



South Windsor High School

Home of the Bobcats

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Dear SWHS Families,

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. With this communication, it is a clear sign that the new school year is around the corner. I begin by welcoming the Class of 2027 and their families to SWHS and welcoming back to our upperclassmen students and families.

Our primary goal at SWHS is to provide our students a first-rate educational experience. This means preparing our students with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for success after high school. In order to best meet this goal, our commitment to students will be steadfast throughout their time at SWHS. In strong partnership with families, I am confident our students will have a strong foundation whether heading to college, directly into the workforce, or serving our nation in the military.

The SWHS faculty and staff approach the education of our students with the whole child in mind. Therefore, in addition to academics, social-emotional learning plays a strong role in our professional responsibilities. To this end, faculty will challenge our students with their coursework, but support them along the way through their instruction. We also have staff members dedicated to supporting our students beyond the classroom including school counselors, social workers, school psychologists, and our family engagement specialist.

Along with having a strong commitment to academics, we encourage our students to become involved in at least one school-sponsored extracurricular activity. This may include joining one of our many sports, clubs, activities, and/or performing arts offerings. Participation in an extracurricular activity helps emphasize the importance of time management and helps our students develop positive relationships with peers who have the same interests. Information on our athletics and clubs can be found on our website and will be updated throughout the school year.

In the coming days I will be sending a separate communication to families regarding details on the SWHS Annex. In the meanwhile, the remainder of this letter includes helpful back to school information. If you have questions on any of the topics, please contact a member of the main office staff, your child's administrator, or school counselor (school counselors return to their offices on Thursday, August 17).

I hope all families enjoy the remaining weeks of summer and I look forward to seeing you throughout the school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Rizzuto".

Frank Rizzuto



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IMPORTANT DATES

Ninth Grade Orientation <i>Information regarding this program has been provided to the Class of 2027. If you have any questions, call 860-648-5000.</i>	Wednesday, August 23
First Day of School	Wednesday, August 30
<i>Additional information regarding the events below will be provided in future communications.</i>	
Student Picture Day	Thursday, August 31
SWHS Open House	Thursday, September 14
Principal's Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting <i>(These meetings are open to all SWHS parents)</i>	Monday, September 18
12th Grade Parent Night	Tuesday, September 19
9th Grade Parent Night	Thursday, September 28
PSAT Day, Grades 9-11	Thursday, Oct 12
Early Dismissal Mondays <i>(School day is 7:25 - 11:25am)</i>	October 16 & 23 December 4 & 11 March 4 & 11 May 13 & 20

Beginning of the Year Information

Parent/Contact Information and Communications: We ask that you sign into your PowerSchool parent portal account to verify contact and emergency contact information. Additionally, please complete the Annual Parent Update forms. The information you are verifying/providing is data that is used for school and district communications, such as School Messenger. Please verify and complete these forms prior to the first day of school. Any questions regarding your PowerSchool parent portal account or School Messenger, please contact Lisa Nagle at lnagle@swindsor.k12.ct.us.

In addition to School Messenger, the high school [website](#) is regularly updated and we post on Facebook at SWHS Bobcats, on Twitter @SWHSBobcats, and on Instagram @swhs_bobcats.

Bus Information: Bus routes will be available on the [district website](#) toward the end of August. Once on the site, go to "District Information" and click "Transportation" to access the routes.

Bell Schedules: The bell schedule for the first three days of school and the regular 2023-24 bell schedule can both be found on the high school website.

Student Schedules: Student class schedules are available in PowerSchool. Students/families who have questions regarding schedules are welcome to email their school counselor (counselors will be returning to their offices on Thursday, August 17). School counselor assignments can be [FOUND HERE](#).

School Supplies: During the first days of school, teachers will make recommendations to students regarding the ideal school supplies for their courses. Students should bring charged Chromebooks on the first day of school.

Student Parking: Applications for student parking permits were due by Friday, August 4. Submitted applications are being processed on a first come, first served basis. If a student did not already apply, the application can be found [here](#). Students who have already submitted applications can pick up their passes in the SWHS lobby beginning Friday, August 25 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm or on the first day of school in the high school main office.

Morning Drop-Off Information: *(a map of the morning drop-off areas/parking lot is located on the next page of this communication)*

- **Buses** will drop off in the back of the high school and students will enter the main building through the cafeteria doors or proceed to one of the SWHS Annex entrances.
- **Student drivers** can enter the main building through the main entrance doors or proceed to one of the SWHS Annex entrances.
- **Parent Drop-Off:** Students being dropped off will enter the building through the main entrance doors.
- Students are reminded to use the sidewalks and crosswalks for safety reasons.

