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NEWS

STEVE BRISTOL, SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome Back

Welcome back!!! As Superintendent, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another soon to be great year at Sutherland.

Lunch Accounts

As a reminder this year school lunches will again be charged to your students account. If you haven't done so yet please stop by the school office for your Free and Reduced forms to see if your student qualifies for a free or reduced meal. By completing this application you will help our district with Federal funding that can be used toward our reading programs. If you aren't able to stop by the office Free and Reduced applications will be made available to all students to be taken home.

New Faces

We have a tremendous staff here at Sutherland which includes teachers, support staff, paraprofessional, custodians, maintenance, principals and administrative staff. Everyone of our staff members play a key role in the success of our school and the success of our students. It is our mission to have every child feel welcome, connected, and a part of the Sailor family. With that stated we will be welcoming new staff members to the "Sailor Crew." New Staff members include:

Suzanne Donnally - Business
Jordyn Pavelka - History
Samantha Kennedy - Elementary
Hannah Stetson - Preschool Paraprofessional
Malorie Lantis - Elementary Paraprofessional
Amy Hesseltine - High School Paraprofessional
Jasmin Nielson - Custodian
Kashia O'Neal - High School Administrative Assistant
Brittney Paulsen - Elementary Administrative Assistant
Brad Golden - Technology Director
Adam Hoatson - Physical Education
Jessica Rasby - English
Matt Mortimer - Head Football
Christine Meyer - Head JH. Volleyball
Tom Kelly - School Board
CJ. Einspahr - Girls Wrestling
Spencer Prouix - Golf
Brandy Jamerman - Speech

STEVE BRISTOL, SUPERINTENDENT.....CONTINUED

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Please welcome these professionals to our school and school family.

The custodial staff and maintenance staff have been very busy over the summer painting, doing lawn work, mowing, repairing tile, cleaning, laying carpet and so much more. Please take a moment and give them a pat on the back for their efforts keeping our building in top-notch condition.

2023-2024 School Budget

Currently the 2023-2024 fiscal budget is being developed. Our board has been very diligent about being good stewards with the district's finances and will continue to make budget decisions ensuring the district is managed in a fiscally responsible manner. During the month of August, the board will be evaluating the 2023-2024 budget and in September the board will take formal action to adopt the budget. If you have questions/thoughts concerning the district's finances or budgeting process feel free to contact me.

Board Policies

Governance of the school district is developed and administered through board policies. The Sutherland School Board approves and adopts policies on an annual basis. All the board policies are listed on the district's website and are categorized into the following six areas:

- 1000 Series – Mission and Belief Statements
- 2000 Series - The Role and Conduct of the Board of Education
- 3000 Series – Business Operations
- 4000 Series – Employees
- 5000 Series – Students
- 6000 Series – Instruction and Extracurricular Activities.

District patrons, parents, school staff members and students are encouraged to be informed with the school district's policies. The Nebraska Legislature, NDE, and the Federal Government require public hearings on a few of the policies, which the school board annually hosts. Please feel welcome to attend any of the hearings or call the school for clarification on district policies.

Final Comments

While serving as your Superintendent of Schools, I plan to be accessible to all stakeholders and to maintain an open door communication policy. I encourage and welcome any questions, comments or concerns you have about our schools and I can be reached at 308-386-4656.

The Last Laugh

A man was walking down the sidewalk and saw a sign saying help wanted! Immediately he ran into the store and yelled "what's wrong."

AMANDA HUEBNER, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Sutherland Sailor Families,

Welcome to the start of the 2023-2024 school year! It was a fast and furious year and it is hard to believe the 2023-2024 school year is already upon us. This summer, my family and I spent the majority of our time haying and fishing. We also had the opportunity to spend some time with my parents in South Texas.

Additionally, I graduated with my Specialist Degree in July and am continuing the journey of an EdD in Educational Administration, so in between haying and taking summer classes, we stayed busy. Needless to say, I have been anxious to get back to work and have a normal schedule again.

For the 2023-2024 school year, we are excited to announce that we will be welcoming quite a few new staff members in our building:

- Suzanne Donnally - Business Teacher
- Jordyn Pavelka - History
- Amy Hasseltine - Paraprofessional
- Jasmin Nielson - Custodian
- Kashia O'Neal - High School Secretary
- Brad Golden - Technology Director
- Adam Hoatson - Physical Education
- Jessica Rasby - English
- Heather Marquardt - JH Math
- Matt Mortimer - Head Football
- Christy Meyer - Head JH Volleyball
- Ariana Sutter - Lunch and Library Aide

I encourage all parents and students to take a look at the student handbook. The handbook, along with other policies and procedures can be found on the school website (www.spssailors.org). I will be reviewing some changes for the 2023-2024 school year during our Back to School Night on August 10, 2023. Because students are still required to pay for meals, this time would be an excellent opportunity for you to make a deposit into their accounts.

Moreover, the purpose of Back to School Night is to prepare students and parents for the changes that occur from JH to high school and expectations/opportunities students may have throughout their high school career. We would also like to use this time to review graduation requirements and other changes that will occur throughout their high school experience. **In addition to the student's attendance, a parent/guardian must also attend Computer Rollout in order for students to receive their computer that night.**



AMANDA HUEBNER, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.....CONTINUED

Please take time to fill out the necessary paperwork from our school website prior to Orientation night. All forms can be found on our school website (www.spssailors.org) and by clicking on "PARENTS", then "FORMS" on the left column. You may also find these forms on PowerSchool. If you are unable to fill out the forms found online, you are welcome to pick up the paperwork from the office. We are excited to see all of our students and meet new students and parents in our community. If a parent is unable to make it to Back to School Night, the parent will need to schedule a time to go over the information prior to the computer being issued.

