



Swartz Creek High School Family Newsletter

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District Mission Statement: *Swartz Creek Community Schools is a family committed to excellence, instilling the values of integrity and compassion, and encouraging every individual to embrace challenges through continuous learning*

Upcoming Events & Planning Ahead

9/4/26 No School

9/7/26 No School-Labor Day

9/8/26 HS Open House 6-7

9/15/26 Powderpuff Game for Juniors and Seniors

9/18/26 Homecoming Parade at 5 and Game at 7

9/19/26 Homecoming Dance at The Cage 7-10

Click here to see: [2026-2027 District Calendar](#)

Principal's Message

Dear Swartz Creek High School Students and Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome our Dragons back to Swartz Creek High School! There is nothing quite like seeing our hallways filled with students again, and we are excited to officially have the 2026–2027 school year underway.

As many of our families know, this summer brought a tremendous amount of construction and change to our building. While there are still a few finishing touches taking place, SCHS is coming together more and more each day. We appreciate the patience and flexibility of our students, staff, and families as we complete these final projects and settle into our newly updated spaces.

During our first days together, we have also spent time reviewing expectations, routines, and procedures with students. Above all else, the safety of our students remains our highest priority. We want SCHS to be a place where every student feels safe, supported, and ready to learn. We ask our families to continue partnering with us by reinforcing the importance of following school expectations, making safe choices, treating others with respect, and responding appropriately to the direction of staff. Creating a safe school environment is something we all contribute to each day.

We also have so much to look forward to as September gets underway! Homecoming is right around the corner, and we are excited for a week filled with school spirit, traditions, and opportunities for our students to make memories together. From Powderpuff and our Homecoming activities to the parade, football game, and dance, we hope our students will get involved and enjoy everything that makes being a Dragon special.

Our theme this year at SCHS is Building Our Legacy, and these first few days have been a great reminder that our legacy is built through the choices we make and the way we take care of our school and one another. Every student and staff member plays a role in creating the culture of SCHS, and we are excited to see what we build together this year.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are happy to have our Dragons back home and are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Go Dragons!

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Powerschool Setup

Set up your PowerParent Account and make sure you have access ([Directions for Account Setup](#)) Update your student forms under student profile in PowerSchool. Update your Emergency Contacts and ensure that the information in your account is accurate and up to date. If you have difficulty accessing your PowerSchool Parent Portal account please email Andrea Nagy at anagy@swcrk.org or tech@swcrk.org

Picture Day

School Pictures will be taken at schedule pick up as well as the first day of school. If your child cannot attend schedule pick up on August 20th we will have an opportunity on the first day of school August 31st for all students. Makeup pictures dates will be released soon.

All students will be photographed regardless if you are purchasing photos for the yearbook and their student ID. The link for school picture order forms [SCHS Photo order form link](#).

School Supplies:

Note: Each teacher will provide a class syllabus with specific supply needs for their course. This list includes general items to help students start the year prepared.

Essentials:

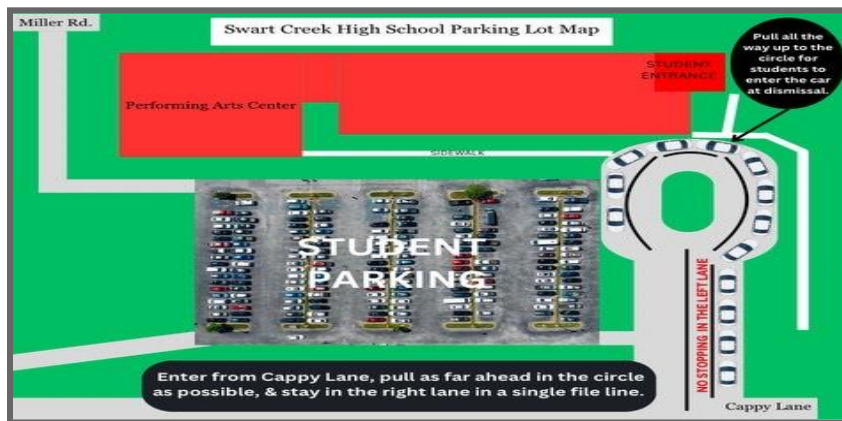
- Backpack or school bag
- Pens (blue, black, and red ink)
- Pencils (mechanical or standard) and erasers
- Highlighters (multiple colors)
- Notebooks (spiral or composition, 1 per core subject recommended)
- Pocket folders or binders with dividers (1 per subject or combined)

Parking Passes and Parking Lot Updates:

Parking permits are **REQUIRED** for all licensed drivers wanting to drive to school at SCHS. Please make sure your **\$25 parking pass** is purchased and your car is registered with the main office. Parking passes will be available starting at schedule pick up **August 20th**. This policy is to ensure the safety of those at our school and our school grounds. You **WILL NOT** be permitted to park on school grounds without the purchase of a parking pass.

