

Shoal River Middle School Mane Events

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Notes from Mr. Jones, Principal:

Welcome to the first edition of the Shoal River Middle School Mane Events! After 2 years of dreaming, planning, designing, and building, we are finally here! This is a very busy and exciting time for us all. We moved into our offices the day after school ended and since then, we have been unpacking, putting things away, hanging pictures, taking deliveries of new equipment and supplies, and of course admiring our new home. Meanwhile, we have also been enrolling new students, looking at data for the upcoming school year, working on student's schedules, hiring a few new teachers and doing all of our "normal" summer jobs.

Next week our football team will begin practice, marking the first "official" student event at SRMS. They will be working out on our new field and lifting weights in our awesome weight room. It is without a doubt, the best middle school weight room in Florida!

On July 13-16 all of the middle schools in our county will have cheerleader camp here. It will be a great chance for our sister middle schools to see firsthand our new facilities. Another exciting upcoming date for us will be July 14 when we have our "private" Open House just for you, our parents and students. We hope you'll come see what all the excitement is about. On July 16th we will have a public Open House for all of Crestview and Okaloosa County to come

visit our school and our partner school, Riverside Elementary. We will have a short ceremony and ribbon cutting at 5:00pm, then everyone will be free to tour both schools.

On July 9, I will be attending the Florida Dept. of Education Teacher of the Year recognition banquet in Orlando with our own Cindy King, who is Okaloosa County's Teacher of the Year. I am very honored and proud to be able to attend this event to see Mrs. King recognized among the best teachers in Florida. Of course, we already know she is awesome.

Please read carefully through the "Mane Events" so you may learn all that is going on as we prepare to open school in August. You may also check out our website:
<http://www.okaloosa.k12.fl.us/shoalriver/>

Last, but not least, I want to share the final news from Richbourg. We are very proud that we were able to end 40 years of academic excellence by being an A+ school in our final year! This fall, we will celebrate with our students and faculty. Of course, since Davidson was also an A+ school, we will all be able to celebrate together and pledge that Shoal River will continue the strong tradition of academic excellence in Crestview and Okaloosa County.

Open House Dates

We will have two Open House dates for this year. Our first Open House date is July 14th from 4pm-6pm. This will be an opportunity for SRMS Students to tour our new beautiful school. Students will not be meeting teachers or receiving schedules at this time. However, course request cards will be available for viewing. This will be the last chance to check and verify courses for the new year. It will not indicate the scheduled time of the classes. No teacher requests are allowed. If you are not able to attend this Open House, you may come by the Guidance Office from 9am to 2pm on Wednesday, July 15th or Thursday, July 16th to verify your course request card.

The **Back to School Open House** is on August 19th at 5:00. This will be the time students will receive their schedules and get to meet their teachers. Please save both these important dates. We look forward to meeting your students!

- Open House for SRMS Students on July 14, 2009 from 4:00pm - 6:00 pm to tour the new school
 - Back to School Open House on August 19th 5:00 pm to pick up schedules and meet your teachers
 - August 24th—First Day of School
 - SCHEDULE PICK UP - SRMS Foyer - Aug. 18-20 9am-2pm and Aug. 19 Open House 4pm
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SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Please have your child bring a 3 ring binder with notebook paper and a pencil the first week of school. Teachers will be letting student's know what materials will be needed. This will hopefully alleviate purchasing unnecessary supplies.

PE UNIFORMS

We will be selling PE uniforms this year. The uniforms will be on sale during our Open House dates and also during the school year. The uniforms are a grey SRMS shirt and your choice of blue or red shorts. Uniforms are \$15/set. These uniforms are not mandatory, but are highly recommended. The uniform offers a place to write your student's name on the shirt which will help against loss or theft. If you choose not to purchase a uniform, PE students must wear a grey shirt with red or blue shorts.

