



South River High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

Exciting would be the best word to describe our new school year. A great amount of effort was made this summer to freshen up our school. Our stadium has a new turf field, we finally have air conditioning in our gym and new doors have been installed in our main hallways. You will quickly notice our front entrance has a new security vestibule. Although our check in procedures will remain the same, this added buffer should increase school security.

Our staff has had more changes than we normally experience. Thankfully, we have been fortunate to find highly qualified replacements for our vacancies. Our most notable retiree, Mr. George Beaumont, long time Assistant Principal, whose expertise and wisdom will be missed.

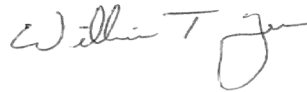
South River is a school in transition. As many of you know, this is the last year we will be receiving students from our Crofton feeder system. At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, all 9th and 10th grade Crofton students will attend the new Crofton High School. Over the next four years, our population will decrease from over 2,200 students to around 1,700. As the decline in population is gradual, the impact will not be dramatic.

Our school has been recognized by the U.S. News and World Report magazine as the 16th best high school in the State of Maryland and number one in our county. I can assure you we will not rest on our laurels. Although not perfect, we pride ourselves in our service to our students, parents and community.

Our school-wide goals for next year are simple. We will continue to strengthen our positive relationships, improve the performance of students in the “Gap” and increase our number of students who are not chronically absent. If we were to improve just slightly in these three areas, our State report card would rise from four stars to five stars.

I have been honored to serve this school and community and look forward to the new school year with enthusiasm and excitement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William T. Myers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "W".

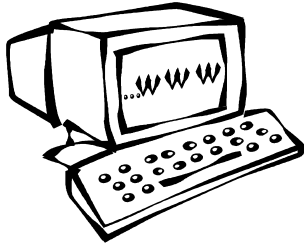
William T. Myers
Principal

**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:
AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER DATES**

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| August 14 | Fall Sports Tryouts |
| August 24 | SAT Administration |
| August 27 | STEM 9th Grade Parent Night, 6:30 |
| August 28 | 9th Grade Parent Information Night, 6:30 |
| September 2 | Schools are Closed |
| September 3 | School is Open for 9th Graders Only |
| September 3, 5, 6, 13, 19, 20 | Senior Pictures, 2:30-8:00 PM |
| September 4 | School is Open for All Students |
| September 9, 10, 11 | Evening High Registration, 4:00-8:00 |
| September 11 | Class Ring Breakfast, 8:00 AM, Cafeteria |
| September 12 | Back to School Night, 6:30 |
| September 16 & 18 | SAT Prep. Class, 5:30 PM—9:30 |
| September 17 | Evening High School Begins |
| September 18 | Senior Parent Information Night, 6:30 |
| September 23 & 24 | Underclass Pictures |
| September 23 | Homecoming Tickets Sales during NEST |
| September 27 | Multi-Cultural Block Party, 5:30 |
| September 30 | Rosh Hashanah, Schools are Closed |
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Report Card and Interim Distribution Dates

.....Report Cards Distribution.....November 20, 2019
Interims Sent Home.....October 7, 2019



If you need to get in touch with a teacher regarding your child, please feel free to e-mail the teacher. Many of our teachers find e-mail much easier to correspond with parents. Below is our list of all e-mail addresses for our teachers.

