

From Mrs. O'Bryant's Desk:

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Welcome to SMS: "Caring, Cooperative and Respectful Community of Learners" 2018-19 school year

Important dates

- Sept. 11- Picture Day
- Sept. 13- Open House 6-7:30pm
- Sept. 21- Roller Skating. 5:30-8pm
- Sept. 27- Grade 8 AHT Meeting 6pm
- Oct.9- School Retake Picture Day
- Oct. 20- 10-2pm Grades 4-8 Stemfest

Attendance: All absences must be called or emailed in to SMS office by parents before 7:30am. School number 924-7105 -Email- to report absences-

sms-attendance@conval.edu

[Here is an opportunity to participate -](#)

"The School District needs your assistance and input. The School District is looking for parents who can dedicate up to 8 hours weekly to examine how we might operationalize a proposed consolidation that will appear as a warrant article for the community to consider on the 2019 warrant in March. If you are interested please forward your name to me as soon as possible."

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School Procedures

- School starts at 7:20am
- Only buses may enter the front parking lot before 7:30am
- Students who are driven to school will be dropped off in the back upper parking lot no earlier than 7:00am
- The front lobby is the waiting area for students who arrive between 7 and 7:10am. Student dropped off in back will walk to front lobby.
- Breakfast is served from 7:05-7:20am.
- 7:30am the back door is locked and students should come in the front and sign in as tardy.
- 2:15pm is dismissal- Students being picked up by parents will report to the back of building in upper parking lot. Please wait in line and not cut out of the traffic flow to leave once your child is in the car. To ensure safety of students getting in and out of cars this needs to be done in a slow flow of the traffic pattern.
- Please send in a note about any changes in bus transportation or parent pick to your child's advisor.
- **Pick Up Patrol cut off is 1:00pm**
- If there are changes to dismissal plans be sure to call the office by 1:30pm. The end of the day is hectic and we don't want any student to miss messages that come in at a later time.

Open House- Sept.13: 6-7:30pm:

Open house is on Thursday, Sept 13 from 6-7:30 to meet your child's teachers and hear about the classes that they are taking this school year.

The night will begin in the gym for all parents to meet our specials teachers.

This night is for parents but if students do come they must stay with parents in the classroom. Students can't be in the building unsupervised for safety reasons.

Band rentals will be available in the band room from 5:30pm -7:15pm

Dinner is also available to be purchased as a fundraiser for the band from 5:30-7:15pm in the café. Take out is also possible.

After School Activities:

Students may not stay after school to wait for sporting events to begin. There is no supervision for students after 2:15pm. Students will need to go home on the bus after school.

Parent /School Connection:-Please start off the year supporting healthy habits:

- Students should not arrive to school tardy.
- Time should be set aside each night for reading and homework.
- Attendance is a priority to a student's success in school
- Dress should be appropriate for school and not beach.
- Check Planners for homework assignments each night.
- No hats are allowed at SMS
- No gum chewing
- No cell phones are allowed in school
- **No tobacco or electronic vapes (Police reports will be made with potential \$100 fines.)**
- Promote: "Caring, Cooperative and Respectful "Behavior at all times.

Oct 20-SMS Stemfest -UNH/SMS STEMS Collaboration: 10am-2pm

The UNH Engineering Department has teamed up with SMS to host the third annual SMS Stemfest. The UNH ambassadors are students who will offer STEM experiences for our younger students, encouraging the love of learning about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math for students grades 5 & 6. SMS will host two other middle schools ; Great Brook and Jaffrey Middle School on Oct. 20 from 10-2pm.

STEMbassadors are a team of more than 40 CEPS students who are dedicated to providing inspiration, role models and hands on STEM activities to students. All nine academic departments within CEPS are represented, ensuring a wide-range of topics are delivered to the K-12 community.

Lunch (pizza) will be provided that day. This event is free to the first 60 students who sign up in the SMS office by Oct.1. We will be sending more information home with parent permission slips in October. I wanted to have parents save the date and have students sign up as soon as possible, if interested.

It is very exciting to have this opportunity to work with UNH ambassador students from the field of Engineering at SMS.

There will be a brief introductory parent meeting that morning at 10am in the gym and then students will go to workshops until 2pm. Permission slips and medical forms must be turned in before students can participate. Lunch will be for students only and parents can leave as long as we have permission slips and medical forms.

Planners/handbook- Please review the handbook rules with your child and sign the form that you have done so. Please note that the planners are very important to the students each day. We charge \$5.00 for any additional planners handed out throughout the school year.

First Day Packet of Important Forms:

A packet of important forms to be filled out by parents will go home on the first day of school for all students.

Please return forms by Monday, Sept 10 We need to distribute health forms and legal forms for guardianship as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

Grade 8 AHT Dates-

- Monday, September 10, Advisory, in the Gym... intro for the entire 8th grade. Students. only
- **Thursday, September 27, 6-7pm, in the Gym Registration meeting. Mandatory Parent Meeting.**

Group meetings: We tried to make the meetings the 3rd Friday of the month.

- October 19
- November 16 - Joe Byron for World Service Project Honor Flight New England
- January 18
- February 15
- March 22
- April ?
- Tour April 15-19 2019

Tour will cost close to what it did last year approx. \$850.