MUSTANG SPORTS

If your child plans to play any sport for SRMS please make sure they have an updated parent permission form (which must be notarized) and a current physical. Sports physicals are good for one calendar year from the time the physical was administered. Your child **MUST** have these forms on file in order to attend any workouts or tryouts. Please get this done early so your child will not miss out on any activity they would like to take part in.

ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS

Shoal River Middle School offers advanced level courses for each grade level in all four core areas of language arts, math, science, and social studies. Classes earning high school credit are also available. Those courses are as follows:

- *Introduction to Information Technology (7th & 8th)
 - *Algebra 1 Honors (8th)
 - *Web Design (8th)
 - *Spanish (8th)
 - *Biology 1 Honors (8th)
 - *Geometry 1 Honors (8th)
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BUS ROUTES

Bus Routes with times and locations will be published in the Daily News a few weeks before school starts. If you have any questions regarding your child's bus route, please call the Transportation Department at 689-7301

SRMS IS A NO BULLYING ZONE

Shoal River Middle School is a new state of the art learning facility. Our mission is to provide a safe, nurturing environment in which all students can learn. Hence, bullying will not be tolerated.

The "Jeffrey Johnston 'Stand Up for All Students' Act" was passed and resulted in new School Board Policy 4-43. This law requires our school to educate students, educate staff members, and provide interventions, as well as consequences to acts of bullying. Our school has always taken the issue of bullying very seriously and we now have the backing of state law to protect each and every student at SRMS. If at any time you have questions regarding your student and the possibility of bullying, please contact an Administrator or Guidance Counselor at 689-7229.

GENDER SPECIFIC CLASSES NOTICE

Some 6th grade students may be placed in Gender Specific Core Classes. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this program, please contact the Guidance Department.

CAFETERIA NEWS

Students are not allowed to charge their lunch. Students who do not have money, or a balance in their account, will be given a sandwich and milk and charged for that instead of a regular lunch. Please be sure your child has money for lunch. You may also pay on your child's account on-line at www.schoolpaymentsolutions.com.

The Nutrition Center phone number is 833-3020 should you have any questions.

Mrs. Pickens, our Cafeteria Manager, will be able to assist you once school starts in August.

Her phone number is 689-7309.

Breakfast - \$1.25

Lunch - \$2.25

Milk - ¢.35

SRMS Dress Code

Students should be aware of the dress code and purchase clothing that meets this policy. For girls, this means no tank tops, tube tops or spaghetti straps. Shirt straps must be at least 3 inches wide. There should be no visible cleavage. Shorts, dresses or skirts must reach at least 5" from the top of the knee cap. Boys should wear pants that fit properly. The waist must not be further than 2" below the hip bones and undergarments must not show at any time. No student should wear clothing with slogans or pictures which depict alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex or anything derogative toward any ethnic group. Jewelry requiring piercing must be restricted to the ears only. Dress code violations will be instructed to change clothing with possible disciplinary actions.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

**The 2009—2010 School
Calendar is on-line at
www.okaloosaschools.com**

Parent Volunteers

We always appreciate parent volunteers. If you would like to volunteer your time or plan to attend any field trips with your student please make sure you stop by and pick up a Volunteer Form in the Front Office. This form must be notarized.

We need parents and interested community members to serve on our School Advisory Committee (SAC). If you are interested in being part of this organization please see Mrs. Bouton in the Front Office and let her know.

Cell Phone Collection Policy

1st Offense: Parent must pick up phone; one week lunch detention

2nd Offense: Parent must pick up phone; Saturday School

3rd Offense: Parent must pick up phone; Out of School Suspension

****All phones will be held 24 hours upon collection****

Students who bring cell phones to school must turn them off and put them away upon arriving at school. Cell phones should not be used for texting or placing calls between 7:55 and 3:00. School phones are provided for calling parents and for parents to leave messages for their students. **The school will not be responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.** Cell phones are not necessary in the learning environment and we encourage you to keep them at home.

7th Grade IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

In order to pick up your schedule, you MUST have your TD Booster turned in to the school nurse. No schedules will be issued without this paperwork.

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