Welcome to the 1-hour LIVE Q&A for parents whose children are returning to the Traditional Setting. We will be with you shortly. You may type your questions in the Q/A box.
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SOUTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

• Administration
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  • Nicholas King - Assistant Principal, 6th grade and 7th Grade (A-K)
  • Tai Swift - Assistant Principal, 8th grade and 7th Grade (L-Z)
  • Stephanie DiGrazia - Assistant Principal, Exceptional Student Education
  • David Thomas - Dean of Student Relations
SOUTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL - ENROLLMENT (681)

- **6th Grade - 216**
  - In-Person: 157
  - Volusia Live: 59
- **7th Grade - 237**
  - In-Person: 163
  - Volusia Live: 74
- **8th Grade - 228**
  - In-Person: 153
  - Volusia Live: 75
COVID-19 FAST FACTS

- Maintaining social distancing
- Wash your hands often and use good hand washing skills.
- Staying home when sick or been exposed to the virus.
- Wear a mask when in close contact or unable to maintain social distancing.
POLICY 503 – FACE COVERINGS

• Pursuant to the authority of the School Board under Article IX, section 4 of the Florida Constitution, face coverings must be worn by all students, employees, visitors, vendors or any other persons, while in or on school board property where social distancing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") cannot be maintained. This includes, but is not limited to, school buses, class changes, cafeteria lines, in confined quarters, or any other places where social distancing guidelines cannot be followed.

• FACE COVERING TYPES

  • Cloth Face Coverings: Cloth face coverings are acceptable for compliance with this policy provided that the face covering covers both the nose and mouth of the person and fits snugly against the sides of the person’s face with no gaps.
  
  • Commercially Produced Masks: Commercially produced surgical masks or respirators are acceptable for compliance with this policy but are not mandated.
  
  • Face Shields: Face shields may be worn as a substitute for cloth face coverings. If face shields are used without a mask, they should wrap around the sides of the wearer’s face and extend below the chin. Disposable face shields should only be worn for single use. Reusable face shields should be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
POLICY 503 - FACE COVERINGS, EXCEPTIONS

- Medical Certifications: A face covering shall not be required for persons who present school officials with a certification from a health care provider that the person has a medical, physical, or psychological contraindication that prevents the person from being able to safely wear a face covering.

- General Exceptions: A face covering will not be required for any person inside or outside of any school district facility or school district building while maintaining appropriate social distancing including:
  - in strenuous physical activity; the school district official supervising the activity that the student is engaged in authorizes the student to remove her/his face covering during that activity; outside of any school district building or vehicle, so long as the person is able to maintain social distancing guidelines; inside or outside a school district facility while such person is eating; a face covering will not be required for such person to receive health care, or to undergo health care treatment, or if a person is experiencing acute trouble breathing, is unconscious, or incapacitated, or is unable to remove the mask without assistance; children in kindergarten and below will be educated, encouraged and expected to wear a face covering, but failure to wear a face covering will not prohibit such student's attendance if he/she is unable to wear a face covering at all times; students participating in extracurricular activities, such as athletics or marching band, where the wearing of a face covering is not practicable or may create a health risk, will not be required to wear face coverings during the activity but must still follow any and all safety procedures in place for the activity. The district will follow all FHSAA guidance for athletic activities.
The wearing of a mask is a health issue. Compliance will be dealt with as a health issue, not as a disciplinary issue. A Student’s willful refusal to comply with the terms of this policy will be addressed consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

First Offense - Warning, provide mask, contact parent. If student refuses, parent must pick up student.

Second Offense - Provide mask and contact parent.

Refusal and second offense - Send student home/Volusia Live for 14 days/Re-entry meeting required upon return.

Third Offense - Enroll student in Volusia Live where masks are not required.
REOPENING PLAN - ARRIVAL

- Main gate opens at 6:30am for only families participating in the Before the Bell program
- Front Office opens at 8:45am
- Campus Supervision begins at 8:45am
- Gym (holding area for 6th grade students)
- Auditorium (holding area for 7th and 8th grade students)
REOPENING PLAN - ARRIVAL

• Once on campus, students will wear masks when in close contact or unable to maintain social distancing.

