



Sharon Springs Central School

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Dear SSCS Family,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year at SSCS! Our team at SSCS hopes this letter finds you full of hope for the upcoming school year while enjoying the final days of August! We are thrilled and honored to have you entrust us with your child(ren) for another year of growth. Our continued mission is to work together with our collective passion, effort and knowledge to create opportunities for all students to be successful. At SSCS, we believe deeply that every student will excel when they are provided with the environment, belief and support needed for success. Now, as we move toward a new school year, there are a few things I want to make you aware of.

17 First Day of School: Students Report Thursday, September 4th

Bus and parent drop off will begin at 7:40am, which is when our doors will open.

Elementary students will be escorted to Doig Gym ("the old gym").

- **School Starts at 8am**
- **Elementary dismissal is at 2:52PM**
- **Secondary Dismissal is at 3PM**

New This Year — Breakfast in Doig Gym ("the old gym") for All Students Starting at 7:40am

All students will go directly to Doig Gym ("the old gym") for breakfast with their class upon arrival at school.

Daily Breakfast Choices:

- Assorted low-sugar, whole-grain cereals
- Whole-grain bagels with cream cheese (1 oz)
- Yogurt parfait with fruit & granola
- Fresh or canned fruit & low-fat milk

Daily Breakfast Specials:

- Mon: Whole Grain French Toast Sticks OR Yogurt-Based Smoothies
- Tue: Whole Wheat Breakfast Sandwich OR Whole Grain Bread (banana zucchini, pumpkin, or lemon)
- Wed: Whole Wheat & Yogurt-Based Chocolate Chip Muffin
- Thu: Whole Grain Breakfast Pizza OR Whole Wheat Breakfast Sandwich
- Fri: Whole Wheat & Yogurt-Based Chocolate Chip Muffin OR Whole Grain Bread (banana zucchini, pumpkin, or lemon)

Our Elementary Faculty and Staff will escort elementary students from breakfast to their classrooms.

On the first day of school (**Thursday, September 4th**), **students in grades 6 - 12 will report directly to their homeroom at 8am**, followed by a "[Student Handbook / Code of Conduct](#)" presentation in the auditorium.

6th Grade: Room 116 - Mrs. Barton	9th Grade: Room 207 - Mr. A. Yorke & Mrs. Korona
7th Grade: Room 307 - Mrs. Bade	10th Grade: Room 306 - Mr. Nedelsky & Mrs. Fuller
8th Grade: Room 203 - Mr. Barbara & Mrs. Holmes	11th Grade: Room 307 - Mrs. Lyon & Mr. Strk
	12th Grade: Room 118- Mr. Cornwell & Mrs. Allen

Attendance & Tardiness ([See Website for Detailed Attendance Policies](#))

- **Three unexcused tardies** (without a doctor's note) will result in Lunch detention and meeting with the school social worker for time management skills. Additionally you will be contacted by school personnel to see if we can help support timeliness.
 - Continued tardiness may involve **parent meetings and outside agency support**.
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NYS Personal Device Ban ([See Website for Detailed Implementation Plan](#))

In compliance with NYS law - **Governor Hochul's initiative** - students in grades 6–12 will:

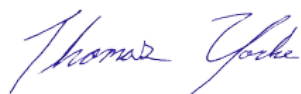
- Place personal internet-enabled devices in a locked storage container at the start of the academic school day (8am).
 - If a student claims they have no device, staff will confirm with parents via text or call.
 - If caught using a personal device:
 - Device must be retrieved **by a parent** from the main office after school. (*No Warnings*)
 - Refusal to hand over the device will result in an **In-School Suspension** for insubordination.
 - Students leaving early for any reason (i.e., sickness, doctor's appointment, BOCES program, athletics, etc) will retrieve their device(s) from the main office, where the locked boxes are stored during the day.
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Our Commitment

We aim to provide a welcoming, engaging, and distraction-free learning environment - one where every student feels they belong, and where our small school with a huge heart continues to thrive. Together, we are **One Team, All In** (our theme and mission this year).

We encourage you to reach out to our office with any questions. We look forward to partnering with our families this year as we work together to support our students.

Thank you for Your Partnership,



Thomas Yorke
K - 12 Principal/Superintendent