Afternoon Pick-Up Information: *(a map of the afternoon bus locations, parking lots, and designated parent pick-up spot is located on the next page of this communication)*

- **Buses** will be stationed in front of the high school in numerical order for students to board.
- **Student drivers** may exit each of the two student lots (gold & maroon) toward Ayers Road.
- **Designated Parent Pick-Up:** The designated spot for parents/guardians who are picking up their child is the SWHS Annex parking lot.
- Students are reminded to use the sidewalks and crosswalks for safety reasons.

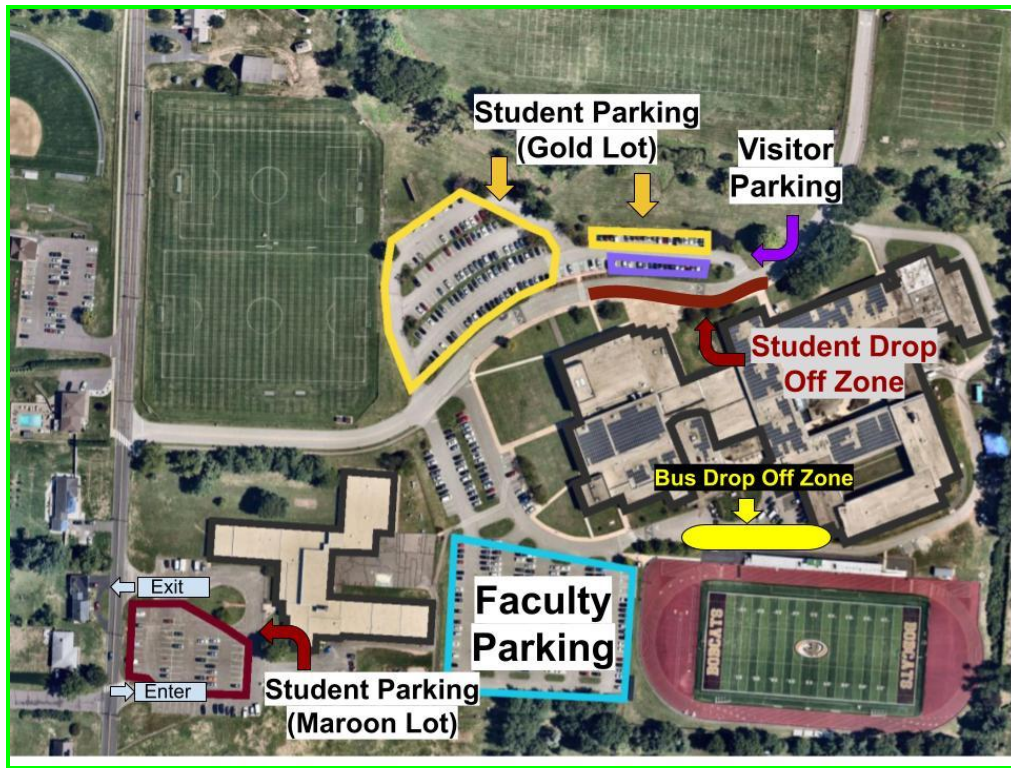
Locker Information: Students can request a locker by completing a [locker request google form](#). This form will be active during the month of September and lockers can be requested at any point during the first month of school. We encourage students to see where their classes are located *before* selecting a locker so they can pick one near a majority of their classes. Students must provide their own locks. A QR code to access the google form will be displayed on posters throughout the school and the form will also be posted on the school website. Students taking Physical Education classes or participating in athletics will also have access to a locker in the gym locker room area. Students must bring in a separate lock for their gym locker.

Fall Sports: If your child is interested in participating in fall SWHS athletics this year (and if you have not done so already), you must register through ECollect in the Parent Portal. You will need to submit a Physician's Statement dated after June 1, 2023 and the sports participation fee (payable to "SWHS") prior to August 3rd for football and August 18th for all other fall sports. Additional information regarding fall athletics (including the fall sports tryouts schedule) is [available on our school website](#) under the "Athletics" tab. Questions regarding athletics can be referred to the Director of Athletics David Sytulek at dsytulek@swindsor.k12.ct.us.

General Questions: For general questions, feel free to contact the main office at 860-648-5000. Our office staff will be able to assist and/or direct you to the best person to help. The office summer hours are 8:00 am - 2:00 pm and during the school year from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. If you wish to contact your child's school counselor or administrator, please see the contact information below.

Grade Level Administrators Contact Information		
Associate Principal Elizabeth Devaney	Grades 10 - 12, A - K	edevaney@swindsor.12.ct.us
Associate Principal Tera Harlow	Grades 10 - 12, L - Z	tharlow@swindsor.k12.ct.us
Associate Principal Timothy Zeuschner	Grade 9	tzeuschner@swindsor.k12.ct.us

Morning Drop-Off



Afternoon Dismissal

