



August 2020

Dear Seaford High School Students & Parents/Guardians:

Welcome (again) to the 2020-21 School Year.

By now, most of you have read last week's letter that detailed a lot of information about re-opening. This note will hit into other details more traditionally covered in our "Welcome Back" communications. (To see last week's letter, please go to the SHS website and open the "Mid-August Welcome Back Letter".)

Please read carefully.

1. Student Schedules

Student schedules will be posted to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal during the afternoon on Friday, 8/28/2020. (If you need assistance with Portal access, please call the Technology Office at 592-4390.) Paper copies of schedules will also be mailed home on Monday of the coming week.

2. Scheduling Consult Days

As mentioned in last week's letter, scheduling consults will be held this year and occur according to the below schedule this year. Note that we will use the Zoom platform. The links to the Zoom sessions are below. When you sign in, prepare to be in the "Waiting Room" for a bit; students will be admitted in the order in which they sign in. *Please remember that requests must be academically sound to be considered. Please also keep in mind that classes have been balanced for social distancing purposes. This may make certain requests impossible to fulfill. ** 9th Grade - Note also that, because of the many constraints and requirements, there is not a specific consult day for 9th grade students. If you are freshmen student or parent and have a specific question for your guidance counselor, please feel free to call 592-4320 or use email to contact them.

Monday, August 31 – Senior Students Scheduling Consults 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[Seniors Click Here for Zoom Link](#)

Tuesday, September 1 – Junior and Sophomore Students Scheduling Consults 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

[Juniors Click Here for Zoom Link](#)

[Sophomores Click Here for Zoom Link](#)

3. Split Day Hybrid Schedule

As has been described in a few meetings and letters, because of the inability to have all students and faculty/staff in the school each day and remain within safety guidelines, SHS will have every student following their full schedule each day under the split schedule plan that has ½ the student body in the building at a given time. Group 1 will be the first half of the alphabet and Group 2 the second half of the alphabet. The breakdown is as follows:

Grade 9

Group 1: A to LoBasso

Group 2: Lochner to Z

Grade 10

Group 1: A to LoVerde

Group 2: Lucas to Z

Grade 11

Group 1: A to LoVerde

Group 2: Luisi to Z

Grade 12

Group 1: A to Lin

Group 2: Lochner to Z

For the Daily Calendar indicating when groups are in-person v. remote, please see the Quick Links on the SHS website or [click here](#).

The AM Session runs from 7:25 a.m. (start of per. 1) to 9:58 a.m. (end of per. 4).

The PM Session runs from 10:58 a.m. (start of per. 5) to 2:10 p.m. (end of per. 9).

The time in between 9:58 a.m. and 10:58 a.m. is for students to eat lunch and transition into/out-of the school based upon their groups and for the custodial staff to sanitize the building.

Students coming to SHS for the PM Session need to be at bus stops by 10:15 a.m.

For the full Hybrid Plan Bell schedule, please also see Quick Links or you can [click here](#).

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4. Mandatory Daily Health Screening

For an easy way to complete the daily health screening information, please [click here](#). Note that students will have to choose that option in the drop-down menu (“Role”) on the right.

5. New Courses

2020-21 will bring new learning opportunities in the following areas: Interior Design, Introduction to Sports Medicine/Strength & Conditioning and Career Development Program Science. We hope you get an opportunity to experience them in the coming years.

6. Student Handbook

The 2020-21, SHS Student Handbook has undergone revision this summer. There is a link to the handbook on the front page of the website. Please take time before school begins to read the Handbook, including the Code of Conduct.

7. Assistant Principals

Grade Level Responsibilities:

- i. Ms. Schnabel will be working with the 9th and 11th grade classes.
- ii. Ms. Bisulca will work with the 10th and 12th grade classes.

8. Back-to-School Night

More information about this year’s program will follow shortly.

