



# Stone Hill Middle School

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## SHMS Weekly Information

Good Evening Stone Hill Students, Parents, and Staff,

We are so excited to welcome our students back on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>! Our teachers returned last week and are working hard on setting up their classrooms and planning for the 2019-20 school year. We hope to see everyone out tomorrow night, August 19<sup>th</sup>, for our Stingray Splash Bash Community event.

We have several Back to School related items to cover in this email:

- **Attendance** – If for some reason your child needs to be absent, please complete the “Easy Absence Report Form” located on the right side of the front page of the Stone Hill Website under headlines.
- **Transportation Information** – Student transportation is live in ParentVUE/StudentVUE. Please review this information with your child prior to Thursday, so they know what bus they are riding in the afternoon. As a reminder, our buses may be delayed on the first day coming from the elementary school, so please do not expect them to be home at the time listed in ParentVUE/StudentVUE on the first couple of days.
- **Tdap Vaccination Record** –TDAP vaccinations are required for all incoming 7th grade students. Please ensure we have a copy of the vaccination record on file to allow your student to start school on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. 7th and 8th grade students that do not have a TDAP vaccination record on file will not be able to attend class.
- **LCPS Virtual First Day Folder** – An email with a link to the LCPS Virtual First Day was sent to all parents and guardians through Blackboard Connect last week. Virtual First Day provides parents/guardians with access to review and acknowledge forms and to make student information updates in ParentVUE, as needed. Electronic acknowledgement of the 2019-2020 Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook is required for every student. (To electronically acknowledge the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, a pdf must be downloaded in ParentVUE).
- **Advisory “Stingray Time”** – We will be continuing this year with our Stingray Time advisory period. Students will start every day in their “Stingray” Block. This will be noted on their schedule as their 9<sup>th</sup> period and this is the first class that they will report to on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This block is 20 minutes long and we will be using this time for advisory lessons, reading, goal setting, and much more! Student Agendas and drawstring bags will be provided to all students on the first day of school during our Stingray Time advisory period!
- **Technology** –
  - Student Learning Devices - Please see our [website](#) for more information regarding the Individual Learning Device program. Students will be receiving their individual learning device on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> during their Advisory period. Here is a link to a suitable hard case for the Chromebook device your child will be receiving, if you are interested in purchasing one for your child. Your child will only be able to personalize their case and will not be permitted to decorate or personalize the device itself. mCover Hard Shell Case for 2019 11.6" Lenovo 300E (2nd Gen.) 2-in-1 Chromebook Laptop (NOT Fitting Lenovo 300E Windows & N21 / N22 / N23 /100E / 500E Chromebook)  
[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07TN7T47S/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_em\\_apai\\_fWbvDbX3059WF](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07TN7T47S/ref=cm_sw_r_em_apai_fWbvDbX3059WF)
  - We have also had some questions regarding use of the device and I wanted to provide everyone with a link to the LCPS Student Technology Site. This site provides information for the student, parent, and includes the LCPS Student Device Take Home Procedures and Information. <http://blogs.lcps.org/studenttech/>



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- Student Passwords - On **Saturday, August 10th**, Loudoun County Public Schools reset all student passwords to a temporary password formatted as LCPS-MMDDYY. Students in grades 4-12 **MUST** change their passwords before they will be able to login to a school district resources including StudentVUE, Google Edu, etc.

## Upcoming Events:

- **Splash Bash Community Event** – On Monday, August 19th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., students will be able to receive a hard copy of their schedules and set up their lockers. We will also have food vendors (Saffron Indian Cuisine, Chick-fil-A, Scott’s, Rita’s, etc.) on site for purchase. PTO will be selling Spirit Wear at this event and there will be a DJ, and activities for families to enjoy. Make sure to bring out the entire family!
- **Meet the Case Manager Night** – The Special Education Department would like to invite you to a Meet Your Child’s Case Manager Dinner on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you plan to attend this event, please RSVP by August 23rd using the following link: <http://bit.ly/MeetCaseManagerDinner2019>
- **Back to School Night** – Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, September 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Spectrum will start at 5:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

## ParentVUE Information:

- ParentVUE will be the method we use for providing the following information to students and their families: student schedules, bus stop information, gradebook information, and report cards. Therefore, it is very important that all families have access to ParentVUE.
- ParentVUE and StudentVUE will be active on **August 19<sup>th</sup>** to view your student’s current schedule, grade book, and class websites. We also encourage all families to download and use the LCPS mobile app. However, please note that bus stop information and report cards are not provided via the mobile app and the traditional website version of ParentVUE should be used for these items.

## Counseling Department Information:

- Our counseling department created videos to help students and parents understand how to read each grade level schedule. Here is a link to view them on our website: <https://www.lcps.org/Page/192791>. Schedules will go live on Parent/StudentVUE on Monday at 9:00 a.m. We are not able to accommodate any schedule changes except if students need to be placed in either the honors or academic section. You will also be able to pick up a hard copy of your schedule at our Open House Event on Monday 8/19 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please reach out to your grade level counselor if you have any questions!

## PTO Information:

- The first PTO meeting will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the media center. We hope to see you there!

## Week at a Glance:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Splash Bash Community Event	5:00 to 8:00 p.m.	SHMS (please carpool if possible)
Wednesday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Late Schedule Pick Up/Locker Set-up	2:00 to 4:00 p.m.	SHMS – Main Entrance
Thursday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	A-Day	8:35 a.m. to 3:23 p.m.	SHMS



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	First Day of School!		
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Sincerely,

Kathryn Clark, Principal