



# Shoal River Middle School Mane Events

7th grade students

## NOTES FROM MR. JONES

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year at Shoal River Middle School! For parents of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders, welcome to Mustang Country. For parents of our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, welcome back. In a few short weeks, we will begin our second year here at Shoal River and, while this summer is very busy and hectic, it is not as bad as last summer when we were trying to move in and get ready for a new school year. There is still a lot going on with sports camps, cheer and dance practice, Summer Intensive Studies, and some construction projects that are still going on.

Even though we've been here a year, there are still some changes going on at Shoal River. Fourteen teachers are changing their subject area or grade level and eleven of them are moving to new rooms. Our goal is to try to get each teacher in the best curriculum area for the educational needs of our students.

This summer edition of our newsletter has a lot of very important information. Please read it carefully as there are many things that can make the beginning of the school year go smoother. Please pay particular attention to articles on dress code, school supplies, the first few school days, and student drop-off and pick-up procedures.

One very important item for you to note for the upcoming year is schedule changes. With the Class Size Amendment being placed at the per class level, we cannot have more than 22 in any core class any period. Therefore, schedule changes will be difficult, if not impossible, to do once the master schedule is set. The same thing is true for teacher requests. The restrictions placed on us by the CSA will prevent us from honoring parent requests for certain teachers. Please remem-

ber that, in November, we have an opportunity to return the CSA to the school average, where Okaloosa County has been for the past several years.

As we prepare to start a new school year, I would ask that each of you would dedicate yourself to being involved with your child's education. Nothing is more important to a student's success than the involvement and interest of their parents. Please work with us to make this coming year a successful one for your child.

One final thought. Please get out and vote in the August 24 primary election. The 1/2 cent sales tax is on the ballot and, while Shoal River enjoys the luxury of a new building, many of our district's school are old and in need of repairs and renovations in order to continue operating.

TDAP Immunizations are required for entry into the 7th grade. Student will NOT be able to pick up schedules for 2010/11 school yr unless they have proof of immunizations.

**STUDENTS CAN NOT START SCHOOL IN AUGUST WITHOUT THIS IMMUNIZATION AND WILL BE SENT HOME UNTIL PROOF IS PROVIDED.**

Please bring information and paperwork to the school. Our office hours are 7:30-3:30.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Brannon (850) 689-7447

**On August 3, we will have our Back to School Open House. It is very important that you note the times for each grade level. Our neighbor school, Riverside Elementary, is also having their Open House that evening and parking will be limited.**

## Open House Schedule

- 4:30 — 8th Grade parents in gym**

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- 4:45 — 8th grade parents meet teachers**

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- 5:15 — 7th grade parents in gym**

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- 5:30 — 7th grade parents meet teachers**

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- 6:00 — 6th grade parents in gym**

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- 6:20 — 6th grade parents meet teachers**

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- 7:00 — End of Open House!**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FOR THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF SCHOOL...students will report to their HORSE class at 8:15. During this time, students will purchase lockers and teachers will be reviewing the student handbook and Code of Conduct.



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.

Students arriving before 7:55 a.m. must report to the cafeteria. Please drop them off at cafeteria entrance where covered walk-way begins. Students must remain in the cafeteria until 7:55 when bell rings. After 7:55 please pull up to main entrance of school.

The 2010–2011 School Calendar is on-line at [www.okaloosaschools.com](http://www.okaloosaschools.com)

**SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST**  
Please have your child bring a 3 ring binder with notebook paper and a pencil the first week of school. Since the Sales Holiday is August 11-14, which is after school starts, we will not require students to have items on the School Supply List until after those dates. Each teacher will send a supply list home with your child.

**PE UNIFORMS**  
We will be selling PE uniforms this year. The uniform will be on sale during our Open House and also during the school year. The uniforms are a grey SRMS shirt and your choice of blue or red shorts. These uniforms are not mandatory, but are highly recommended.  
The uniform offers a place to write your students 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.

**SRMS 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.



**Student Drop-Off and Pick-up Procedures:**

- When dropping your child off in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon, please follow these procedures for efficient traffic flow and for safety of your child and other children .
1. As you enter the parking lot, please continue straight until you get to end of the lot then follow around left to the covered walkway. Please do not cut through the parking areas. Stay on the loop.
  2. Do not leave your vehicle on the front ramp. If you must come in the building, please park in the designated visitor parking spaces.
  3. Do not, under any circumstances, drop your child off on the bus ramp or on Redstone Avenue. This may be dangerous.

## Dress Code Smesh Code

“What’s the big deal, anyway?” many ask. Truthfully, how you dress, can affect the way you feel, act,..SUCCEED! And, at Shoal River Middle School, our mustangs “dress for success” !

The transition from elementary to middle school is a tough one. Multiple classes and multiple teachers are just a few things to add to the list of craziness and items which must be juggled. Don’t let dress code issues add to your stress. If you follow a few simple rules, you will be able to dress for success and your time at Shoal River will be quite a

memorable experience.

-The 3 X 5 Index Card Rule: Shirt straps must be at least 3” in width on the shoulders. - Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 5” above the knee.

-No holes or rips in jeans or shorts. Duct tape may not be used to cover rips and tears. Students will be sent home for a change of clothes before returning to class.

-Pants may not sag. “Twine suspenders” are issued for repeat offenders.

-Stomachs must be covered when arms are raised above the

head.

-Undergarments or cleavage should not show at anytime.

-Hair color must be naturally occurring. (Ex: NO red, blue, pink, purple, green, etc)

-No Mohawks or other visually distracting haircuts which create a disturbance to the learning environment.

Remember these few tips while “back to school” shopping this fall. In doing so, you will prepare yourself for a great year as you **DRESS FOR SUCCESS**

If you are interested in serving on our School Advisory Committee (SAC) please let Mrs. Bouton in the front office know. We always need parents and interested community members to help serve.

## SCHEDULE PICK UP

August 2, 3, 4 10:00—2:00  
IN FRONT FOYER

You can also pick up schedules in the cafeteria during our August 3rd Open House. During Open House please keep your meetings with teachers brief due to the number of parents/students trying to meet during this limited time. If you need to have a discussion with any of your child’s teachers, please schedule a conference through our guidance office.

## CAFETERIA NEWS

The Okaloosa School food program is run by Sodexo, Inc. 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](http://www.schoolpaymentsolutions.com)

The Nutrition Center phone number is 833-3020 should you have any questions. Mrs. Campbell, our Cafeteria Manager, will be able to assist you once school starts in August. Her phone number is 689-7309.

<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>\$1.25</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>\$2.25</b>
<b>MILK</b>	<b>.35</b>

## 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” and School Board Policy 4-43 address bullying. Our school is required to

educate students, 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.

## HORSE

For parents and students who are new to SRMS, we have a daily 25 minute literacy period we call HORSE (Helping Our Reading Students Excel). During this time we will participate in research-based literacy strategies. Tuesdays are reading strategy days to improve student’s comprehension of what they read. Wednesdays and Thursdays are the heart of our HORSE program. On these days, teachers will read aloud to students.



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### Cell Phone

#### Collection Policy

**1st Offense:** Phone will be returned at the end of the day; One week lunch detention

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

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

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.

Valuable, updated information is available 24-7 year round on our web site. Mrs. Moore, our IT Teacher, keeps our web site updated on a daily basis, with help from her outstanding IT students. Bookmark this website on your home computer in order to keep up with the latest news, information, calendars, sports schedules and pictures from Mustang Country.