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2019-2020 A/B Day Calendar

| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Week 1 | 2-Sep | 3-Sep | 4-Sep | 5-Sep | 6-Sep |
| | H | A | A | B | A |
| Week 2 | 9-Sep | 10-Sep | 11-Sep | 12-Sep | 13-Sep |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 3 | 16-Sep | 17-Sep | 18-Sep | 19-Sep | 20-Sep |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 4 | 23-Sep | 24-Sep | 25-Sep | 26-Sep | 27-Sep |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 5 | 30-Sep | 1-Oct | 2-Oct | 3-Oct | 4-Oct |
| | H | A | B | A | B |
| Week 6 | 7-Oct | 8-Oct | 9-Oct | 10-Oct | 11-Oct |
| | A | B | H | A | B |
| Week 7 | 14-Oct | 15-Oct | 16-Oct | 17-Oct | 18-Oct |
| | A | CONF | B* | A | B |
| Week 8 | 21-Oct | 22-Oct | 23-Oct | 24-Oct | 25-Oct |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 9 | 28-Oct | 29-Oct | 30-Oct | 31-Oct | 1-Nov |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 10 | 4-Nov | 5-Nov | 6-Nov | 7-Nov | 8-Nov |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 11 | 11-Nov | 12-Nov | 13-Nov | 14-Nov | 15-Nov |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 12 | 18-Nov | 19-Nov | 20-Nov | 21-Nov | 22-Nov |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 13 | 25-Nov | 26-Nov | 27-Nov | 28-Nov | 29-Nov |
| | B | A | H | H | H |
| Week 14 | 2-Dec | 3-Dec | 4-Dec | 5-Dec | 6-Dec |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 15 | 9-Dec | 10-Dec | 11-Dec | 12-Dec | 13-Dec |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 16 | 16-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 19-Dec | 20-Dec |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 17 | 23-Dec | 24-Dec | 25-Dec | 26-Dec | 27-Dec |
| | H | H | H | H | H |
| Week 18 | 30-Dec | 31-Dec | 1-Jan | 2-Jan | 3-Jan |
| | H | H | H | A | B |
| Week 19 | 6-Jan | 7-Jan | 8-Jan | 9-Jan | 10-Jan |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 20 | 13-Jan | 14-Jan | 15-Jan | 16-Jan | 17-Jan |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 21 | 20-Jan | 21-Jan | 22-Jan | 23-Jan | 24-Jan |
| | H | A | B | A | B |

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| Week 22 | 27-Jan | 28-Jan | 29-Jan | 30-Jan | 31-Jan |
| | A | B | A | H | B |
| Week 23 | 3-Feb | 4-Feb | 5-Feb | 6-Feb | 7-Feb |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 24 | 10-Feb | 11-Feb | 12-Feb | 13-Feb | 14-Feb |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 25 | 17-Feb | 18-Feb | 19-Feb | 20-Feb | 21-Feb |
| | H | A | B | A | B |
| Week 26 | 24-Feb | 25-Feb | 26-Feb | 27-Feb | 28-Feb |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 27 | 2-Mar | 3-Mar | 4-Mar | 5-Mar | 6-Mar |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 28 | 9-Mar | 10-Mar | 11-Mar | 12-Mar | 13-Mar |
| | A | CONF | B | A | B |
| Week 29 | 16-Mar | 17-Mar | 18-Mar | 19-Mar | 20-Mar |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 30 | 23-Mar | 24-Mar | 25-Mar | 26-Mar | 27-Mar |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 31 | 30-Mar | 31-Mar | 1-Apr | 2-Apr | 3-Apr |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 32 | 6-Apr | 7-Apr | 8-Apr | 9-Apr | 10-Apr |
| | B | A | B | H | H |
| Week 33 | 13-Apr | 14-Apr | 15-Apr | 16-Apr | 17-Apr |
| | H | A | B | A | B |
| Week 34 | 20-Apr | 21-Apr | 22-Apr | 23-Apr | 24-Apr |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 35 | 27-Apr | 28-Apr | 29-Apr | 30-Apr | 1-May |
| | B | H | A | B | A |
| Week 36 | 4-May | 5-May | 6-May | 7-May | 8-May |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 37 | 11-May | 12-May | 13-May | 14-May | 15-May |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 38 | 18-May | 19-May | 20-May | 21-May | 22-May |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 39 | 25-May | 26-May | 27-May | 28-May | 29-May |
| | H | A | B | A | B |
| Week 40 | 1-Jun | 2-Jun | 3-Jun | 4-Jun | 5-Jun |
| | A | B | A | B | A |
| Week 41 | 8-Jun | 9-Jun | 10-Jun | 11-Jun | 12-Jun |
| | B | A | B | A | B |
| Week 42 | 15-Jun | 16-Jun | | | |
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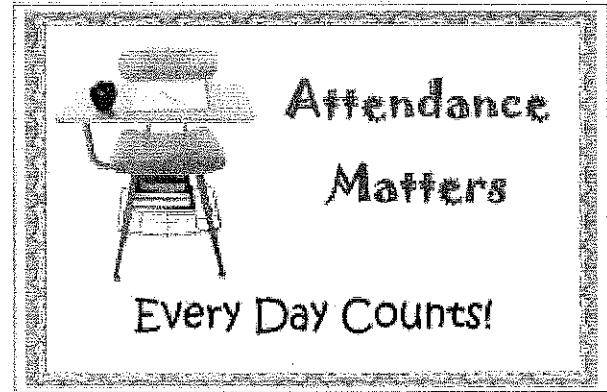
* October 16th, 2019- Middle Schools will be closed for Parent/Teacher Conferences

