



Stone Hill Middle School

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SHMS Weekly Information

Good Evening Stone Hill Students, Parents, and Staff,

Thank you to all our students and staff for a fabulous first two days of school. I hope that everyone enjoyed their weekend and the cooler weather. We will be conducting our first fire drill and lockdown drill this week.

Tomorrow all students will be receiving their individual learning device during Advisory. We ask that each student carries their device in their Stingray drawstring backpack that was provided to them on the first day of school. Please see below for more information regarding the learning devices.

Thank you for your patience with transportation as they work through the routes and timing of pick-up and drop-off. The first week is normally delayed due to elementary runs. Please continue to check ParentVUE to see if the bus pick-up or drop-off times have been updated.

Reminders:

- **School Day** – The school day starts at 8:35 a.m. The earliest that you can drop off your child is 7:45 a.m. and they are to report to the cafeteria until 8:10 a.m. when they will report to their grade level welcome areas.
- **Bus Loop** – Cars are not permitted in the bus loop for drop off or pick up. Please use our Kiss n Ride area in the side parking lot for dropping off or picking up your child.
- **Advisory School Supplies** – If your child has not already, please have them bring their supplies to their advisory teacher. These supplies will be available for all students to use in each classroom this year.
- **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.
- **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).
- **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 26th 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
 - 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/>
 - **eHallpass** – With the new learning devices, we will be transitioning to an online hall pass where students will use their device to create a pass to the restroom, locker, office, etc.



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This new online pass will be taking the place of the paper sign out sheet that the teachers used to have in their classrooms.

Upcoming Events:

- **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 28th 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.

Counseling Department Information:

- Our counseling department created videos to help students and parents understand our schedule. Here is a link to view them on our website: <https://www.lcps.org/Page/192791>. Counselors are unable to accommodate any schedule changes.
- **September Parent Coffee:** How to help your Child Succeed in Middle School! This presentation is geared towards our 6th grade parents and any new parent to middle school! We will give an overview of middle school life and tips for a successful year! This will be held on Friday, September 27th at 9:30 in the SHMS auditorium!
- **Academies of Loudoun and TJ Applications:** The window for the Academies of Loudoun application is now open and will remain open until October 18th. TJ applications will be available starting September 2nd. Stone Hill will be hosting an information session on September 9th at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Mrs. O’Brien with any questions about these applications.

PTO Information:

- Please see attached welcome letter and PTO membership form.
- The first PTO meeting will be held this Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the media center. We hope to see you there!

Week at a Glance:

Date	Event
Monday, August 26 th	A-Day
Tuesday, August 27 th	B-Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTO Meeting at 6:30 in the Media Center
Wednesday, August 28 th	A-Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Dean Talks • Meet the Case Manager Night at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 29 th	B-Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Dean Talks
Friday, August 30 th	No School!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Clark, Principal