



Dear South Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I am so excited to welcome our second and third graders to South Elementary. Our staff is working hard to get ready for an exciting school year! Our first day of school will be Tuesday, August 22, 2023. Please see the details listed below regarding the upcoming school year:

Daily Schedule

School is in session from 9:00 am to 3:45 pm. Elementary doors open at 8:30 am and the tardy bell rings at 9:15am. Your child will eat lunch between 11:45-12:45.

Parent Portal

Parent Portal will be open and ready for completion on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. Please be sure and make the updates to your child's account. **This is the only way you will be able to see your student's teacher.** If you are in need of assistance with your account, there will be a Parent Portal help session on Monday, August 14th at New Philadelphia High School from 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. Please enter through door #1

Free & Reduced Lunch

Families wishing to apply for free or reduced lunch need to fill out an application. The application can be found in the Payschools link on the district website under the Parent's tab. If you are in need of a paper application, please contact our school office at 330-364-0725.

"Back to School" Night

Our *Back to School Night* will be held on **Monday, August 21 from 5:30-6:30 pm**. On Back to School Night, families will have the opportunity to tour the building, meet their teacher, and drop off school supplies. **(Please note that Parent Portal MUST be completed prior to attending Back to School Night)**

School Supply List

Please see the South Elementary page on the district website for supply lists for this school year.

School Transportation/Bussing

The School Board Policy for students who qualify for school transportation is as follows: Students in grades K-12 who reside with their parent/legal guardian and live 1 mile or further qualify for bussing. Students are bussed from their neighborhood building to the appropriate grade level building. If your child will be riding a bus to South, they **MUST** be at their neighborhood building by 8:30 am. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the transportation office at (330) 364-0622.

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