

Welcome to SMS



Back to School Info Packet

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Scott Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year! This is going to be a fantastic year of learning. We want to get the school year started right by giving you some basic information to help the beginning of the year flow just a little more smoothly. Please take a moment to look over the information below and familiarize yourself with some of our school procedures. *Sections that have changes from previous years are highlighted in yellow.* Thank you.

We are Scott! #IGTBAYJ #TheMiddleMatters #DoSomethingGood

Cell Phones (THIS IS A CHANGE! For full policy and information see the posted policy in the SMS Student Handbook):

- Once a student is on campus, phones must be off and put away in their bags.
- No cell phone use is allowed at any time on campus and phones may not be out. This also means earbuds may not be in use, because that indicates a phone in use in conjunction with the earbuds.
- When a phone is taken up, it is taken to the office.
 - o A parent/guardian must retrieve the phone after one of the following occurs:
 - a \$15.00 fine is paid in the office
 - the phone remains in lock-up for 30 days
- Students may contact parents through classroom phones (if teacher allows) or the office phone.
- Forgotten laptops require utilizing a classroom computer. Phones may NOT be used to access Schoology or other online resources during the school day.
- Earbuds and other headphones may still be used in the classroom when connected to chromebooks. All devices should be closed and put away in the hallways.

Morning Drop Off (THE TIME HAS CHANGED!!!!):

- **SMS Doors open at 7:45 to receive students. School begins at 8:30.**
 - o Between 7:45 and 8:27 ALL STUDENTS enter at the **Commons**. When dropping off your student, please pull all the way up to the designated drop off spots.
- Students who arrive after 8:30 are tardy and must enter at the main entrance.

Dismissal Procedures:

- 7th grade car riders:
 - o Cars should enter from the South end of the main parking lot (on Mirick) and pull up along the edge of the parking lot closest to Mirick. Students will be held in the auditorium until their name is called, at which point they will walk to your car. You may exit onto Mirick at the North end of the parking lot. Please have your brightly colored pink or yellow car sign visible in your front window.
- 8th grade car riders:
 - o Cars should enter from the North end of the main parking lot (on Mirick) and pull along the edge of the parking lot closest to the SMS building. Students will be held in the commons until their name is called, at which point they will walk to your car. You may exit onto Mirick at the South end of the parking lot. Please have your brightly colored pink or yellow car sign visible in your front window.
- Only bus students will exit from the West exits to wait for his/her bus.
- All walkers will exit through the Main Office Doors.

General reminders:

- Please review the attached dress code and the student code of conduct available on the District Website.
- Students will each be issued a Chromebook. They will need a backpack suitable for carrying these devices safely to and from school. Students are expected to have the Chromebooks at school (CHARGED) every day.
- Students are not allowed to wear wireless earbuds or other headphones while in the hallways at SMS. They are allowed to bring headphones to use with the Chromebooks in class (with teacher permission) if they'd like.

Have an Issue? We're here to help!

- **Grades? Classwork? Discipline in the classroom?**
 - o Start with the teacher. They assign the work and grades and can best answer questions about what's happening in that classroom. All teacher contact information is available on the SMS website.
 - o Grades are viewable online through the parent portal. If you need information on how to access that portal, please contact Anna Parker (Registrar).
 - o Students will also have a login to access their grades. We encourage them to be responsible for keeping up with grades.
- **Bigger discipline issue?**
 - o Contact your student's principal. They're frequently out and about around the campus, so email may be the quickest response.
 - Rachael Fuller (Principal) – 8th grade discipline
 - Dr. Angela Butler (Assistant Principal) – 7th grade discipline
- **Suspect your student is struggling? Want to see what resources there are to help?**
 - o Contact your student's counselor.
 - Caitlin Hall – 7th grade counselor
 - Kally Branson – 8th grade counselor
- **Have a schedule issue?**
 - o Contact your student's counselor.
- **Athletic Questions?**
 - o Contact the Girls or Boys coordinator for our campus.
 - Boys Athletic Coordinator – Todd Anthony
 - Girls Athletic Coordinator – Tifney Kelly
- **Technology issues?**
 - o Call our campus technology staff! Karen Smith (903) 462 -7274
- **Not sure who to call?**
 - o Start with Denise Brownfield, our amazing receptionist, and she can probably direct you to the correct person to help you out!
 - Front desk (903) 462-7180