• Temperature Scanning Locations
  • Students will have their temperature scanned as they enter campus when the gates open at 8:45am
    • Bus Loop
    • New Hampshire Ave walkers gate
    • Parent Drop Off Loop
REOPENING PLAN - ARRIVAL

• Temperature Procedures

• Students with normal temperature will be allowed to go to designated area.

• Students with temperatures at or above 100.4 will remain at the temperature scanning station and wait 5 minutes to have their temperature re-scanned.

• If temperature is normal, they will be sent to their designated holding area.

• If it is still elevated, student will be escorted to the clinic to be evaluated by the school nurse.

• If temperature is still elevated, the school nurse will evaluate the student and contact district health services coordinator, parents will be notified to come pick up their student.

• Student will remain with the school nurse until parent is able to check student out.
Reopening Plan - Arrival

- Holding Areas
  - Students will wear masks in all morning holding areas.
  - Once a student enters the auditorium or the gym, they remain until the first bell rings at 9:26am.
  - 6th grade students will wait in the Gym
  - 7th and 8th grade students will wait in the auditorium
Reopening Plan - Arrival

- Breakfast
  - Students will wear a mask when entering the cafeteria and the serving line.
  - Students will enter serving line to pick up breakfast. When they exit the line, they will sit in designated area sitting from the farthest point to the nearest point.
  - Students may remove mask while eating. Once they have finished eating, students will place masks back on and report to their holding area.

- Meetings
  - All parent conferences will be conducted using MS Teams on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 8:55–9:25am
REOPENING PLAN - CLASS TRANSITION

• Students will wear masks during each class transition throughout the day.
• Hallways have been marked with a center line. Students are to walk to the right of the center line.
• Students must walk and talk, there is not stopping in the hallways during class transition.
• Water fountains are available for students to fill up water bottles ONLY.
REOPENING PLAN - LUNCH

• Students will wear masks when entering the café and going through the serving line.
• We will have 3 lunches with time in between to clean and sanitize.
• Students will sit in designated spaces maintaining social distance to the greatest extent possible.
Reopening Plan - Classroom

- Students will wear masks when in close contact or unable to maintain social distancing.
- Excess furniture has been removed from classrooms to allow for social distancing to occur at the greatest extent possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom for students to use as they enter the classroom.
- Seating charts will be utilized in each classroom.
- When small group instruction takes place, students should wear masks as well as work with the same students throughout the school year.
- Sanitation of classroom will occur the last two minutes of the class period.
- Plexiglass shields will be installed on desks and tables.
Supplies - In order to help students with classroom supplies, Southwestern Middle has adopted a general supply list for students.

- 2 1/2 Inch Binder
- Tab Dividers
- Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
- Spiral Notebooks
- #2 Pencils
- Blue and Black pens
- Highlighters
- Personal Ear Buds
- Backpack
REOPENING PLAN - MAIN OFFICE

• Masks will be worn when entering the main office.

• Only 2 people will be allowed in the main office at a time.

• New student registration will take place electronically

• Substitutes will log in through Raptor and then go to the bookkeeper’s office.

• Families waiting to enter the main office, should wait outside while maintain social distancing.
REOPENING PLAN - MEDIA CENTER

• Students will wear masks while in the media center for book check out.
• Occupancy will be limited to ensure social distancing.
• Tables will be sanitized after use from classes throughout the day.
• Seating charts will be utilized when used by classes.
• Books that are returned will remain not be shelved for 3–5 days after their return.
REOPENING PLAN - CLINIC

- Students will wear masks when entering the clinic.
- If a student’s temperature is at or above 100.4 after being scanned as they entered campus, they will be brought to the clinic to be evaluated by the school nurse.
- Clinic will be divided into a well and sick area.
- The 6th grade office will support the clinic by handling minor issues students may have throughout the day.
All communication will come from principal, or designee.

- WEEKLY PHONE CALL, EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

Please make sure all contact information is correct.

