

Dear Star Valley Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. I am excited for the opportunity to begin the school year with face-to-face instruction. The excitement of a new school year is a bit shadowed by the anxiety and challenge due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Over the last few months and recently the last few weeks I have had numerous conversations with parents, students, and teachers concerning the reopening of schools. Concerns of safety, face coverings, athletics, activities, and transportation were just a few of the areas stakeholders have expressed concerns. The intent of this letter is to answer some of the most frequently asked questions and to make you aware of the different options you or your student will have this school year. As you consider the different options for your student, please make the decision that best meets the needs of your student and your family. I intend to fully support students and families as they carefully make the decision that best meets their needs.

What are the education options for my student(s) this year at SVHS? (3 Options)

Option #1: Attend classes face to face on the SVHS Campus

- Students will have a regular 8 period schedule, 4 Gold Class and 4 Red Classes. [SVHS Red/Gold Calendar](#) The [LCSD#2 Smart Start Plan](#) and the current health order will be implemented (See Guidelines and expectations below)

Option #2: Attend classes remotely (*This Is Currently A Short Term Option - We will evaluate remote learning every two weeks, case by case*)

- Students will participate in each of their courses via Zoom/Canvas. Attendance will be taken each class period and students are required to participate in each course remotely at the same time the course is taught live.
- Please contact an administrator at the high school to be considered for remote learning.
- Please click the link to complete the [Virtual School Application](#) If you would like to register for online classes. The application link is also available on our website at svhs.lcsd2.org.

Option #3: Star Valley Virtual (*We currently have over 60 courses available to take virtually, this option is completely online. Not all courses at SVHS are offered virtually*)

- Students can register for courses completely taught online. Students will not attend school in person.
- All exams will be proctored by a SVHS employee either onsite or at an approved location.
 - Smart Start Plan and current health orders will be implemented during test proctoring.

Smart Start Plan and Current Health Order Guidelines

Face Coverings

Face coverings are expected for staff and students when social distancing is not possible. Face coverings are one of the most controversial components of the current health order. There are more questions than answers surrounding face coverings, however, the guidance from the state health department allows for exceptions for medical, educational, or other specific needs. In cases of exception, we will ask these students to social distance to the greatest extent possible. Please don't assume others are comfortable with you not wearing a face covering. We intend to provide breaks throughout the day and during class periods where students can meet social distancing guidelines and can remove the face covering. Please show your respect for others by allowing them their space and wearing your face covering when 6 foot distancing is not possible. If you have questions or need clarification please contact Mr. Horsley, SVHS Principal.

Social Distancing

Social Distancing is another guideline found in the Smart Start Plan and the current health order. Social distancing is not how I envisioned teaching and learning in our schools. However, during this time we ask students to be diligent while interacting and socializing together. Please don't assume others are "ok with it" and disregard social distancing. Please don't assume other students and teachers are comfortable with you wearing a mask and stepping into their 6 foot space. We understand this will be difficult and different. However, we hope adherence to the guidelines will allow us to stay in Tier 1 and offer face-to-face instruction throughout the year.

The current health order will make for an interesting start of the school year. Some elements of the health order will require us to approach "school" in different ways. Adhering to the guidelines to the greatest extent possible, hopefully, will allow us to address small groups of our population when quarantining or testing is required, allowing the majority of the population to continue with face-to-face Tier 1 instruction. I am confident that each of us have the capacity to respect one another, adapt where we can, and to help each other through this challenging time.

Important Dates

- August 12th - 13th New student registration and Full-Time Star Valley Virtual School Registration
- August 17th - 21st iPad pick up for grades 10-12
- August 24th Freshman day, 8:00am to 11:30am
 - Freshman will receive their iPads on this day
 - A sack lunch will be served on this day at no charge to students
- August 25th First Day for students

Fall Activities

- Star Valley High School will be offering fall activities.
- Activity specific details will be communicated to students and parents by each individual advisor.
 - August 5th - Golfers, email Coach Fullmer (kfullmer@lcsd2.org) their name & cell #
 - August 10th & 11th - Golf Tryouts
 - August 12th - First Varsity Golf Meet
 - August 17th - Fall Activities Begin
 - Volleyball
 - Cross Country
 - Football

Activity Bus Dates, Times and Location Will Be Posted At transportation.lcsd2.org

- LCSD#2 encourages parents and families to provide transportation to and from activities. An activity bus will be provided for students who cannot provide their own transportation.
- The activity bus schedule will be updated for the 2020 pre-season activities later this month.
- If you are interested in a preseason activity bus that request needs to be made to your advisor by Wednesday August 12th.

