriate/suggestive topics
- No holes in jeans above the knee, certainly no skin or undergarments to be visible – leggings required
- **Leggings allowed only if clothes worn over those leggings are fingertip length in both the front, back, and on the sides of the students.**
- Skirts and shorts must be fingertip length
- Collars, necklines...keep the shirt pulled up ladies
- Shoulders covered – no cutoffs, gym class clothes, do not want to see guys' underarm hair
- Facial Piercings – Limited to ear and side of nose only
- **All headphones and ear-buds are NOT to be worn around the neck or head while students are in the hallways between classes. They are to be stored in the proper, assigned areas during this time.**
- If you violate policy – will be required to wear clothing provided by OFFICE

WHAT NOT TO WEAR



DRESS CODE



VIOLATIONS



GENERAL INFORMATION

- No PDA – In-School Suspension will be assigned and lose of the next school dance
- All Medications must be administered by School Nurse/Personnel – will face consequences if medicine is found on your person or in locker
- Bus – If a student is riding the bus home with another student they must have a note from the parent
- Use proper doors when entering Office and be respectful when interacting with Office Staff
- Social Media – Please make smart decisions, it can come back and haunt you
- Weekly Video Announcements – Will be recruiting students to help me out from time to time
- PBIS Program – First major event is that all students go to Clifty Park in September for team building exercises and get a free tee-shirt

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

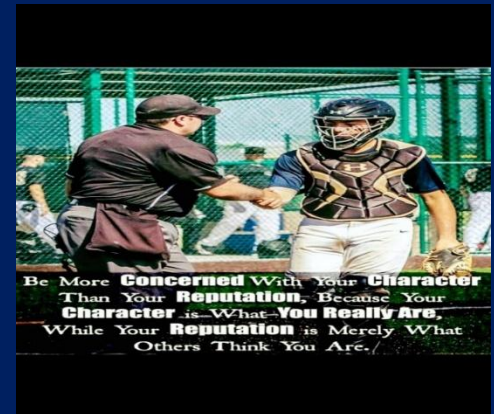
SCMS will be offering the following Incentive Trips during the 2020-2021 School Year:

1st Semester = Perfect North Slopes or Greendale Cinema

2nd Semester = Kings Island

Criteria (Starts the first day of each Semester):

1. No more than 6 Tardies per Semester (All Classes)
2. Passing All Classes with a C or Higher (Semester Grade)
3. No more than 3 Missing Assignments per Semester (All Classes)
4. No Major Discipline Referrals (Principal's Discretion) - Anything that results in an ASD, ACP, OSS, or Friday School being assigned will automatically be considered a Major Discipline Referral
5. No more than 6 Absences per Semester (Excluding Doctor Notes)



Athletics/Organizations/Clubs



Athletics:

- **Athletes: Watch Your Grades – Students with two or more failing grades at the end of each grading period are not eligible to participate in Athletics.**
- **Physicals:** Must be on file before any student can participate in practice and must have been done on April 1st or later of this year (Physicals from 2019-2020 can be used as long as there have been no changes to a student's health or injuries occur.)
- **Fall Sports – Football, Cross Country, Volleyball, Soccer, Cheerleading; Winter – Basketball, Swimming, Wrestling, Cheerleading; Spring – Baseball, Softball, Golf, Track**

Organizations/Clubs:

- SCMS offers the following organizations/clubs to be **Archery, Academic Teams, Builders Club, BPA, Drama, FCA, FFA, National Junior Honor Society, Robotics, Student Council**
 - State and National Recognition in FFA, BPA, and Academic Teams this past school year
- *Random Drug Testing:** To do any of these extracurricular activities students must sign up for this

PART OF A COMMUNITY

- Get INVOLVED with Clubs or Athletics
- YOUR SCHOOL IS ONLY AS GOOD AS YOU WANT IT TO BE!!!



THEME FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

“Good choices now lead to better options in the future.”

- Mr. McGarvey



*Rock/Paper/Scissor Activity (Teachers and Students)