- When your emergency card is sent home make sure everything in it is correct.
- If changes are needed, please update information.
- Sign and return the card.

Volusia County District Website, Reopening Road Map

- https://www.vcsedu.org/reopening-roadmap
REOPENING PLAN – DISMISSAL

- Staggered dismissal will be used.

- At 4:10p, all walkers and car riders will be released.
  - Students waiting for their parent to pick them up will wear a mask.
  - Students waiting in the parent loop will remain socially distant to the greatest extent possible.

- At 4:12p, walkers and bike riders.
  - Students waiting for their bus will wear a mask when proper social distancing cannot be maintained.

- At 4:15p, students ride the bus.
  - Students riding school bus will wear a mask.
  - Students will report to their bus when their bus is announced via the PA system.
School Info. - Social Media

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SCHOOL INFO. - STUDENT SCHEDULES

• Schedules should be uploaded to Focus (Gradebook) on Monday, August 24th.

• Schedule pick up is August 25th - 27th from 9am-12pm each day
  - Classes are still being balanced to ensure the safest classroom environment for your students.
  - School Counselor information,
    - 6th grade and 7th Grade (A–K) - Mrs. Maddox
    - 7th Grade (L–Z) and 8th grade - Mrs. Alvelo
School Info. - Wireless Communication Devices

• The possession of wireless communication devices such as cellular phones, MP3 Players, iPods, video games, iPad, tablets etc. are not a violation of the Code of Student Conduct.

• However, having these devices on campus is a privilege.

• The following rules must be followed regarding the possession, use, and display of wireless communication devices:
  • Students may not have their cell phones visible or in use once they arrive on campus until dismissal. No use of cell phones in the classrooms, hallways, restrooms or at lunch.
  • Students who need to call home can do so from their grade level office phone. Parents may call in and ask for the grade level office if they need to leave a message for their child or if they need to speak to their child.
  • Students must ensure that the telephone capabilities of their devices are turned off during the instructional day (i.e. ringer off, silent mode, cameras, videos etc.)
• Students shall avoid classroom disruptions by not displaying, using, or activating the data access portion of their wireless device during the instructional day unless instructed to do so by the teacher and/or authorized school personnel under the Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) initiative. This includes during class, in the Media Center, P.E. and any other instructional/structured activities (unless authorized by the teacher).

• Use of cell phones that disrupts or interferes with the safety of our students being transported by bus is also a violation of the Code of Student Conduct.

• Use of cell phones to commit a crime is against the Code of Student Conduct and appropriate consequences will be handled accordingly.

• The school/district is not responsible if a student’s wireless communication or any electronic device is lost or stolen.

• Any student using a cell phone or any electronic device for malicious intent or to video acts violating the Code of Conduct will be disciplined.
Southwestern Middle School students will follow the Volusia County Uniform Policy which was updated on July 22, 2019.

The basic uniform clothing for students in grades K–12 6–8 shall consist of a long or short-sleeved: white, gray or black collared, knit polo-style shirt or white, gray or black collared oxford style button down shirt; and gray, navy blue, black or khaki (tan) pair of long pants, shorts, capris, skirt, skort or jumper gray, navy blue, or black denim long pants are also acceptable. A small logo is acceptable.

In addition to the basic uniform, a principal may designate up to two additional school colors for the collared shirt. Colored trim, stripes or decorations will not be allowed. A small logo is acceptable.

Southwestern Middle School also allows RED, GRAY, BLACK or WHITE colored shirts to be worn.

Pants, shorts, capris, skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be a solid color with no stripes, decorations or embroidery. A small logo is acceptable.

Shoes/footwear - Middle school shoes/footwear shall be closed toe and heel, to protect the entire foot.

Friday is designated as TIGER PRIDE day. Students can wear any SMS spirit or club shirt.
SCHEDULE WALK

- Friday, August 28th from 3-5pm
- Only 1 parent/guardian is permitted to accompany the student
- Must wear a mask and maintain social distancing
- Teachers will not be available
QUESTIONS