



INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TIMES

August

— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Just a few reminder for the beginning of the school year.

EXCUSES

Students that have been tardy or absent from school are required to inform the school via email (preferred) or bring a signed excuse to the school upon returning. The email/excuse shall contain the following:

1. The date of the absence or tardy.
2. The reason of the absence or tardy.
3. The signature of the parent or guardian.

Excuses are classified as "Excused" or "Unexcused" according to the reason of the absence. The following reasons are excused absences:

1. Illness
2. Impassable roads
3. Death in the immediate family
4. Exceptionally urgent reasons

Doctor's excuses may be faxed by the medical provider, or a hard copy must be turned into the guidance office.

Calendar of Events

- 9/2 - NO SCHOOL
- 9/6 - Fall Picture Day
- 9/9 - School Board Mtg. 7pm
- 9/9 - Grade 5 Instrumental Orientation 7pm
- 9/10 - SAIS PTSO Mtg 6pm
- 9/20 - PTSO Fun Night 6 -7:30
- 9/27 - Grades 4 & 5 Sing at football game

Please Note:

All excuses must be turned into the guidance office, emailed to pweir@seal-pa.org or faxed to 570-372-2272 within **3 days** after the student returns to school following the absence. If it is **not** returned in that timeframe the absence will remain illegal. Students are allotted 10 days of absence per school year (this includes educational trip days.)

Educational Trips

The School District recognizes that students may have the opportunity to participate in pre-planned trips. Request to be absent are located on the District Website or in the main office. Forms must be submitted prior to the first scheduled day of the trip. Educational trip days will count toward the 10-school days allowed.

PLEASE AVOID Trips during State PSSA testing:

ELA: April 22— 25th

Math, (Science Gr. 4 only): April 28 - May 2

Lunches

A computerized accounting of student lunch payment is available. Parents are encouraged to prepay a week or more in advance. For additional information on these programs, call Mrs. Renee Frederick at (570)372-2206 or check the school website at www.seal-pa.org and follow the navigational links to the food service department.

Pupils who do not wish to purchase lunch should pack their lunch. Milk may be purchased separate item. Unless packed in the student's lunch, **outside restaurant food is not permitted to be eaten in the cafeteria during lunchtime.** The student will need to consume the food/drink in the office.

Dismissal

Every student in the district is assigned to be a bus rider or a walker (if they live in the borough). If your child is a bus rider and there is a change in dismissal. The school needs a note from a parent or guardian. **If we DO NOT receive a note or a phone call and they are assigned a bus, we will be putting them on the bus they are assigned.** If your student is a bus rider but is going to be a walker everyday or just certain days of the week. You can write a note for the whole year.

Updated Procedure for Food and Snack Items

To ensure that the food is safe for all students, including those with severe food allergies and certain medical conditions, we are no longer permitting homemade food items. All food items brought into the classroom to share with other students must come pre-packaged and include both the ingredients and nutritional information,

We also ask that you do **not** send items to school that contain peanuts or nuts of any type (tree nuts such as cashews, almonds, pecans, walnuts, etc).

Packed lunches may contain homemade foods or nuts since they are intended to be eaten by the student who brought the lunch and not shared with others.

If your child has a severe food allergy or medical condition and you would like to keep safe snacks for your child to have in the classroom, please contact the School Nurse and make arrangements to keep the food items in the health office or the classroom.