



September 28, 2026

Dear Middle School Parents,

NEW MS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- School pictures are ready for students to pick up in MS office. Retakes will be Oct. 14th.
- Check out Season 2 - Episode 1 of *Chloe and Ella's Weekly Breakdown*, the MS News podcast created by two 7th graders for their Genius Hour project. <https://sgs.org/chloe-and-ellas-weekly-breakdown-episode-1-cloned-33821/>
 - New posts are added every other week to the MS News Page.
- We have some fun SGS traditions coming up!
 - **8th grade Adventure Race** during PE (11:35pm) on **Friday, Oct. 2**. Parents are welcome to come watch!
 - **Oktoberfest** lunch organized by the SGS Parent Association, on **Wednesday, Oct. 7**, after the morning PSAT for grades 8-11, and theme activities for grades 6-7, then the **2nd Annual Dragon Games** in the afternoon.
 - **MS Theme Day Field Trips on Monday, Oct. 12**
 - 6th graders need to bring their bikes and helmets next week (Oct. 5 or 6) to prepare (see parent email sent 9/25)
 - 6th grade – Bike trip along the Centennial Trail; Theme: River Connections
 - 7th grade – Locations TBA; Theme: Ecology and Sustainability
 - 8th grade – Locations TBA; Theme – Empathy and Connections
- ~~October 14~~ - Sound System Benefit Concert and Senior Night 7pm moved to Jan. 21
- Make sure to sign up for your Parent/Student/Teacher conferences on October 22-23. We will only be offering in-person conferences. See Michelle's email on September 24th for more information.
- Join MS Info and News Edsby group - <https://sgs.edsby.com/p/Place/155918115>

Reminders and Resources

- MS Sports are well underway! The coaches send out weekly updates to the families of the players, and everyone can see updated schedules at <https://www.sgsdragonathletics.com/> and/or download the Mascot Media app.
- **Volunteers Needed: Booster Club Concessions**
 - Our concession stand runs on volunteer power - and we need more hands on deck! Working a shift in the concession stand is wonderful way to boost school spirit and to fundraise for our

athletic programs. Shifts are just a few hours and no experience necessary - we will show you the ropes. Sign up today - even one shift makes a big difference! [SGS Booster Club: Concession Stand Volunteers](#)

- **Win at Social** - This is an interactive program for digital citizenship. Sixth and seventh-grade students will have one lesson per month with Sara Smith, the secondary librarian. All SGS K-12 parents may create their own account and check out all the resources, visit <https://thesocialinstitute.com/social-toolkit/>, select "Activate Account", and our school code is 16571C3E0E310D.
- **Bus information** - <https://sgs.org/home/parent-portal/bus-information/>
 - Bus Intro Letter and Expectations - <https://sgs.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/John-Bus-Service-Information-Letter-Rules.pdf>
 - Bus Routes - <https://sgs.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Latest-Route-Times-and-Late-Take-2026-27.pdf>
 - Please note that the school driveway is crowded in the morning. If you are chauffeuring your child to school, please plan to arrive before 8:15am, drive cautiously on campus, and yield to the buses when they arrive. You may also choose to use the shuttle stop at the Fairwood Shopping Center. At the end of the day, there will be a line that runs up the driveway, please be patient, it clears by about 3:15. Please just keep pulling forward as far as you can along the curb, the busses don't use there reserved space in the afternoon, just for drop-off in the morning.
 - Late bus reminders –
 - The Late/Activity Bus is open to all K-12 students, regardless of ridership status. When a student gets on the bus, they need to be able to tell the driver which of the Late/Activity stops they are using).
 - There will not be a late bus on Fridays, please plan ahead.

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, Sept. 29** – 7/8th grade trip to the Central Library (parent letter sent 9/14)
- **Wednesday, Sept. 29** –
 - H block-
 - Win at Social (Mr. Kangas' tutorial)
 - 8th grade PSAT computer connectivity check
 - Break – Dragon Teams announcement in US courtyard
 - Literary Magazine Club meets during lunch in Taylor's room, open to 7/8th graders
- **Friday, Oct. 2** –
 - 8th grade Adventure Race during PE (11:35) - parents can watch!
 - H block – all MS in theater for Author visit (Lora Senf)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES THROUGH QUARTER 1

See "**THIS WEEK**" section above for items in the current week.

- October 6 –
 - 8 period day

- 6th grade Bike lesson in PE (bring bikes and helmets to school on Oct. 5 any time before 5:30 or by 8:20 on Oct. 6, see parent letter sent 9/25)
- October 7 –
 - Morning
 - PSAT Testing for 8-11th grades
 - 6-7th grade community service (parent letter to be sent)
 - Lunch – Oktoberfest – Potluck lunch for grades 6-12
 - Afternoon – 3rd Annual Dragon Games
- October 8 –
 - 8 period day
 - 6th grade Bike lesson in PE
- October 9 – No School, Teacher in-service
- October 12 – MS Theme Day
 - 6th grade – Bike trip along the Centennial Trail; Theme: River Connections (parent email sent 9/25)
 - 7th grade – Locations TBA; Theme: Ecology and Sustainability (parent email to be sent)
 - 8th grade – Locations TBA; Theme – Empathy and Connections (parent email to be sent)
- ~~October 14 – Sound System Benefit Concert and Senior Night 7pm~~ moved to Jan. 21
- October 14 – Picture Retakes
- October 16 –
 - Grandparents and Special Friends Day
 - Last day of Quarter 1
- October 22-23 – K-12 Conferences (no classes)
- October 30 - 7/8th grade Movie Social, 3:20-5:20, Dragon Room

Go Dragons!



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