Dear SFHS Parents & Guardians,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer! We are thrilled to welcome your student back to Spanish Fork High School for the 2024-2025 school year. This year is particularly special as we embark on a new chapter in our brand-new school building. It's an incredible facility that we can't wait to share with you! To commemorate this unique opportunity, we have chosen "Pave the Way" as our school theme for the year. Join us as we uphold our traditions and pave new pathways for the future!

We are excited to welcome all our students back to school, especially those new to SFHS this year! Below is important information to help you prepare for the upcoming school year. Administration and Counselors will be available full-time starting August 8, 2024, to answer any questions and assist with the items listed below.

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Upcoming Important Dates

- Monday, July 29th: School Fees and Parking Passes available for payment
- Thursday, August 1st: Schedules available online to registered students
- Monday, August 12th: Back to School Orientation Night from 4:00 6:00 pm
- Monday, August 12th: School Picture Day during Back to School Night (4:00 6:00 pm)
- Wednesday, August 14th: First Day of School (A Day) bell rings at 7:50 am

First Day of School

We will officially start the new school year on Wednesday, August 14th, at 7:50 am. We look forward to having you with us. Please see the Bell Schedule (linked here) for more details.

Back to School Orientation Night

Orientation Night will be held on Monday, August 12th, from 4:00-6:00 pm. All students and parents are invited to find classrooms, meet teachers, and visit the school. Teachers will be in their classrooms for visits. We encourage all students to attend to get to know the new Spanish Fork High. Maps of the school will be available.

Online Registration

Online registration for the 2024-25 school year opened this spring in Infinite Campus. Please click on the following link if you still need to complete the registration process: Nebo Registration. The online registration process consists of providing or verifying your student's information and electronically signing any documents required by the district and state.

If you have moved, please upload your new proof of residency into Infinite Campus. New students will need to upload a birth certificate, proof of residency, and current immunizations. These documents must be uploaded to complete the online registration process.

Your student will be enrolled in classes after the school verifies that the online registration process is complete and all required documentation has been provided. If you need assistance, SFHS staff will be available July 31st through August 7th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm each day. You may also call our counseling office at 801-798-4067 for questions regarding registration. Student schedules will be available on August 1st in Infinite Campus.

School Fees

School fees may be paid online at My School Fees beginning July 29th. Other items, such as the Chromebook Protection Plan and yearbooks, can also be paid through My School Fees under "optional fees." All credit card transactions, whether in person or online, will incur a \$2 fee as directed by district finance policy.

Fee Waiver Information

Applications for fee waivers need to be filled out annually; last year's application will not be valid for this school year. Students may receive a fee waiver for the following reasons:

- Family receives TANF (financial assistance or food stamps)
- Student receives Supplemental Security Income (qualified child with disabilities)
- Student qualifies for McKinney-Vento
- Student is in Foster Care (under Utah or local governmental supervision) or State Custody
- Student is eligible based on family/household income verification
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

Please bring the required income verification and the application (<u>English Fee Waiver Application</u>) to one of SFHS's administrators. Administrators will be available at the school for Fee Waivers August 5th-6th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

School Lunch

If you believe your student may qualify for Free/Reduced Meals, you will need to submit a Meal Benefits Application to qualify for free or reduced-price meals for the 2024-25 school year. Qualification is based on factors including household size, income, participation in assistance programs such as SNAP, FDPIR, and TANF, as well as living situations such as homelessness and migrancy.

Online applications are now available. You may access an application by going to your Infinite Campus Menu, then scrolling down to More and clicking on Meal Benefits. Any application signed before July 15th does not pertain to the 2024-25 school year. Households must apply every year to confirm eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. If you do not qualify, school meals are available at the paid rate of:

Breakfast: \$1.50Lunch: \$2.50

Parking Passes

With the completion of the new school, we have more parking spaces than in the last few years. However, a Parking Pass is still required to park on campus during school hours. Beginning July 29th, you can get a parking pass by filling out this <u>Google Form</u> with all the requested information. Then, you will need to pay the \$10 fee to the finance office. Passes will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. You must have a valid driver's license to be issued a parking pass. Completing the form does not guarantee a parking pass—you must also pay the \$10 fee before a pass will be issued.

Counseling/Schedule Changes

Schedules will be available for students who have completed their online registration and paid fees on August 1st. Students who need to make class change requests will need to follow directions that will be sent via email before August 1 from the counselors. These instructions will also be on the Counseling Website (SFHS Counseling). Please refer to this website for details, class change fee dates, etc. To serve as many students as possible, the counselors will only accept schedule requests through this online process and will not conduct any in-person class changes. A \$10 class change fee will be required starting the first day of school.

Lockers

Once again, we will not be assigning lockers to every student this year. However, if you would like a locker, you can request one by coming to the front office and signing up with Mrs. Hales.

Picture Day

Picture Day will be during **Back to School Night** on Monday, August 12th, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (this is different from previous years). Picture order forms will be available that afternoon/evening. All students will be asked to get their picture taken. Appropriate school attire is required. Hats or sunglasses are not permitted.

Advisory Period/Don Hour

LINKED HERE, you will find the Bell Schedules for this year. We are excited to continue our advisory period between 2nd and 3rd periods on Tuesdays. At Spanish Fork High School, our motto is "Here We Learn for LIFE" where LIFE is an acronym for Learn, Interact, Focus, Empower. During the advisory period, teachers will share LIFE lessons with our students to help them develop these skills.

Research has shown that students' learning increases when they feel they have at least one adult in the school as an advocate for them. During advisory, teachers will guide students' improved study habits and teach them the necessary skills to advocate for themselves. We encourage all students to attend consistently and engage in the class! Students who attend regularly will earn .25 credits at the end of the year (it will show up as a Pass/Fail grade on 4th term). Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Additionally, we will have nine Wednesdays during the year designated as Don Hour days. On these days, students will be dismissed at 1:50 pm to work with teachers in classes where they need extra help. Teachers will be present to assist students from 1:50 pm - 3:30 pm.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer! We will see you on August 12th for our Back to School Orientation Night and on August 14th for the First Day of School!

Sincerely,

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