



Summer Update - July 2021

Southern Lehigh Middle School Parents/Guardians and students:
 We would like to give you a July summer update to help you prepare for the return to school on August 30, 2021. Please refer to The Southern Lehigh Health and Safety Plan is available on the District website for specific questions regarding COVID-19 mitigations.

Bell Schedule for 21-22 school year

5 Lunch Schedule		6 Lunch Schedule		7 Lunch Schedule	
HR/1	7:40-8:37	HR/1	7:40-8:37	HR/1	7:40-8:37
2	8:39 – 9:25	2	8:39 – 9:25	2	8:39 – 9:25
3	9:27-10:13	3	9:27-10:13	3	9:27-10:13
4	10:15-11:01	4	10:15-11:01	4	10:15-11:01
5L	11:03-11:33	5	11:03-11:49	5	11:03-11:49
6-1	1135-1221	6L	11:51-12:21	6-2	11:51 - 12:37
7	1223-109	7	12:23-109	7L	12:39 - 1:09
8	1:11-157	8	1:11-157	8	1:11-1:57
Sp/Activity	1:59-2:36	SP/Activity	1:59-2:36	SP/Activity	1:59-2:36
H.R. 2:38		H.R. 2:38		H.R.2:38	

Important Upcoming Dates (mark your calendars):

- 8/16 - Students Schedules posted in Sapphire
- 8/26 - New Student and Grade 7 Orientation
- 8/30 - Students First Day of School
- 8/31 - Picture Day - all students -orders will all be online through Christmas City
- 9/1 - Activity Sign Ups
- 9/3-9/6 - Labor Day Holiday - All Buildings closed
- 9/8 - Open House
- 9/27 - STAR Math
- 9/29 - STAR Reading
- 10/11 - Teacher Inservice - Students do not report
- 10/21 - Picture Retakes

Classroom/Building update:

All 8th grade classrooms have been cleaned, sanitized and readied for incoming 8th grade students.

7th grade and Related Arts classrooms are still in the process of being readied.

Desks and individual seating will be used in all classrooms during the Fall Semester. Lockers will be assigned if requested; backpacks are recommended for student use.

The Southern Lehigh Health and Safety Plan is available on the District website.

Building Tours:

Last year's FULLY REMOTE Grade 7 students will be invited for a tour of the building through a Blackboard message. Parents/Guardians will be able to sign up their student for a tour time through Sign up Genius. This link will be included in the Blackboard communication.

Upcoming Grade 7 students and New entrants will be invited to an Orientation/Building tour on Aug. 26. Orientation will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 10:00 am

School Supplies list

The school supply list for 21-22 can be found under the "News Items" on the Middle School website. <https://pa02209662.schoolwires.net/Page/13371>

Staff Update:

We are pleased to announce the following teachers who will be joining the MS Staff for next school year:

MS Art Teacher - Mr. Yetter

MS Spanish/French teacher: Ms. Eidemueller

MS Math Teacher: Ms. Capella

Academic Student Supports:

SOAR Learning curriculum - The SOAR (Set goals, Organize, Ask questions, and Record your progress) Learning is a comprehensive program that empowers students to manage their time, schoolwork and extracurricular activities more efficiently.

SOAR brings joy to the learning process by creating blueprints and curriculum that celebrate students' individual strengths, aptitudes, and creativity. This program helps build students' confidence and supports the creativity of teachers.

Study Skills - These activities will occur on Friday during Spartan period. Students will engage in learning activities via mini-lessons offered over the school The

activities are an extension of the SOAR curriculum described above and employ student centered learning support by teacher instruction.

Spartan Period - This period is offered at the end of the school day. On Monday and Thursday students participate in the “Spartan” group in intervention/enrichment activities in both math and ELA. On Tuesday/Thursday students have the opportunity to participate in non-academic teacher-led activities. However, a parent/guardian will also have the opportunity to sign their student into an academic study hall at this time should there be a need for additional support. On Fridays, students will participate with their Spartan period in Study Skills as described above.

Afterschool Study Hall - Parents/guardians can assign their student to weekly study halls on Tuesday and Wednesday. The study hall is monitored by a classroom teacher who will provide structure and academic support. The study hall runs from 2:45-3:45 and students who wish to participate must sign up daily using SignUp Genius.

SWPBIS - School-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) is a framework designed to enhance students’ understanding of behavior expectations at school. Students are taught strategies aligned to the expected behaviors to ensure consistency across different contexts (in classrooms, the lunchroom, and restrooms, for example).

“Summer Sizzle Program”: Participation in this program, open to all Middle School students, involves about 50 students in activities intended to allow students to remain connected and involved in interactive learning over the summer break. These activities are posted weekly and include both academic and non-academic opportunities to remain engaged. Special thanks to Mrs. Butz and Mr. Hankee for agreeing to develop and host these “sizzling” opportunities.