

“Transitioning Your Child to Susquehannock High School”

2021-2022 Quick Reference Sheet

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Welcome to the ‘Warrior Nation’ of Susquehannock High School! Transitioning from middle school to high school presents unique challenges to students and parents alike. During the course of their high school career, your child will face increased academic expectations/demands, wrestle with social challenges as they continue to develop their values and norms, and finally, they will face the pressure of making decisions for life after high school as they near their graduation in 2025.

The staff at Susquehannock High School recognizes the challenges facing students and parents from each incoming class. In an effort to mitigate these stressors, we have developed this quick reference sheet for you. It is in chronological order to best guide you during your child(ren)’s transition to SHS.

Timeframe	What should I expect? / Who to contact with questions?
May/June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMS Special Education teachers set up IEP transition meetings with SHS counselors, administrators, and teachers as necessary. SHS Fall coaches will visit SMS at various times in the month of May to sign students up for Fall sports. Incoming 9th Graders should listen to the daily announcements for more information.
June/July	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSS of York and the SHS Athletic Department will conduct sports physicals for students wishing to participate in extracurricular sports during the 2021-2022 school year on the following dates: <i>June 12, 2021</i> -- 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm at OSS (Powder Mill Office) <i>July 14, 2021</i> -- 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm at OSS (Powder Mill Office) Sports physical paperwork will be handed out by coaches during sign ups at SMS, and are available in the SMS and SHS Main Office or on this link to the SHS Athletic Department’s webpage https://www.sycsd.org/domain/65. The cost of OSS physicals is \$15.00 per child. Please have all information on the physical forms completed prior to arriving to the physical. Questions about physicals can be directed to our Athletic Director, Mr. Brad Keeney at brad.keeney@sycsd.org or via telephone at (717)235-4811, ext. 4570. </div> </div>
<p>Do you have questions/concerns for the School Nurse?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Melinda Landis, our SHS Nurse, works intermittently throughout the summer to review student health records and make preparations for the school year. Should you have any healthcare concerns, you are welcome to contact her via email at melinda.landis@sycsd.com
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>August 2, 2021</i> -- SHS Marching Band Camp begins <i>Week of August 2, 2021</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Students and parents receive their annual summer mailing. The SHS Summer

	<p>mailing contains detailed information regarding the start of school.</p> <p>2. Student schedules will be available in Sapphire. Directions for accessing Sapphire can be found at: Sapphire Parent Portal</p> <p>3. Parents will receive a ‘Welcome Back’ letter via email that will include SHS Student Handbook information and Chromebook information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● August 9, 2021 -- SHS Varsity Football heat acclimation begins. ● Week of August 9, 2020 -- LINK Crew Leaders will reach out to all 9th Graders during the week of August 9, 2021 via telephone. Our LINK Crew leaders are students who volunteer to act as mentors to our ninth grade students. LINK leaders work to support freshman academic success, increase student engagement, and connect with their freshman mentees to provide individual support. ● August 16, 2021 -- The official start of the 2020-2021 Fall Sports season. ● August 17, 2021 -- SHS Back to School Night @ 6 pm. This evening program is an excellent way to meet your child’s teachers, receive a brief overview of the courses your child is enrolled in, and learn more about the opportunities available to your child at SHS. Clubs will also have sign up sheets in the hallways for students to sign up to participate. ● August 18, 2021 -- LINK Crew Leaders and SHS Staff will welcome the Class of 2025 to Susquehannock High School. During this day, LINK Crew leaders will conduct team building activities, provide tours of the building, discuss the daily life of a high school student at SHS, discuss how to utilize the resources available to SHS students and how to get involved at SHS, and many more topics. Students will also meet their teachers on this day and be issued their Chromebooks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTE: LINK Crew leaders will continue to meet with their LINK Crew groups throughout the school year to assist in your child’s transition to SHS. ● August 19, 2021 -- SHS welcomes back the entirety of the Warrior Nation. SHS students will run a modified schedule for homerooms to bond and to complete any miscellaneous 2021-2022 school year paperwork.
<p>Getting Involved at SHS</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SHS hosts a variety of student clubs each school year. Some clubs maintain membership from year to year such as Creative Writing Club, Ski Club, Envirothon, while others may only exist for a few years. Clubs are student generated and supervised by a SHS staff member who volunteers their time to provide students with an outlet for their passions and talents. A full list of the clubs offered during the 2021-2022 school year can be found on the ‘Organizations’ tab of the SHS website. This list will be updated during the summer. ● SHS Clubs will have sign up boards posted in the hallways during SHS ‘Back to School Night’ and during the first two weeks of school.
<p>September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will begin to ‘feel at home’ with the daily schedules of SHS. SHS students follow two types of daily bell schedules. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SHS operates on a traditional fifty (50) minutes per class bell schedule on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. 2. SHS operates on a Development Day schedule on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During the development day period (between 2nd and 3rd periods), students will go to their homerooms for the following: 1) receive a pass to go work with one of their teachers on class work; 2) complete make up work such as tests and quizzes; 3) work on upcoming assignments; 4) review their grades with their homeroom teacher; 5) meet with their LINK Crew leaders; 6) attend Sectionals (Thursdays); 7) attend club/organizational meetings. ● September 17, 2021 -- Mid-Point of First Marking Period

