

# STONE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Hello Stone Valley Families,

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Welcome to the 2024-25 School Year!

We look forward to welcoming our students and collaborating with them and their families for another excellent school year. Along with academics, SVMS values relationships, meaningful connections, and memorable experiences. In middle school, students should feel comfortable making mistakes as they learn how to problem solve and develop essential soft skills that will benefit them as they continue their education and beyond. A major focus at Stone Valley this year will be to highlight **community** across the board so this is something that you will hear more about.

Please take some time to go through the information below as it will undoubtedly answer many questions you may have right now.

## **Annual Update and SVMS Registration - Opens 7/30/24**

Every year, parents need to go through the [Parent Portal](#) to ensure that all information is correct, including contact information and emergency contacts. Once you log into your account, click on the “more” button, and you should see the Annual Update option. Here are a couple of links to help you out if needed:

- [Link to Annual Update Information](#)
- [Annual Update FAQ link](#)

An additional Stone Valley-specific step includes our online registration process. Don't forget to take advantage of the chance to buy PE clothes and yearbooks, **join our PTA, and make direct contributions to our Stone Valley Education Fund and Stone Valley programs. Thanks to the generous donations from our parent community, we were able to fully fund 12 additional class sections this year.** We were also able to show our appreciation to our amazing staff and ensure that we have the resources necessary to offer a top-notch educational experience for our students and give much more 1:1 support due to smaller class sizes. [Link to Stone Valley Online Registration.](#)

## **WEB Day**

Incoming 6th grade students are invited to join us for our WEB Day on Thursday, August 8th from 8:00 -12:00pm, more information to come. Students are welcomed with open arms by our WEB leaders with the sole purpose of ensuring that the first day of school is one filled with confidence and optimism. New 7th/8th grade students are invited on Friday, August 9th from 9:30-11:00.

## **Devices and Supplies**

The school district will continue with our 1:1 Chromebook/device program. Students new to the district will be checked out Chromebooks at the beginning of the school year, and students will be expected to bring their

devices to and from school every day to be able to access online materials. We ask that families establish a routine at home to ensure that devices are charged every night and not forgotten in the morning. We are excited about the additional options for student learning that we can incorporate due to the fact that each student will continue to have their own device.

### **Student Course Schedules**

Student schedules are still being worked on. Districtwide, student class schedules will be released on 8/12 at 4pm. We have worked diligently to ensure that students are placed in their requested classes. Sometimes there are mistakes, and once schedules are released, please be patient as we work to fix any issues. We aim for 100% accuracy but also know that unforeseeable issues might arise in the scheduling process. There will be a schedule change request form that students can access from the front office should there be an issue in their schedule. Please note that students with a missing course or a duplicated course will receive prioritized support.

### **Bell Schedules and Calendar**

Here is the link to our [bell schedule](#). Please note that SVMS begins late on Wednesdays as the morning is staff collaboration time.

Here is a link to the [district's 2024-25 instructional calendar](#). Please also keep an eye on our school website, as new Stone Valley-specific events/activities are added to our school calendar throughout the year.

You will notice that we have two "Access" periods scheduled during each week. This time is incredibly beneficial for us to address both academic and social/emotional learning needs. We will continue to utilize Responsive Scheduling which **requires** students to sign up (or be pulled in) for the areas in which they need specific support on essential learning skills.

### **Upcoming Dates**

**Thursday, August 8th:** 8 am-12 pm: WEB DAY for incoming 6th graders

**Friday, August 9th:** 9:30am - 11am: WEB day for new 7th and 8th grade Stone Valley students

**Monday, August 12th:** No School/Staff Development Day

**Tuesday, August 13th:** No School/Staff Development Day

**Wednesday, August 14th:** First Day Of School - Minimum Day 8:15 - 11:45

**Thursday, August 15th:** Periods 1-7 (Mon/Tues Schedule) 8:15 - 2:45

**Friday, August 16th:** Periods 1-7 & Access schedule

**Thursday, August 22nd:** Back To School Night at 6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Tuesday, September 10th:** Picture Day during PE classes ([Order pictures here](#))

**Thursday, October 25th:** Make-up / Retake Picture Day

Justin White, Principal