



# South Washington County Schools

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Dear Student and Parents / Guardians:

We are excited for the upcoming school year and want to make you aware of several events happening at SWAHS.

- Hybrid Open House – **Tuesday, August 25, 2020 (4:30 pm – 6:00 pm)**
- Virtual Learning Academy Device and Material Pickup – **Tuesday, September 1, 2020 (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)**
- Hybrid A Day Student Orientation – **Wednesday, September 2, 2020**
- Hybrid B Day Student Orientation – **Thursday, September 3, 2020**
- No School – **Friday, September 4, 2020**
- First day of instruction - **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

The hybrid open house is similar to previous open houses we've held in that families will have opportunities to meet with their student's advisor and AHS staff to ask questions, fill out any needed paperwork, and tour the school. The difference is we are adding a virtual open house element for families who desire to keep their distance. Located on our website you will find a virtual open house where you can take a walking tour of our school, get to know our staff, and gather all paperwork needed to start off the new school year.

Device and material pickup specific to AHS students who signed up for the virtual learning academy will be held on Tuesday Sept 1 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. A map is provided to assist you with the contactless pickup of any materials your student may need prior to the first day of instruction. All students enrolled in the hybrid instruction model will be provided devices and materials during student orientation days or during the first day of instruction. New this year every family must complete the Technology Agreement Form (directions of how to do this are included), prior to receiving a device.

AHS student and family need to know procedures are also included with this letter. Please read through this document thoroughly as it provides specific procedural information related to Minnesota Department of Health guidelines that all schools must follow as we start the year. Included within these documents is our hybrid and distance learning/VLA hours of operation. Additionally, we've included information on our 2020/21 school calendar, a Youth Service Bureau opt out form, and a suggested school supply list.

The Free and Reduced Lunch Application will also be available at our Open House and can also be found on the South Washington County Schools website underneath the heading Nutrition Services. We ask that all families review the application and complete all sections that apply and return it to Jackie Greiner our Administrative Specialist for processing. Please plan on having an active lunch account or cash on the first day in order for your student to order a school lunch.

As staff continue to prepare the building for the upcoming school year we understand that school will have a different appearance than in years past but the connection we want to build with our students will not change. We are excited for the opportunity to work with our students again and can't wait to get started.

Again, welcome back and please call the school at 651-425-7000 or visit our website at [swahs.sowashco.org](http://swahs.sowashco.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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