

Dear Sullivan Family,

I hope you and your family are doing well. During the past year, we all learned many lessons, and we are confident that this new school year will bring many opportunities to learn and grow. One important lesson we learned last year is that **our students** need more home/parental support to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Another important lesson we learned is that **our teachers and staff** need everyone's support more than ever so that they continue to educate and inspire our children daily.

I urge every parent and guardian to play an active role in their children's education because our students and school staff cannot do it alone. When we come together, our students grow! We are excited about the new opportunities the new school will bring. Our faculty and staff remain committed to providing a safe learning environment where each student receives the best education possible.

Finally, as we prepare for this upcoming school year, we are sharing important school information via this communication. Please make sure that you read and review all information carefully with your child. Please check all the hyperlinks for additional details.

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year!

Dr. Juan Roldan

Principal

We are Sullivan Middle School, One Team on One Mission!

2022-2023 Back-to-School Information

School Administration

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2022-2023 School Calendar

Click here

School Day Schedule

The school district revised the school day schedule to make our transportation services more efficient. For the 2022-2023 school year, the school day will be from **8:15 am to 3:15 pm**. Walkers and car riders can arrive at school at 7:45 am. Car riders must be picked up by 3:45 pm. Please click this link to access our 2022-2023 Bell Schedule.

Student Schedules

All students will receive their schedules on the first day of school, **Monday, August 15th.** If you have any questions about your child's class schedule, please contact the grade level school counselor:

Grade 6: Dr. Sandra Holeman at sholeman@rhmail.org

Grade 7: Mrs. Ebony Wilmore at ewilmore@rhmail.org

Grade 8: Mrs. Dawn Seabold at dseabold@rhmail.org

Back to School Supply List

- (1) bookbag
- (1) pair of inexpensive earbuds
- (2) face mask (optional)
- (2) 3-subject notebooks with pockets
- (10) pencils (mechanical or traditional)
- (1) pack of colored pencils
- (3) packs of notebook paper

Middle School Open House

Our Open House will be held on Thursday, August 25th, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

Student Dress Code

The student dress code will remain the same as in previous years. Please <u>click here</u> for a description of our school dress code.

School Apparel

To place an order for the official Sullivan Middle School apparel, please visit this link **School Apparel**. Each sale will benefit our school. The entire family can wear these and show your pride and support.

Cell Phones

Students will not be allowed to use cell phones after 8:15 am. Cell phones will remain in lockers or bookbags between 8:15 am – 3:15 pm. Students will have access to school phones in case of an emergency. Students will receive a verbal warning for the first cell phone violation. Cell phone violations will result in the following disciplinary consequences:

- 1-3 Cell Phone violations Parent Call
- 4-5 Cell Phone violations School-level consequence
- 6 Cell Phone violations 1 Day In-School Suspension
- 7-9 Cell Phone violations AP confiscates and maintains phone
- 10 Cell Phone violations 2 Days In-School Suspension

No cell phones are allowed in restrooms. Students may not use cell phones to record other students or staff members. Violations of this policy will result in serious disciplinary consequences, including banning individual students' cell phones from campus.

School-to-Home Communications

We have a variety of ways to communicate with our families. A wealth of information is contained on our website. You can access any of the services below from our home page http://sms.rock-hill.k12.sc.us

The **Falcon Flyer** is a weekly newsletter for all Sullivan Middle School families. Please ensure that we have your correct email address so you can receive the weekly updates via the **Falcon Flyer**. To update your contact information and email, please use the following link:

2022-2023 Update Contact Information

If you are not receiving our newsletter, please check your junk/spam folder in your email account. We also encourage all parents/guardians to join our social media. Please use the links below to access our social media:

<u>Facebook</u> <u>Twitter</u> <u>Instagram</u>

The Remind App

Remind is a two-way communication app between the school and parents. Information is sent to your cell phone via a text message. Each grade level administrator has a Remind account to give information to parents quickly. To join for your child's grade level, follow the directions below.

6th Grade Remind: https://www.remind.com/join/hqf82c

7th Grade Remind: https://www.remind.com/join/slms7

8th Grade Remind: https://www.remind.com/join/slms82023

Technology For Students

Students will be assigned a **laptop and carrying case** at the beginning of the school year. All students will be expected to carry their laptops and chargers in their school-issued carrying case at all times.

To complete a **Technology Protection Plan**, download this form **Technology Protection Form** and bring the completed form and \$35 payment to the school beginning.

Canvas & Launchpad Learning Platforms

Launchpad is Rock Hill Schools' single sign-in portal. It is a one-stop shop for accessing all technology tools available to students. Please watch this short <u>video</u> to learn more about Launchpad.

Canvas is Rock Hill Schools' online learning platform. Teachers and students use Canvas daily to access coursework and grades and send class messages to students and parents.

Parents/guardians also have access to a parent observer Canvas account. All parents/guardians need to review Canvas with their child every week.

To create a Canvas Parent Observer account, please visit here.

Breakfast and Lunch

If you need to complete a free or reduced lunch application, please use this link **Lunch**Application Form.

Bus Information

The district's transportation department determines all bus transportation matters. Sullivan Middle School does not create bus routes or assign students to buses.

Transportation will be provided daily for students who have requested and signed up for bus transportation. If you have special needs related to your child, please contact your child's assistant principal.

If your child needs bus transportation, please visit **Bus Transportation Information**.

Bus riders will enter the building on the gym and report directly to their designated area (6th grade – auditorium and 7th /8th graders – gym) or the cafeteria.

Car Rider Information

Morning Procedures

Parents will enter the car-rider loop on Caswell Street via Eden Terrace or Cherry Road. Cars must form a single line for unloading during morning drop-off (7:45 am – 8:05 am). Car riders may be dropped off on the auditorium side of the school.

Car riders will report directly to the cafeteria or designated area (6th grade – auditorium and 7th /8th graders – gym). Car riders who report to the cafeteria for breakfast will remain in the area or assigned space.

Afternoon Procedures

At the end of the school day, car riders will report to the auditorium for dismissal. Car riders participating in a seasonal high school sport must provide the official documentation from the high school and will receive a parking pass from the Main Office.

Car riders with medical conditions requiring special accommodations must provide documentation and receive approval and a pass from the Main Office.

Any car rider who is not picked up by 3:30 pm will be directed to the Main Office and must be picked up at the school's front entrance.

Students reporting to the roadside on Caswell Street to be picked-up are **not in a supervised location**.

Cars must form a double line for loading during afternoon pick-up (3:15 - 4:00 pm). Drivers should pull forward to the designated location. Do not stop on the crosswalk or mid-lane. Students load or unload the vehicle via the passenger (right) side.

Students should load or unload when the vehicle is in the "zone." Otherwise, the driver will be directed to the parking lot to wait for their student.

Do not stop for students who are waiting at the crosswalk. They will be allowed to cross once all cars are stopped in the loading "zone." Drivers must adhere to all traffic laws while on school premises.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

We are fortunate to have strong parental involvement in our school. Our Parent Teacher Organization has active members and is involved in numerous events designed to support the school. We encourage all parents to join this important organization. For more information about our PTO, please visit <u>Sullivan's PTO</u>.

School Improvement Council (SIC)

Our School Improvement Council (SIC) comprises Sullivan's parents, teachers, administrators, and community members. Meetings are held once a month. SIC's main goals are supporting a safe learning environment for all, supporting positive school culture, and supporting teacher retention. For more information about our SIC, please visit Sullivan's SIC.