Important Contact Information:

SMS Main office – Denise Brownfield (receptionist)	dbrownfield@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7180
8 th Grade Discipline – Rachael Fuller (Principal)	rfuller@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7081
7 th Grade Discipline – Dr. Angela Butler (Asst. Principal)	abutler@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7229
7 th Grade Counselor – Caitlin Hall	chall@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7968
8 th Grade Counselor – Kally Branson	kbranson@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7231
Nurse – Janaga Trotter	jtrotter@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7947
Registrar – Anna Parker	aparker@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7325
Attendance – Jodie Haddock	jhaddock@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7262
SMS SRO – Officer Darren Riddick	driddick@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7359
SMS Technology Support – Karen Smith	ksmith@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7274
SMS Trainer – Kay Hannan	khannan@denisoisd.net	(903) 462- 7162
SMS Girl’s Athletic Coordinator – Tifney Kelly	tkelly@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7275
SMS Boy’s Athletic Coordinator – Todd Anthony	tanthony@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7073
SMS Library – Kari Uber	kuber@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7273
DISD Transportation – Randy Taylor	rtaylor@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7070
DISD Athletic Dept. – Stephanie Brown (secretary)	sbrown@denisonisd.net	(903) 462-7085
DISD Administration Building		(903) 462-7000

B.McDaniel / SMS / DHS Dress Code 2023-2024

The dress code of the secondary campuses has been established to promote an orderly environment conducive to appropriate behavior and representative of community standards, while allowing for sufficient comfort and style.

Students should observe modesty and neatness in clothing and personal appearance. The following guidelines are to be followed:

- Students should wear clothing that doesn't create a disruption in the classroom or on campus.
- Clothing shall not have holes or tears allowing visible skin. Opaque leggings are allowed under pants with holes.
- Backless tops or dresses, bare midriffs, see-through blouses and strapless clothing are not allowed (example: halter tops, tube tops, short t-shirts, one-strap or strapless shirts or dresses).
- All tops, shirts, and dresses must have at least one-inch straps.
- T-shirts and sweat shirts must have sleeves.
- No exposed cleavage.
- All clothing worn by students must be free of slogans advertising tobacco, alcoholic beverages or illegal substances and will not display or imply anything derogatory, controversial or vulgar.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses must be no more than 3" from the top of the kneecap. (Must be appropriate when standing, sitting, stooping, and bending with or without tights, leotards, spandex, etc...)
- Any form fitting pants resembling yoga pants, jeggings, leggings, or spandex must be worn with a top that reaches the finger tips around the entire bottom hem when standing and arms relaxed at the side.
- No exposed undergarments (undergarments must be worn).
- Pants must be worn at the natural waist line. No sagging.
- No unnatural hair colors or extreme hair styles (examples: spikes, mohawks or any other inappropriate styles).
- Appropriate footwear must be worn (no roller skate shoes or house shoes).
- Caps, hats, or any head coverings are not allowed in the building. Hoods are not allowed to be worn.
- No body piercings, other than in ears. Extreme piercings, even in the ear (spacers, gauges, or other piercings deemed inappropriate) are prohibited.
- Non-prescription sunglasses are not allowed in the building.
- Pajamas are not allowed.
- Blankets are not allowed in the building.

The administration, in connection with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, will regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. The administration's decision is final in all dress code matters.

Students in violation of the dress code will receive one warning. The student will be allowed to correct the violation and return to class. Repeat violations are subject to the discipline management techniques for General Conduct Violations as listed in the Student Code of Conduct.

SMS Bell Schedule

First Bell 8:27

Period 1 – 8:30 – 9:18

Period 2 – 9:21 – 10:09

Period 3 – 10:12 – 11:00

Period 4 – 11:03 – 11:51

Period 5 – 11:54 – 1:30

A Lunch – 11:54 – 12:24

AB passing – 12:24 – 12:27

B Lunch – 12:27 – 12:57

BC passing – 12:57 – 1:00

C Lunch – 1:00 – 1:30

Period 6 – 1:33 – 2:20

Period 7 – 2:23 – 3:10

Period 8 – 3:13 – 4:00