Attendance

 southriverhi.org/administration/main-office-support-staff/attendance

Upon return to school from any absence, the student shall be required to provide a written note within three school days from a parent or legal guardian. If a note is not provided, the absence shall be recorded as unexcused.

Absences due to illness in excess of five consecutive days must be verified by a physician (*doctor notes may be attached to the parent's explanation*).



The dated note must list the **child's full name** and **student ID** number, the **dates of absence**, an **explanation** of why the child was absent from school, and the **parent/guardian's signature**.

Lawful Reasons for Absence

State Board Bylaw (COMAR) provides that students enrolled in public schools are considered lawfully absent from school for all or any portion of the day, only under the following conditions:

- death in the immediate family (the local school system shall determine what relationships constitute the immediate family)
- illness of the student
- court summons
- hazardous weather conditions which would endanger the health or safety of the student while in transit to and from the school
- work approved or sponsored by a school, the local school system, or the State Department of Education and accepted by the principal
- observance of a religious holiday
- state emergency
- suspension
- lack of authorized transportation — this shall not include students denied authorized transportation for disciplinary reasons
- other emergency or set of circumstances which, in the judgment of the school principal constitutes a good and sufficient cause for absence from school**

A student with lawful absences shall be allowed a reasonable number of days, *at least equivalent to the number of days absent*, to make up work. Consideration for the reason for absence shall be given when determining the numbers of days granted to complete the makeup work.

A student with lawful absences near or at the end of a grading period will receive the grade earned at the time grades are due and be allowed a reasonable number of days, at least equivalent to the number of days absent, to make up work.

Students with unlawful absences may request missed assignments but may not receive credit for this work.

****Extended and pre-planned absences** (such as for medical procedures, family emergencies, etc) require permission from the school principal. Please contact the Attendance Office for information and submit the following form:

Request for Advanced Notification of Absence Form

(Pre-planned/Extended Absences)

Early Dismissal Requests

Early dismissal requests should be reserved for important matters that cannot be accomplished outside of regular school hours. The student **MUST present a note from the parent/guardian to the Attendance Office BEFORE FIRST PERIOD** begins on the day an early dismissal is needed.

Parent/Guardian requests for early dismissal must include the following:

- Date/Time of Dismissal
- **Student's FULL Name and Student ID Number**
- **Time of Early Dismissal**
- Reason for Early Dismissal
- Parent/Guardian Signature
- **Daytime Phone Number for Verification Phone Call**

It is important to include a phone number where the parent/guardian can be reached the morning of the day when an early dismissal is needed. **The Attendance Secretary will call to confirm the request** prior to issuing an early dismissal pass to the student.

– All students leaving early MUST SIGN OUT at the Attendance Office before leaving the building. Failure to report departure may result in disciplinary action.