Swartz Creek High School Drop-Off & Pick-Up Map

Parents please make sure you are using the designated parent drop off. Please **DO NOT** drop students off in the front of the building between 7am-7:20am on Dragon Dr. This is **NOT** a drop off location and will cause confusion with the busses at the High School.



Transcript Requests:

You ***must*** request transcripts through Parchment. Please create your Parchment account now. Simply click the logo to be taken to the Parchment website to create your account if you haven't already done so. [Parchment Website](#)

Electronic Devices

As we begin the new school year, we want to remind families about Swartz Creek High School's expectations regarding cell phones and other electronic devices.

The State of Michigan has enacted legislation requiring school districts to establish and implement policies addressing the use of wireless communication devices during school hours. The purpose of this legislation is to reduce distractions, improve student focus, and support a learning environment where students can fully engage with their teachers, classmates, and instruction. Swartz Creek High School's policy is in accordance with Michigan law. During the school day, students are expected to put away and refrain from using cell phones and other personal electronic devices, including smartwatches, headphones, etc. except when an exception applies under school policy.

There are two important exceptions at the high school:

- Lunch: Students may use their personal electronic devices during the designated lunch period.
- Staff permission: A staff member may authorize the use of an electronic device when it is needed for instructional purposes or legitimate school business. This permission is limited to the specific instructional or school-related purpose identified by the staff member.

We recognize that phones are an important part of communication for many families. However, during instructional time, our priority is creating an environment where students can focus on learning without the distractions associated with personal electronic devices.

We appreciate our parents and guardians partnering with us by reinforcing these expectations at home. If you need to contact your student during the school day, please use the school's established communication procedures rather than contacting your student directly through their cell phone. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide a focused, productive, and positive learning environment for all Swartz Creek High School students.

From the District Nurse

If your child has to take medication during the school year please stop by the office to fill out appropriate forms and bring in the medication in their original bottles. DO NOT send medication in with students. This is a safety concern and against district policy. [Links to the medical forms can be found here.](#) Link: <https://www.swartzcreek.org/page/health>



My goal is your child's health & safety, and your help is needed to achieve this goal. If your child has a health condition or allergy, please add the information to their online registration profile, inform the school, and visit the Health Information page on the Swartz Creek Community Schools website under the District Menu for the required paperwork.

- ★ All medication authorizations and health plans are required to be updated every school year
- ★ Your information is our best resource for keeping your child safe here at school

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL:

Many illnesses do not require exclusion. However, children may be excluded if the illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in school activities or if there is risk of spread of harmful disease to others. These criteria also apply to when staff should be excluded.



SEVERELY ILL:

- Lethargic, difficulty breathing, or rapidly spreading rash



FEVER 101°F OR GREATER:

- The child should not return until there is no fever for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications



DIARRHEA:

- 2 or more loose watery stools
- The child should have no loose stools for 24 hours prior to returning to school unless the health care provider determines it's not infectious



VOMITING:

- Vomited 2 or more times
- The child should have no vomiting episodes for 24 hours prior to returning unless the health care provider has determined the vomiting is not due to an infectious condition



ABDOMINAL PAIN:

- Pain that continues for more than 2 hours or intermittent pain associated with fever or other symptoms



RASH:

- Rash AND a fever or change in behavior



RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS:

- Worsening or not improving, and not explained by another cause (e.g., allergies/asthma)



SKIN SORES:

- Weeping sores on an exposed area that cannot be covered with a waterproof dressing



REPORTING: Please report all absences and reason for absence to school office for disease reporting.

YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH IS ESSENTIAL FOR LEARNING!
WHEN PARENTS, STAFF, & SCHOOL NURSES WORK TOGETHER,

STUDENTS THRIVE!



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OUR DRAGONS
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THE SCHOOL NURSE:

- ✓ Assist with student medical needs throughout district
- ✓ Provide staff training on medical conditions, medications, medical emergency response
- ✓ Case management
- ✓ Policy and procedure review
- ✓ Monitor illness trends throughout the district, community, and country



Food Service

Exciting News for Swartz Creek Community Schools!

Even though the state of Michigan has yet to determine the continuation of the Michigan School Meals Program, Swartz Creek Community Schools WILL continue to offer FREE breakfast and lunch to ALL students in grades pre-K through 12!

★ We need your help! ★

Please fill out the Education Benefit Form through the [Meal Magic Family Portal](#). Gathering this information is crucial for determining eligibility for Summer Food Service Programs, and ensuring our schools receive full access to federal and state funding for educational programs.

