

Good Afternoon Families,

For the first time in over six months there was activity, noise and a palpable feeling of excitement from the teachers in the building on Monday. Over the next two weeks our SRS teachers will be engaged in professional development that we believe will translate into a continued school experience that is challenging, supportive and rewarding for all of our students. Professional development sessions will focus on becoming a culturally responsive school in addition to developing the knowledge and skills to design and support students in the virtual classroom.

Schedules - I'm sure many families and students are anxious for the start of school. At this time school counselors are checking student schedules to ensure courses and times are accurate, students are placed in the correct cohort, and requested learning models are reflected. Schedules will be available to families at the start of next week.

Phased Reopening- All students will begin school on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Students in grades 7 and 9 will start in-person learning the week of September 15. Students in grades 8 and 10 will start in-person classes the week of September 21 and our Juniors and Seniors will begin in person classes on September 28. All students will attend remotely until their in-person start date.

Summer Reading – The Summer Reading assignment and novel options can be found on the school website under the Students tab. Students will complete a Summer Reading writing prompt in their A block class on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Future Information - transportation, school devices, supply lists, school lunches, a Covid -19 Handbook, and a virtual orientation for our students will be forthcoming in the next week.

Nurse's Office - If your child will need any medication during the school day, either administered by the school nurse or to self-carry (epi pen or inhaler) you will need to make an appointment with the school nurse. We will need doctor orders, parental consent and the medication dropped off, in pharmacy labeled bottle/box, prior to the start of the school year. You can view and print needed forms of the school medication policy on the district website. The doctor may also fax an order to 413-569-4109. Nurses will be available for medication drop off by appointment only.

Remember only a 30-day supply of medication may be left with the nurse.

Please contact your school nurse to set up a time by email preferred:

[shanifan@stgrsd.org](mailto:shanifan@stgrsd.org) OR [mlamoureux@stgrsd.org](mailto:mlamoureux@stgrsd.org)

If you have any questions you can reach us at 413-569-6171.

Sophie Hanifan OR Marcia Lamoureux your SRS School Nurses.

I will continue to send information out to families in the next few weeks.

Joe Turmel

Principal