



Safety Harbor Middle IB World School
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Greetings Seahawk Families,

I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, August 11th

Lunch Reminder

All students at Safety Harbor Middle receive free breakfast and lunch daily. Students who wish to purchase à la carte snacks must either: Bring exact change or have funds available on their MySchoolBucks account (www.myschoolbucks.com). If a student pays with cash and needs change, the remaining balance will be credited to their lunch account for future purchases.

Immunization – 7th Grade immunization is required to attend school. If your child is attending 7th grade and has not provided proof of Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (T-dap) and 2 varicella vaccines, our school nurse will be sending home exclusionary letters to the students without shot records. You may begin to turn in your documentation to Ms. Rosado our DMT (Data Management Technician), in the front office beginning August 2nd. Contact your healthcare provider to schedule your student shots. If your child does not have a healthcare provider, immunizations are available at no cost at the department of Health Pinellas 727 824-6900 to make an appointment.

Sports- In order to tryout/ participate in competitive athletics or cheerleading, a student must have a sports physical on file. Sports physicals are good for one year from the date they are given.

Volleyball Tryouts- Girls Aug 18 & 19 4:30-5:45, Boys Aug 20 & 21 4:30-5:45

Cross Country Tryouts- Aug 18 & 19 4:15, meet out at the track

Student Hours are **9:40AM-4:10PM**. Students are not monitored before 9:00 AM and must be picked up by 4:40PM.

Permission to Leave-Please call your student's grade level office, prior to arriving on campus, for any reason that a student needs to leave campus. Grade level clerks will fill out a Permit To Leave, with the time needed, then send the student to the Front Office for pick up. **The Visitor Parking lot will be closed at 3:30 pm**, so all early pickups must be completed prior to that time. Students will be marked absent after leaving, until a note is received from the parent or doctor's office excusing the absence.

Dress Code- Tops: A solid color polo style shirt or long sleeve with collar. Also, Safety Harbor Middle School sponsored tee shirt (must have SHMS logo) purchased online from school website. All jackets and outerwear, no hoods, must be in colors below. Colors: • Black, Red, Gray and White Bottoms: • Pants/shorts/skirts : All pants/shorts/skirts must be solid in color. They must be neat in appearance (no rips, tears, or shredding) and must be at least a 7-inch inseam. Skirts must be knee length. No basketball shorts, sweatpants, biker shorts or leggings. . Colors: • Khaki/tan or black pants, shorts or skirts ONLY. Students in violation of this policy will be escorted to the Media Center where families will be contacted for a change of clothing or pick up.

Cell Phone Policy - Middle school students must keep wireless communication devices, headphones and ear buds in the off position and in their backpacks/purses throughout the instructional school day (9:25-4:10) and while participating in a school-sponsored activity on or off campus. Students are permitted to use their wireless communication devices before and after the instructional school day. **Violations will result in confiscation and returned to parent only.** Any student who chooses to bring a wireless communication device to school shall do so at their own risk and shall be personally responsible for the security of their wireless communication device(s). School Board staff are not responsible for preventing theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to wireless devices brought onto school property, or left on school-sponsored transportation, including any wireless communication device(s) confiscated due to inappropriate use.

Laptops- Based on the parent survey distributed in April 2025, 70% of families indicated a preference for students to use laptops housed at school. In response, we will primarily keep student laptops on campus for daily use.

For families who prefer that their student carries a laptop to and from school, a **Laptop Permission Form** will be available in each grade-level office. Students should bring this form home for a parent/guardian signature and return the signed copy to the Media Center in order to check out a laptop.

Please note:

- Students approved to carry a laptop are responsible for bringing it to school fully charged each day.
- School-based laptops will not be available as a backup for students who forget or do not charge their device.

Additionally, be sure you have completed the following forms in your 2025 Beginning of School Year Forms in FOCUS:

- Technology Equipment Acceptance and Responsibility Form
- Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

Your attention to these steps ensures a smooth start to the year and helps us support your student's success with technology.

School supplies- Please visit the school's website for a list of supplies. Teacher specific supplies will be given on the first days of school.

Schedules- Students will be able to access their schedules through FOCUS. We will provide a printed copy for all students on the first day of school. A copy of the student's schedule will be available on August 11th; 7th & 8th grade will report to the gym to get their schedules and 6th graders report to the cafeteria. Changes to schedules will be limited and priority will be given to those with errors on their schedules such as two classes scheduled during the same period. **If a student would like a schedule change, they may visit their grade level office for a schedule change request form; please do not call or email counselors as the form is the only method to complete this process.**

SOAR period- Begins at 9:40 and is listed on student schedules as Period 8.

Transportation- Transportation information for the 2024-2025 school year will be sent out to families by email or text on August 2.

- If your child rides the bus to school, you will *also* receive a text and email notification from the district's Transportation Department with your child's bus stop, route number, and pick-up and drop-off times.
- **If you have questions about bus transportation, please contact the Transportation Call Center: 727-587-2020.**
- You can view your student's information for the 2024-2025 school year at focus.pcsb.org.

1st Day Procedures-

- 1) **Arrival-** For students being dropped off, parents must follow the attached map indicating proper route for drop off & pick up. Bus riders will exit busses in bus circle. Walkers arrive at the front of the school. All students will enter campus at 9:25 am and go to area for schedule pick up. 6th grade cafeteria, 7th & 8th grade to the gym doors. All students must be in their SOAR period (8th period on their schedule) by 9:40am. At 10:05 students will be released to go to their 1st period.
- 2) **Schedules-** Students are expected to follow the schedule provided. Students are not to go to the office because they do not like a class on their schedule. They may pick up a schedule change request form during passing from their grade level office.
- 3) **Lunch-** On every schedule, the student's lunch pin will be displayed. The student will need this number for their lunch. Breakfast and lunch are free for all students.
- 4) **Dismissal-** We will utilize a staggered dismissal process to eliminate large crowds being disbursed at once. 6th grade will be dismissed first, by announcement, to report to the bus loop or to the front of the school (aka the porch) for parent pick up/walking home. For students riding a bus, the bus lane is attached. This is the lane, marked on the ground in front of the bus, that the bus will be parked in each day. Students, assigned to a bus, will be reminded of their bus number in their last block of the day. Every bus has a specific lane number and the bus will always be in that lane. There will be posters in the bus loop indicating bus number and lane.

PTSA- Please use the link <https://safetyharborms.givebacks.com/shop> to join our PTSA.

School Pictures- Aug 18 & 19, please use the link mylifetouch.com. **Picture Day ID: EVTPWB689**