Parents are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to call ahead when a student needs to be picked up for an *unplanned* early dismissal. **Parents MUST report to the Attendance Office to sign out their child.** Upon parent arrival, the student will be called from the classroom. Please allow extra time if

picking up a student during NEST or while in PE – it may take longer for the student to be located (and to change clothes from PE).

NOTE: Classroom Interruptions Are NOT Permitted During Testing

Tardy Policy

The school day for all students begins promptly at 7:30am.

Students who arrive between 7:30am and 7:45am will sign in at the Welcome Desk at the school main entrance. Students will NOT be admitted to class without a late pass from the desk attendant. Teachers will record the arrival time as appropriate.

Any student who arrives AFTER 7:45am MUST REPORT TO THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE for a pass to class.

If the student presents a note which describes a lawful reason for the late arrival, the tardy will be marked as excused. ***Notes must include: student name, student ID number, date, reason for late arrival, and parent/guardian signature.***

Coming Soon! The New Parent Portal is an easy-to-use tool for communicating student progress that will allow you to take an even more active role in your child's education. Parents and guardians of grades 1-12 students can log onto the secure parent portal to view their child's grades and attendance and request notification to be sent electronically when a class or assignment is missed.

Truancy – a child who is unlawfully absent from school for:

- eight days in a quarter
- fifteen days in any semester
- twenty days in a school year

For more information regarding attendance, please see the AACPS Parent Handbook which was provided to your child at the start of the school year.

[Anne Arundel County Board of Education Policy regarding Absences](#)

For questions regarding your child's attendance, contact the SRHS Attendance Secretary, Ms Caren Price cprice@aacps.org or call 410-956-5600, ext 269.

INFORMATION FROM FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

The new school year is fast approaching and Food & Nutrition has started processing applications for free or reduced price meals. This year any student approved for free or reduced price meals will receive their meals at school at no cost to the family. You can apply using your phone or computer. Go to <https://applyformeals.aacps.org> to apply. If you need some help to complete your application, call 410-222-5900. Someone will be available to help you over the phone from 6:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Kenneth Simcox

Food & Nutrition Services

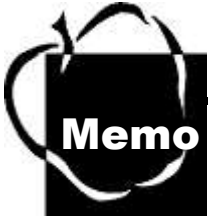
FEDERAL SURVEY CARDS

On Monday, September 30, 2019, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and:

Secondary Schools – return it to Anne Arundel County Public Schools in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

The U.S. Department of Education allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children's names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org. Also, please note that the **complete address of the Parent/Guardian's Employer if they work on Federal Property**, the **complete address of the Federal Property on which they work**, and **each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian**. The Federal Impact Aid Survey form for 2019-2020 will be available to download on September 30, 2019. We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please call Angie Smack in the Finance Office at 410-222-5200.



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To: Principals

From: Monique H. Jackson, NBCT *MHJ*
Deputy Superintendent of
Student & School Support

Subject: **Cameras – Notification**

Date: August 22, 2019

Instructions: **Please review and share with appropriate staff.**

Copies to: Executive Team
Office of School Security

If your building is equipped with ANY FORM of public video surveillance, i.e., entrance cameras, hallway cameras, exterior cameras, parking lot cameras, etc., you **MUST** announce and publicize the following:

“ _____ School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.”

The above should be announced to students and teachers, placed in your next newsletter, and placed in your faculty handbooks. This information is on page 10 in the parent handbook.

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NOTIFICATION
OF AVAILABILITY OF ASBESTOS
MANAGEMENT PLANS

On October 22, 1986, the United States Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The final rule, published October 30, 1987, requires all public and private elementary and secondary schools to address various asbestos issues including inspections, development of management plans, notifications, training, operations and maintenance activities, response action, post-response action activities, re-inspections and periodic surveillance activities that are planned or are in progress.

