

August 10th, 2021

Dear SMS Families,

**Here we go.....welcome back!** I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing school and community. I welcome and value your positive energy, input, and dedication to your student and the extraordinary community of Sisters. I look forward to working with you and your children. Below are a few updates to get us started. A more detailed newsletter will come toward the end of the month.

**School Days and Hours:** We will return to a 5 day in-person school week for the 2021-2022 school year.

Day	Start Time	End Time
Monday	8:30 AM	3:15 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM	3:15 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM	3:15 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM	3:15 PM
Friday (EARLY RELEASE)	8:30 AM	1:15 PM

Early release Fridays allow for staff professional development and help to minimize the loss of student instructional time for co-curricular activities.

### COVID Protocols

There is a new set of standards that will govern our school for the upcoming school year (more information to come). The most often asked question is “what about masks?”...so here is the answer: Masks are now required for all students and staff during the school day while indoors (per OAR 333-019-1015). The OHA will review this rule monthly to determine the need for it to continue. Other COVID-19 mitigation protocols (physical distancing, airflow/ventilation, etc.) remain local decisions, more info still to come.

### Sisters Middle School Education Options

This year we will offer two educational options.

- #1) Full time in-person instruction 5 days per week on site at SMS (hours listed above).

#2) Sisters Educational Options (SEO). This option is for families who wish to conduct their schooling at home and includes online instruction or printed materials for homeschooling.

Those families choosing **option #2** must email Mary Lesowske at [mary.lesowske@ssd6.org](mailto:mary.lesowske@ssd6.org) to declare their intention **by August 25th 2021**. All other students will automatically be enrolled in option#1, in-person learning.

## **Tours**

Sisters Middle School will be offering 30 minute guided tours for all incoming 5th graders and new students.

Date: August 23rd and 24th

Times: 3:30 pm or 4:15 pm.

Click on the following link to sign up: [NEW FAMILY TOURS](#)

## **First Day of School**

Sept. 7th: For all 5th graders, new students and WEB leaders.

Sept. 8th: For all 6th, 7th, 8th grade students.

## **School Supply Lists**

All students will need a backpack and a reusable water bottle for the 2021-2022 school year as we will not use lockers. Please write your students name on both in permanent marker. For your student's grade level supply lists click [here](#).

That is enough information for now. More information to come in the coming weeks. Take care of yourself and each other...and as always...GO OUTLAWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Tim Roth

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