



More Middle School

Q & A

Please note, this information applies to SMCMS Students. Different instructions may apply to ECCHS students.

Q: When time does school start and end?

A: School begins at 7:50 a.m. with prayers and announcements, (please note that the high school only starts at 7:55). Bus riders will be dismissed at 2:20 p.m., all other students will be dismissed at 2:25 p.m.

Q: Where do MS students enter school in the morning?

A: MS students will enter using the east entrance to the school (the entrance closest to the convent). HS students will enter using the doors on the opposite end of the school.

Q: Where do students report on the first day?

A: Students should report to their homeroom on the first day. The student's homeroom assignment is printed on his/her schedule.

Q: Will the MS students be having some type of orientation?

A: There will be two opportunities to tour the building, during Information Night, and on Sunday, August 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The first day of school, all of the students will receive a thorough orientation of where everything is located in the MS/HS building.

Q: Where do I turn in all of the forms received in the beginning of the year packet?

A: All forms will be taken to the homeroom teacher. In fact, anything that is to be sent to the main office can be turned into the homeroom teacher each morning.

Q: If a student arrives late for school or must be dismissed early, where does he/she enter or exit?

A: All entrances to the school are locked at approximately 7:50 a.m. All students arriving late or leaving early must enter and exit through the foyer (center) entrance to the school. All students arriving late must sign in at the main office. Any student being dismissed from school must sign out at the main office before leaving.

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- Q: If my child rides a St. Marys bus, will there be any major changes?
A: Right now, SMASD continues to plan on having bus 88 and 100 serve as transfer busses to SMCMS. ECCHS will continue to use bus 97.
- Q: Where do I pick up my child at the end of the day?
A: MS parents are asked to park in the east side of the parking lot, closest to the convent, when picking up their children at the end of the day. The lane directly in front of the school building will be used for bus parking.
- Q: Will MS students have lockers?
A: Yes, MS students will have lockers, students will receive their lockers and locks on the first day of school.
- Q: Do MS students need to purchase a lock for their locker?
A: No. Students must use the school issued lock they receive on the first day of school. Homeroom teachers will distribute the locks. Lockers must be kept locked at all times. If a student loses his/her lock, the student will need to replace the lock at a cost of \$5. If a child forgets his/her combination, the homeroom teacher will have that information.
- Q: What are the rules concerning lockers?
A: Students should use their lockers to store books, notebooks, school supplies, coats, Phys. Ed. clothes etc. Lockers should be kept neat. Since the locker is school property, the school reserves the right to inspect the locker at any time. It is often helpful to purchase a locker shelf in order to help organize books. Shelves can typically be purchased at department stores like Walmart or at office supply stores like Staples. One shelf should last for several years.
- Q: Should students keep valuables in their lockers or should students share their locker combination, even with my close friends?
A: The answer to both questions is NO. Valuables should not be left unattended in student lockers. Combinations to lockers should not be shared with anyone....that often leads to locks being taken or items inside lockers being moved or stolen. Remember many areas of the school are used evenings and weekends.
- Q: Can Middle School students carry backpacks/book bags?
A: Middle School students are not permitted to carry back packs during the school day. Students are permitted to go to their lockers between classes, so they can exchange books. The best choice for a student is to plan on stopping at his/her locker to exchange books every 2 or 3 class periods. Also good times to exchange books would be during study hall or

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before or after lunch. We will reexamine the no-backpack policy as the school year starts and if it is not working out, we may permit backpacks at some point.

Q: Will there be any major changes to the lunch program?

A: No. Students will continue to have a variety of options available each day, also they will have the ability to purchase extra items. The cafeteria is cashless, all purchases are charged to the student's lunch account, so please discuss with your child what their spending limits are and make the necessary adjustments to the amount deposited into their lunch account. Once a student has a negative balance in his/her lunch account, he/she is not permitted to purchase extra items. If the student lunch account reaches a balance of -\$20, that student will receive a peanut butter sandwich and water. See the cafeteria information for checking your lunch accounts online.

Q: Will MS students continue to walk at lunch?

A: Yes, they will continue to take a 10 minute walk either before or after lunch. In the event of bad weather, students will walk in the gyms.

Q: If my child has Phys. Ed. that day, does he/she wear gym clothes to school?

A: That depends.....If the student has Phys. Ed. first period in the morning, they may wear their gym clothes to school then change into their school uniform following class. If they have Phys. Ed. later in the day, they must wear their school uniform and change into their gym uniform when they have class.

Q: Can my child use his/her iPad, tablet, e-reader, etc. at school?

A: Tablets, e-readers, iPads, etc. can be used as an electronic reading device. The student may not use the device for any other purpose at this time. Students may not access the school's wireless network with personal devices. iPods and smartphones may not be used as electronic readers. The students may not use these devices for any other purpose other than reading without teacher permission. Failure to follow the policies will may result in the student not being permitted to bring the item to school.

Q: If my child going to receive a paper folder this year?

A: Yes and No. We are going to make every effort to send home information via E-folder only this year. The only items we will send home via paper folders are those that cannot be sent home electronically. When that happens, there will be a note in the E-folder instructing you to check for paper folder items. As in the past, the paper folder must be sent back into school. You will receive an email reminder each week with a link to the E-folder. You will need to log into Edline to see the actual contents of the E-folder. As a convenience, all E-folder items will be stored on the Edline site.

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