Parents can create an account or just fill out the form without creating one. Please ONLY add children who are currently registered with Swartz Creek Schools. Any other children in another District or not yet registered should be added to the “number of members in the household”. [Family Portal Instructions](#)

The Meal Magic Family Portal is also a fantastic resource for families. Here, you can set up accounts for your children to deposit money, view purchases, transfer funds between children, and set restrictions. Both the Middle and High School offer a la carte items for all students, whether they bring a lunch or eat a free meal, they can purchase additional items for lunch. Menus are available on the food service page under the NutriSlice tab, detailing nutritional value, calories, macros, and allergens.

Transportation Information for the 2026–2027 School Year

As we prepare for the new school year, please take a moment to review the important transportation reminders below:

Bus route details—including your student’s bus number, bus color, driver name, and estimated pick-up time—will be available through the StopFinder app. To help ensure a smooth start to the year, students should plan to be at their bus stop at least 10 minutes before their scheduled pick-up time. Scheduled times may vary slightly the first few weeks as routines are established.

If Your Student No Longer Needs Transportation Please log into PowerSchool and indicate that transportation is no longer required. **StopFinder App Setup & Support** If the primary parent/guardian listed in PowerSchool has not yet received a StopFinder invitation, please email the Transportation Department at transportation@swcrk.org with your student’s name to request one. Please do not download the app until you receive the invitation email, as it includes specific setup instructions. More info and setup instructions can be found at:

 <https://www.stopfinder.com>

 Video tutorial: <https://www.stopfinder.com/parent-how-it-works/>

If you're having trouble logging in:

- Uninstall and reinstall the app
- Log in using the email on file
- Tap "Forgot Password" to reset

For any transportation-related questions, please contact our Transportation Office at 810-591-2113. We appreciate your help in ensuring a safe and smooth start to the new school year!

Handbook Highlights:

Swartz Creek High School's Administrative Team, Teachers, and Support Staff are committed to creating a positive learning environment that encourages academic excellence and supports the physical and emotional well-being of our students. With this goal in mind, there are several student handbook policies that need to be re-emphasized or introduced for the 2026-2027 school year. These policies will be implemented with fidelity to ensure a renewed commitment to our goals. [Link to New Handbook will be coming soon](#)

Peer Tutoring

We will be starting our peer tutoring program after the first couple weeks of school on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 in the Media Center for anyone who needs extra academic help.



PEER TUTORS WANTED!

Help a classmate. Make a difference.

PEER-TO-PEER TUTORING
WEDNESDAYS
2:30-3:30 PM
MEDIA CENTER

★ **WHY BECOME A TUTOR?** ★

 NHS SERVICE HOURS Your tutoring time can count toward NHS hours.	 EARN PBIS TICKETS Earn PBIS tickets for each hour you tutor.	 GRADUATION CORD Tutor for 20 hours and earn a graduation cord!
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Interested? Sign up to become a peer tutor!

Volunteer Forms

VOLUNTEER REMINDER: A **Volunteer/ ICHAT form** is encouraged to be submitted yearly for those parents wishing to volunteer for certain events. These forms are kept on file at the school in anticipation of those opportunities.

A background check **is required to be completed 5-7 days prior to EACH event.** (By having the form on file it speeds up the process when background checks need to be run.)

Travel Opportunities

We're thrilled to announce our upcoming trip to Berlin, Prague, Krakow, Budapest, and Vienna in Summer 2028, and your student is invited! This life-changing experience will help students build confidence, independence, and global perspective. This trip is open to all current 7-11th graders and their families.

We're holding a one-time informational meeting to share everything you need to know—and spots on this trip are limited:

👉 Find meeting info and RSVP here: <https://rsvp.efours.com/zesc64n>

Why attend?

- Learn how to save \$250 with early enrollment.
- Get first access to limited spots.
- Learn about what we'll see and do, academic opportunities, trip cost, and more.

In the meantime, please visit [EF's website](#) to get answers to common parent questions.

EF Tours is our trusted travel partner, and they have 60 years of experience helping students explore the world safely and affordably. I hope to see you there and look forward to sharing how this trip can be a powerful and unforgettable chapter in your child's life! Follow our travel Instagram page to see what these trips are all about!

@schs_globetrotters

Assistant Principals:

Contact your AP with any student-related or discipline concerns:

10th and 12th grade - Mr. Attwood jattwood@swcrk.org

9th and 11th grade - Mrs. Hart ahart@swcrk.org

Counselors:

Contact your counselors with any of your academic, social, and emotional counseling needs:

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[Main Website Link](#) - General Information

[Athletic Boosters](#) - Supports all teams HS & MS