



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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By Joe Peitzmeier

WELCOME BACK! The 2020-21 school year has begun and we have had a great start at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools. It has been another busy summer for our custodial and secretarial staffs. They are to be commended for the outstanding jobs that they have done getting the buildings ready for students and staff. A special thank you goes out to the Return to School Committee that was responsible for putting our COVID-19 plan together.

I am very excited to be working with all of you to provide a quality education for the students of Scribner-Snyder Community Schools. I look forward to working with staff, school board, and the community in providing a quality education for our students.

FREE & REDUCED PRICE LUNCH PROGRAM. By now you have received a packet of information concerning the federal free & reduced-price lunch program and application form. If you qualify for this program, please take advantage of it. The information remains confidential and absolutely no distinction can be made between children in the program and other children. The purpose of the federal lunch program is to ensure that every child has a nutritious lunch and we encourage your participation.

In addition, the number of children identified as eligible for this program determines the amount of money our school receives for Title I, state aid, and several other state and federal programs and grants. Even if your child does not eat lunch at school, completing an application form can help generate needed state and federal funds for our instructional programs. If you have any questions, please call Deb Wegner at Scribner-Snyder Elementary School (402) 664-2568).

STAFF CHANGES: Two new teachers join SSCS for the 2020-21 school year. Please welcome them to the Scribner-Snyder school/community:

Julie Feldman – 6th Grade Teacher

Rachel Kafonek – Business Teacher and Media Specialist

IN CLOSING, I want to wish everyone a very successful school year. It is up to all of us to meet the immediate needs of today and to think about the future and how we can apply what we learn to our lives. This is especially true in these unprecedented times as we work through the COVID-19 Pandemic. Wearing a mask whenever possible and washing hands often will go a long way to keeping our school open.

Active participation in the classroom and in activities will provide countless opportunities for students. At the same time, we all want to consider what we can contribute to the school community. I am confident that we will have a great school year.

It is up to all of us to be positive and wake up each day and tell ourselves “It is going to be a great day!” If you ever have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or visit the schools.

Welcome Back! And Have a Great Year!

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Patrons:

On behalf of the staff and students we want to welcome everyone back to another school year at SSCS. Our summer support staff and teachers have worked hard over the past couple of months to make our facility look great. A big thank-you goes out to Ms. Sally Cole (Summer School Teacher) for conducting a very successful elementary summer school program.

With the COVID 19 Pandemic the school has hired another full-time janitor who spends her day walking around the building cleaning touch points. SSCS also welcomes our new Jr. High/high school students to the district – Skye Wheelock (11th grade), Jocelyn Curtis (9th grade), Kadya Wheelock (9th grade) and Cassidy Nappier (7th grade).

We're also excited to announce that SSCS has hired a new Business Teacher/Media Specialist, Mrs. Rachel Kafonek. Mrs. Kafonek is teaching an accounting class and 2 sections of personal finance. We have asked that all seniors take personal finance as part of their senior class schedule. Our other new hire includes Mr. Joe Peitzmeier (Superintendent) and Mrs. Julie Feldman (6th Grade Teacher).

As the school year begins the staff and students are adjusting to the “new normal” in this COVID 19 world. So far everyone is getting along very well with all of the new rules and procedures that have been implemented. Over time things will get better and we're hoping we can have staff and students remain in a learning environment where everyone can remain in school.

Again, we want to welcome back to Scribner-Snyder Community School – thanks for being a part of our learning community.

**Best Regards,
Mr. Stithem**

Important Dates to Remember

September 7th—NO School-Labor Day
September 14th—Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
September 25th—Picture Day for all students PreK-12
September 28—October 2—Homecoming Week Activities
October 5—Snyder Lions Club Health Screenings @ S-S



PICTURE DAY SEPTEMBER 25th

Our well-trained school photographers and state-of-the-art camera systems make certain that Picture Day goes smoothly while every student looks his or her best! Inter-State Studio has created a company culture that blends with each school's unique needs and scheduling. Together we create a Picture Day that is best for the students, parents & each school. Stay tuned for more details!

Questions: Please do not hesitate to contact the school. A reminder to always contact the school if your student(s) will be absent from school for any reason. Please call before 8 a.m. if possible. Elementary parents should call Deb at (402) 664-2568.

Jr/Sr. High parents should call Shelly at (402) 664-2567.

Ticket Announcement



Due to COVID-19 Restrictions. Seating capacity at High School Activities are limited. People allowed into home LVSS Football and Volleyball games will only be admitted through tickets allotted to each member of the Team. There are no Activity Passes this year and the school will not be selling additional tickets. To go to the game in person you must contact a member of the team for ticket availability.

You do not need a ticket to attend LVSS home Softball games.

Public Health Recommendations for Screening, Exclusion, and Re-Admittance of Ill Students and Staff for COVID-19 in Schools

The following symptom screening criteria for ill students and staff is based on the most current research. Because people with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness, the following criteria have been developed to assist schools in identifying presumptive positive COVID-19 cases.

Students with two or more of the following: fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose

OR

At least one of the following: new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste/smell

Students and staff who screen positive should be immediately isolated in the designated area and sent home as soon as possible. Require the symptomatic person to wear a cloth or surgical mask while waiting, if tolerable.

Re-Admittance to School

**Symptomatic staff/student
who tests positive:**



Exclude for:

- At least 10* days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- AND**
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
- AND**
- Symptoms have improved

**Asymptomatic staff/student
who tests positive:**



Exclude for:

- 10 days from date of test
- AND**
- only allow to return if no symptoms develop. (If symptoms develop, refer to symptomatic positive instructions.)

**Symptomatic staff/student
not tested:**



Exclude for:

- 10* days from symptom onset
- AND**
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
- AND**
- Symptoms have improved

May return to school if a doctor establishes an alternative diagnosis, presents a doctor's note to confirm the presence of an alternative diagnosis that explains the symptoms, and meets the schools requirements for readmission.

*This length of time may need to be extended for people who have severe illness or are immunocompromised. Please consult 3RPHD or a health care provider for further guidance on those situations.

**Symptomatic staff/student
who tests negative:**



Exclude until:

- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications (or meets the schools requirements for readmission)
- AND**
- Symptoms have improved
- AND**
- Student has completed quarantine if required due to an exposure to a positive COVID-19 case

There is no reason for a student or staff member to get a "negative test" to be cleared for the return to school.

A COVID-19 positive individual does not need a repeat COVID-19 test or a doctor's note in order to return.