Student Schedule Changes

Students will need to communicate electronically with a counselor. Schedule changes will be handled electronically or by appointment only. Please email your counselor with any questions.

SVHS Counseling Department:

- Ben Hale: bhale@lcsd2.org
- Josh Frazier: jfrazier@lcsd2.org
- Reed Lesuma: reed.lesuma@lcsd2.org

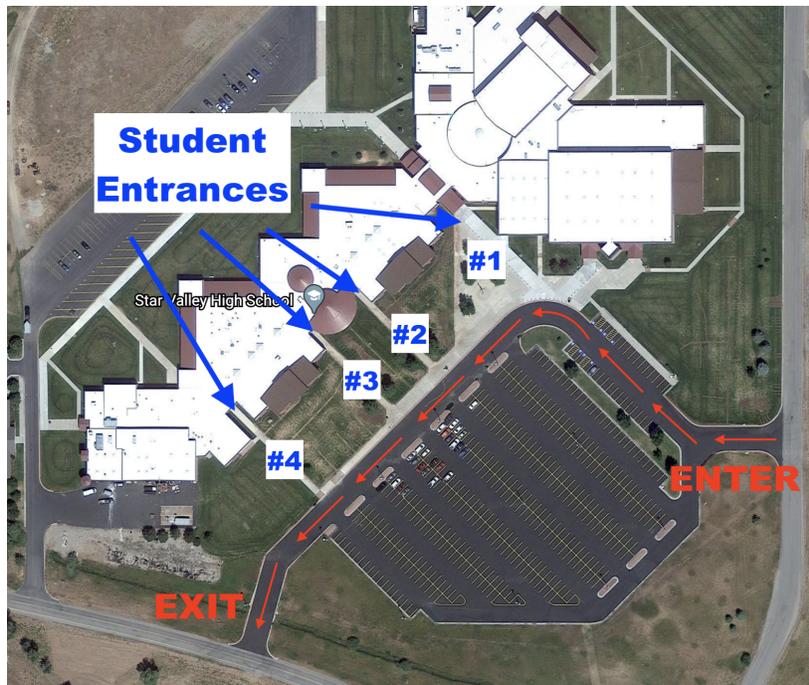
Transportation:

Will Busses Be Running This Year?

LCSD#2 encourages parents and families to provide transportation to and from school for their students. We understand this is not an option for some students. The transportation department will be running bus routes and students will have the option to use district provided transportation. Face Coverings will be expected for students when 6 foot social distancing is not possible on busses. Please continue to check the transportation website for the most current bussing information. transportation.lcsd2.org

Where do I pick up and drop off my student(s) at SVHS?

Parents will drop off and pick up their students at one of the front entries of the school building, please enter with your vehicle through the east gate and exit through the South gate to keep traffic flowing in one direction. Please fill the most southern slot to drop off / pick up your student so we can get as many parent vehicles in line as possible. (Please see attached diagram)



Lunch and Cafeteria

Star Valley High School will continue to have an open campus during lunch. The cafeteria will be serving food each day and will meet federal food guidelines for preparing and serving students. To begin the year, grab and go lunches will be served through the cafeteria. We will continue to monitor the situation and hope to expand lunch offerings as we continue throughout the year. Students are still welcome to bring lunch from home as well. Social distancing will be expected while in the cafeteria. Additional tables will be available outside (while the weather is nice) and additional space will be available throughout the building and on campus for students to eat and enjoy their lunch break.

Microwaves will not be available for students, at this time. We are exploring "School Store" options to start the year, but we anticipate if we have a school store it will have limited items.

Vending Machines will not be available.

Activity Fees / iPad Fees

iPad fees will be posted to student accounts this week (\$40). We are encouraging fees to be paid online to expedite the process during pick up.

Activity fees will be posted for students when the respective activity begins.

I believe this school year will be exciting and memorable. I look forward to moving forward with flexibility and creativity. If you have any questions or need to discuss your students' individual needs please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jason Horsley

Principal | Star Valley HS

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