9. PSAT/SAT In-School Exam Day

This year, because of the challenges students experienced in scheduling an SAT Exam, SHS has applied to the College Board to host an in-school SAT on Wednesday, October 14th. That exam will be for seniors, and those juniors who would benefit. Juniors should consult their guidance counselors on this decision.

To register for the in-school SAT, please [click here](#). Note that this exam will be at each family’s expense, with billing through Seaford High School similar to how the College Board collects AP Exam fees.

On October 14, we will also host the in-school PSAT Exam where, as we have done for the past few years, the district will pay exam fees for all interested sophomores and juniors. More information about registration for the PSAT will follow in the next 2-3 weeks.

If you have questions about any of the above, please contact your guidance counselor when the year begins.

10. ACT Exam @ SHS

We are currently planning to host the ACT Exam at SHS this year. The first ACT session will likely be in October. More information will follow shortly about the ACT. Again, if you have questions, please contact guidance counselors.

11. Senior Parking Privileges

The Senior Parking Privileges Informational Letter and Permit Form will be included in a supplemental mailing (see below) coming by US Mail on Wednesday of the coming week.

12. Senior Lunch Privileges

Because of the ongoing health crisis, senior lunch privileges are temporarily suspended. We hope to be able to restore them later in the year.

13. Open-End Privileges

Open-end privileges are in place for the coming year. To remind, they apply to senior students early in the day and all grades for period 9. Please [click here](#) to read the full open-end letter. It will provide important information that

applies to everyone. Note that if a student does not have permission for open-end, the form must be returned to the guidance office.

14. Character Education/Motivation/Student Engagement Program

We are hopeful to run our fall assembly program this year, if even by videoconference. This year's speaker will be Gian Paul Gonzalez from the NY Giants "All In" program. For those who remember, Mr. Gonzalez visited us a few years ago to terrific reviews. His message of empowerment and determination is truly impactful and memorable. To read about Mr. Gonzalez and his program, please [click here](#).

15. Important Upcoming Calendar Dates

- 9/11 Candlelight Memorial Ceremony – The SHS 9/11 Memorial Committee regrets that it cannot hold the ceremony this year in a way that captures the Committee's spirit.
- Back-to-School Night – more information to follow shortly
- Senior College Information Night - 9/22
- Senior College Financial Aid Night – 10/1
- PTSA Meeting – 9/14, 10/13 (Tuesday)
- SEPTA Meeting – 10/13
- Senior Class Photos – 9/16 & 9/17 ([Click Here](#) for Order Form and Instructions)
- Underclass Photos – 9/22 & 9/23 ([Click Here](#) for Order Form and Instructions)
- In-School SAT/PSAT Day – 10/14

*Note that all meetings/programs/gatherings will be remote via Zoom or other videoconference until otherwise notified.

16. Stay Connected with SHS

To stay connected with SHS, please see the [flyer at this link](#). It will provide information about the SHS Remind accounts, Twitter and Instagram, and our bi-monthly SHS-PTSA Newsletter.

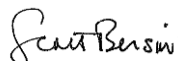
Please also look for a supplemental mailing to be delivered by US Mail that will arrive on or about Wednesday, September 3rd.

In the Supplemental Mailing, You Will Find:

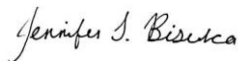
1. A Copy of Student Schedule for the Fall and Spring Semester
2. Senior Parking Privileges Letter and Permit Form
3. The Free & Reduced-Price Lunch Plan Letter
4. Letters from Dr. Pecora & Ms. Burke regarding School Health Program and BMI
5. A Letter from the SHS 9/11 Memorial Committee
6. The No Child Left Behind Letter from the Military Services
7. Membership Flyers – PTSA, Booster Club

We hope the remainder of the summer is enjoyable. We look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of classes.

Sincerely Yours in Seaford Pride,



Mr. Scott Bersin
Principal



Ms. Jennifer Bisulca
Assistant Principal



Ms. Nicole Schnabel
Assistant Principal

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