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# THE SWAHS UPDATE

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## Principal's Message

Dear SWAHS Families:

Welcome to the new school year! We just completed our orientation week where our staff and students covered topics around physical and digital organization, building wide expectations, being a part of the SWAHS community, effective communication, handbook guidance, goal setting, and what field trips will look like this year. At SWAHS we believe laying a foundation for student success is ongoing and we will be revisiting these topics throughout the year as a way to improve students skills in these areas.

As we move into September we are excited about a new program that we are implementing in our advisory periods. Xello is a career and college readiness tool that allows for students to start and/or continue their exploration towards their next step. Additionally we hope to use this tool to guide our direction on academic field trips, classroom speakers, and a more personalized approach to learning.

Again we want to welcome you 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,

Nick Falde

Principal, South Washington Alternative High School

# Schedule Update - Day Program

After working through orientation week, we've made a slight adjustment to the end of our day program schedule. All students will be released at 2:45 when busses are scheduled to leave. Students are still responsible for making their virtual check-in with their advisor on a daily basis. Students can locate their virtual check-in activity on their advisory page in Schoology.

## Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Student Check - in .....	8:30 - 8:45
1st Hour .....	8:45 - 10:00
2nd Hour .....	10:05 - 11:20
3rd Hour .....	11:25 - 12:40
Lunch. 12:45 - 1:05	
*First Release 1:05	
*Bus Leaves 1:10	
4th Hour .....	1:10 - 1:55
5th Hour .....	2:00 - 2:45
*Bus Leaves 2:45	
Virtual Student Check - in .....	2:45 - 3:15

## Tuesday / Thursday

Student Check - in .....	8:30 - 8:45
1st Hour .....	8:45 - 9:50
2nd Hour .....	9:55 - 11:00
Advisory.....	11:05 - 11:30
3rd Hour .....	11:35 - 12:40
Lunch. 12:45 - 1:05	
*First Release 1:05	
*Bus Leaves 1:10	
4th Hour .....	1:10 - 1:55
5th Hour .....	2:00 - 2:45
*Bus Leaves 2:45	
Virtual Student Check - in .....	2:45 - 3:15

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT 8 - START OF 916 CAREER AND TECH

SEPT 23 - PICTURE DAY

SEPT 30 - TERM 1 CONFERENCES (4:00 - 6:15)

OCT 12 - LAST DAY OF TERM 1

SWAHS CALENDAR LINK - [SWAHS.SOWASHCO.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/CALENDAR](https://swahs.sowashco.org/get-involved/calendar)

## YSB on Campus

Youth Service Bureau (YSB) is again partnering with SWAHS this upcoming school year to provide services to our students in the areas of mental health therapy and chemical health counseling at no cost to our students and families. Matt McCune is our chemical health specialist and will be at SWAHS on Wednesdays. Chaunte Teehan is our mental health specialist and will be in the building on Thursdays. If you would like to connect with them please contact our main office at 651-425-7000.

# Lunch at SWAHS

During orientation week SWAHS students went through several key aspects of the student handbook. One aspect that was covered was an adjustment regarding lunch. After reviewing the past four years of data, where we looked at attendance and behavioral data, much of the trends were connected to our lunch procedures.

This school year as we looked at our schedule, reviewed food service guidance and the increase in delivery services around the area we made the decision to have students stay on campus for lunch.

If a student chooses to order delivery, we ask that they order so that their items arrive between 12:40 and 12:55. If items arrive early we will do our best to keep their hot items hot and cold items cold.

If a student would like to bring food in, we have a microwave, refrigerator, and sink that students can access to heat up food, store food, or access water. Similar to last school year South Washington County Schools is offering free breakfast and lunch for all students. Students should have their lunch order in prior to 9:30 in the main office.

## School Check Out Process

If it is necessary for a student to check out of school before the end of the day, the student must sign out in the office. A parent/guardian must call or email the main office to check their student out. Students will NOT be allowed to check back into school, unless they are returning with verification of the absence. If a student checks out of school before or during a class, it will count as an absence.

# Student Ambassadors

Over the next few weeks several students will be asked to be part of a student ambassador group at SWAHS. This group is a leadership group we put together yearly with input from previous student ambassadors and staff members. In past years student ambassadors provide feedback on school activities, speak on their experiences at SWAHS, and help plan for academic and social school events. Student ambassador meetings will occur bi-weekly during 5th period.



*19/20 SWAHS Ambassadors presenting at SoWashCo professional development day.*

## School Portraits

School portraits are scheduled for the morning of September 23rd. Ordering materials will be provided to students during their advisory or can be picked up in the main office during school hours.