Academic Resources Available to Students



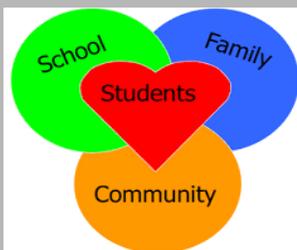
- Susquehannock High School provides a number of academic resources for all students. If your child finds themselves struggling academically, we would advise students and parents to take the following steps:
 1. Speak to your child's teacher. SHS teachers will schedule a time to meet with your child during development day, before school, and after school as schedules permit.
 2. NHS Tutors are available after school in the SHS Library on most Mondays and Wednesdays to work with students in core academic areas such as Math, English, Social Studies, and Science.
 3. NHS tutors are available on a limited basis throughout the year to work individually to support students.
 4. Speak to a counselor to set up a meeting with all your child's teachers to discuss your concerns.
- If your child is struggling with meeting writing expectations, it is highly recommended that students utilize the Susky Writing Center. The Writing Center is located in the SHS Library and open to all SHS students. The Writing Center is staffed by select SHS students who have demonstrated strong writing skills and a desire to serve. Supervised by Mrs. Corrieri, our SHS Librarian, Susky Writing Center students provide their fellow students with feedback and support on research reports, essays, and lab reports. Students can make an appointment at [Susky Writing Center Link](#).

October



- SHS 9th Graders will begin to meet with their counselors during the month of October to discuss their high school transition. Students should check their emails on a daily basis as their counselors will schedule appointments via email.
- **October 1, 2021** -- SHS Homecoming Game @ 7:00 pm.
- **October 2, 2021** -- SHS Student Council Homecoming Dance @ 6:00 pm. All students are welcome to attend. Students should watch the morning announcements for information about the dance, how to purchase tickets, and procedures for bringing a guest.
- **October 6, 2021** and **October 7, 2021** -- Parent Teacher Conferences (*conferences will be held in the evenings*) The SHS Counseling Office will send information to all parents via email after mid-marking period grades are released.
- **October 22, 2021** -- First Marking Period Report Cards will be available to students and parents on Sapphire.

Other Resources Available to Students



- **Student Assistance Program (SAP)** - SAP is a voluntary program that is available to offer supportive services to students experiencing academic, behavioral, and/or emotional difficulties that may pose barriers to school success. Students can be referred to SAP by parents/guardians, school personnel, peers, or through self-referrals. Referrals can be made through [this form](#) or by contacting your student's school counselor or assistant principal directly. The program is run by the SAP Team which is composed of specially trained teachers, administrators, school counselors, and mental health and/or drug and alcohol consultants.