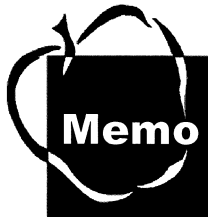
The Anne Arundel County Public Schools' asbestos management program has been structured to fulfill the AHERA requirements. A management plan developed for each facility outlines our program and AHERA compliance activities. All personnel who work in an Anne Arundel County Public Schools facility are instructed to: (1) review the management plan prior to performing work, and (2) not disturb asbestos containing materials. Accredited, licensed asbestos abatement professionals will perform all asbestos-related abatement activities.

For buildings completed after October 12, 1988, our management plan consists of the exclusion documentation including this notification. This documentation indicates that to our knowledge, no asbestos-containing building materials were used or specified in the construction of these buildings. These schools are as follows: Annapolis Elementary, Arnold Elementary, Belle Grove Elementary, Benfield Elementary, Brooklyn Park Middle, Carrie Weedon Early Education Center, Crofton Elementary, Crofton Meadows Elementary, Davidsonville Elementary, Deale Elementary, Ferndale Early Education Center, Folger McKinsey Elementary, Freetown Elementary, Fort Smallwood Elementary, Germantown Elementary, Glendale Elementary, Hebron-Harman Elementary, High Point Elementary, Jacobsville Elementary, Jessup Elementary, Lake Shore Elementary, Lothian Elementary, Manor View Elementary, Marley Elementary, Marley Middle, Mayo Elementary, Meade Heights Elementary, Meade Middle, Mills-Parole Elementary, Nantucket Elementary, Northeast High, Overlook Elementary, Park Elementary, Pasadena Elementary, Pershing Hill Elementary, Phoenix Academy, Piney Orchard Elementary, Point Pleasant Elementary, Ridgeway Elementary, Rolling Knolls Elementary, Ruth Parker Eason Special, Seven Oaks Elementary, Severna Park High, Severna Park Middle, Shipley's Choice Elementary, Solley Elementary, Southgate Elementary, South Shore Elementary, Southern Middle, Tracey's Elementary, West Annapolis Elementary and Windsor Farm Elementary Schools.

School specific management plans are available in each school's administrative office for review. All school plans are available for review in the Facilities Division, located at 9034 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21122-3223. Five (5) working days notification is required to access these plans.

If you have any questions regarding the Anne Arundel County Public Schools' asbestos management program, please contact Mr. C. Thomas Leary, Asbestos Program Manager, at 443-770-5913, by email cleary@aacps.org, or by mail at the above address.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools prohibits discrimination in matters affecting employment or in providing access to programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability unrelated in nature and extent so as to reasonably preclude performance. For more information, contact the Office of Investigations, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, (410)255-5286; TDD (410)222-5500. www.aacps.org.



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To: Principals

Date: May 3, 2019

From: Alex L. Szachnowicz, P.E. *ALS*
Chief Operating Officer

Jodi Risse, MS, RD, LDN *JR*
Supervisor
Food & Nutrition Services

Copies to: Executive Team

Subject: School Meal Prices for SY 2019-2020

Please include the following information regarding meal prices for school year 2019-2020 in an upcoming newsletter. Attachment included for your convenience.

Student:

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| Breakfast, (Full Price, All Schools) | \$1.50 |
| Breakfast, (Reduced-Price, All Schools) | \$.00 |
| Lunch, (Full Price, Secondary Schools) | \$3.00 |
| Lunch, (Full Price, Elementary Schools) | \$2.75 |
| Lunch, (Reduced-Price, All Schools) | \$.00 |
| Milk-1/2 pint, (A La Carte, All Schools) | \$.55 |

Adult:

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| Breakfast | \$1.90 |
| Lunch | \$3.65 |

If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Risse, Supervisor of Food & Nutrition Services at 410-222-5900 or jrisse@aacps.org.

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Attachment

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SY 2019-2020
Anne Arundel County Public Schools

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| Lunch, (Full Price, Elementary Schools) | \$2.75 |
| Lunch, (Reduced-Price, All Schools) | \$.00 |
| Milk (All Schools) | \$.55 |

Adult:

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| Breakfast | \$1.90 |
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