The goal of the program is to work with students and their parents to offer support and recommendations. When a student is referred to the SAP program and permission is given, they will undergo team planning, referral and/or intervention, and then support and follow up. Parent and student involvement is vital in the SAP process. Where barriers are beyond the scope of the school, the team can provide information so that families may access community resources. The initial assessments and school interventions are provided by credentialed SAP professionals

	<p>free of charge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety and Security - The Southern York County School District and Southern York County Regional Police Department work collaboratively to ensure the safety and security of all SYCSD students. Should you require assistance, please feel free to contact Officer William Hansom at william.hanson@syncsd.org or at (717) 235-4811, extension 7361.
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 19, 2021 -- The official start of SHS Winter sports season. • November 23, 2021 -- Mid-Point of Second Marking Period • November 24th through November 29th -- No School
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week of December 6, 2021 -- Keystone Make-up Exams • December 24th through January 2nd -- No School
January and February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 7, 2022 -- Second Marking Period Ends • January 14, 2022 -- Report Cards Available on Parent Portal • SHS counselors will work in collaboration with your child to develop a 10th Grade schedule that meets your child's needs and the academic requirements to ensure your child is matriculating towards graduation in 2025. • Students and parents can access the 2022-2023 Course Curriculum Guide on the SHS Counseling page of the SHS website. • Should you have questions or concerns during the scheduling process, please feel free to contact your child's SMS counselor or contact your child's future SHS counselor (SHS counselors are assigned by last name): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-D Mrs. Kate Miklos -- extension 4523 E-K Mrs. Erin O'Connor Rudman -- extension 4525 L-R Mr. Matthew Shervington -- extension 4524 S-Z Ms. Courtney Koons -- extension 4522 • February 9, 2022 -- Mid-Point of Third Marking Point • February 16, 2022 and February 17, 2022 Parent Teacher Conferences (<i>conferences will be held in the evenings</i>) The SHS Counseling Office will send information to all parents via email after the second marking period grades are released.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 6, 2022 - The official start of SHS Spring sports season • March 16, 2022 - Third Marking Period Ends • March 23, 2022 - Report Cards Available on Parent Portal
April and May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 13th through April 18th -- No School (NOTE: April 13th and April 14th are designated snow make-up days) • Week of May 16th -- Keystone Exams • Week of May 23rd -- Final Exams • May 26, 2022 -- Last Day of School (tentative)
SHS Contact Directory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If at anytime, you or your child needs assistance, please feel free to contact us. Below is a 'quick sheet' of SHS contacts to assist you. If you do not see the staff member on the list below, please use the SHS Staff directory on our school website. <p style="text-align: center;">Susquehannock High School -- (717) 235-4811</p> <p>Principal -- Kevin Molin, Ed. D. -- kevin.molin@syncsd.org or ext. 4510 Assistant Principal -- Melissa Bell, Ed. D. -- melissa.bell@syncsd.org or ext. 4511</p>



Assistant Principal -- James Sterner -- james.sterner@sycsd.org or 4512
Athletic Director -- Brad Keeney -- brad.keeney@sycsd.org or ext. 4570
School Nurse -- Melinda Landis -- melinda.landis@sycsd.org or ext. 4515
SHS Office -- Kristy Ehlke -- kristy.ehlke@sycsd.org or ext. 4500
SHS Office -- Natalie Hynoski -- natalie.hynoski@sycsd.org or ext. 4501
SHS Attendance -- Karin Redmer -- karin.redmer@sycsd.org or ext. 4502
SYCSD Social Worker -- Jill Platts -- jill.platts@sycsd.org or ext. 4571
SHS Counseling Office -- Grace Myers -- grace.myers@sycsd.org or ext. 4520
SHS Counseling Office -- Samantha Whittie -- samantha.whittie@sycsd.org or ext. 4521
School Resource Officer --- William Hanson --- william.hanson@sycsd.org or ext. 7361