Finally, not only am I excited to be blessed with a third year to work for Sutherland Public Schools, but I am also looking forward to continuing the work we have been and will continue to do together as a community. As Judith Billings said, "Children are the priority. Change is the reality. Collaboration is the strategy." I will also be here to work with you should they need guidance navigating any aspect of the school year.

As we embark on Year 3 of this journey, my priority is to ensure that all children are healthy, happy, and safe, so they may learn and grow as much as possible. This will become evident through enhanced curriculum practices, new and excited staff members, a focus on Math, and improvements to our current systems in place to take us from "Good" to "Great" as a district. Please know that I will work tirelessly to ensure all of your children have the best possible experiences while at Sutherland Public Schools.

I look forward to another fantastic school year and I can't wait to see the students fill our hallways again! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Amanda Huebner

7-12 Principal, Sutherland High School

401 Walnut St.

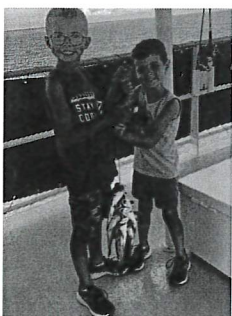
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Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

-Benjamin Franklin



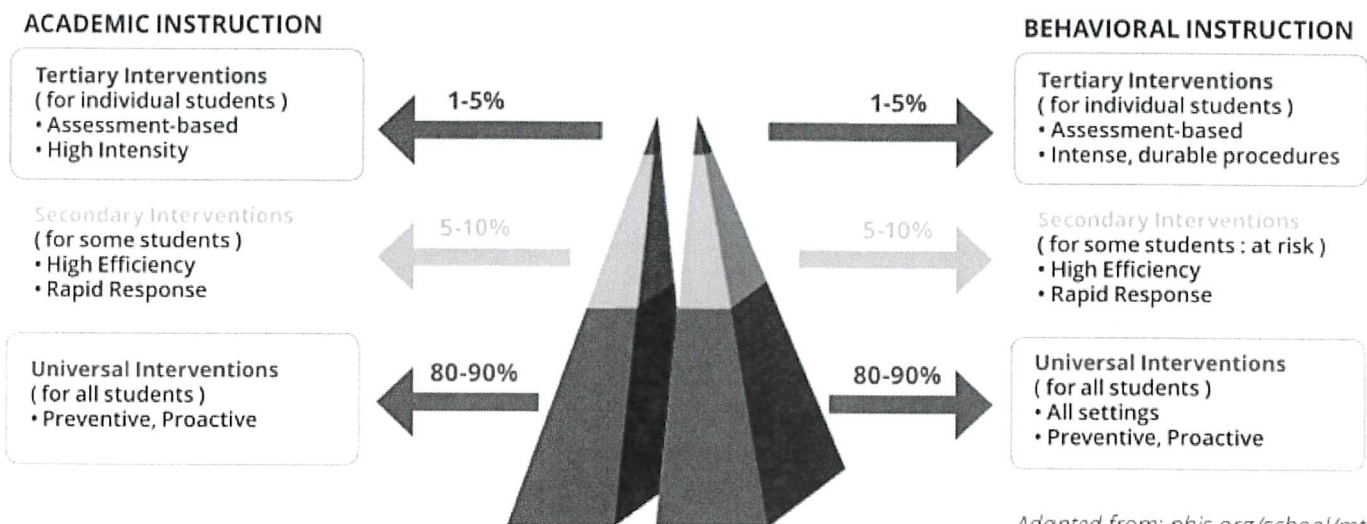
AMANDA HUEBNER, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.....CONTINUED

CURRICULUM

Curriculum Updates:

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- we are going to target Math instruction and intervention practices;
- We are enhancing our PBIS practices on the 7-12 side;
- We will continue implementing a PLC model across the district:
 - What do we want all students to know and be able to do?
 - Objective/Standards Taught
 - How will we know if they learn it?
 - Assessment (Formal and Informal) and Student Monitoring
 - How will we respond when some students do not learn?
 - Reteaching and Interventions (If necessary)
 - How will we extend the learning for students who are already proficient?
 - Layering, Making Connections, and Extended Learning Opportunities
- We will continue to apply the MTSS Model on the 7-12 side (student grouping/ tiering, targeted interventions, academic and behavioral support)

MTSS Overview:Adapted from: pbis.org/school/mtss

SUTHERLAND ELEMENTARY NEWS



END OF SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

35+ students earned their way to our end of summer reading celebration. Over 2 million words were read! Students were challenged to read at least 3 grade-level appropriate books and pass the AR quiz. If students were successful with this mission, they were able to participate in a Fun Jumpz obstacle course, s'mores, and a water fight! Way to go Sailors!

The front doors will be open at 7:30 am for students coming for breakfast and 7:40 am for all other children. Walkie Talkie time will be from 7:40 am - 7:50 am every day. Our school day begins at 8:05 am and concludes at 3:40 pm every day. All students who arrive after 8:05 am must sign in at the office to receive a pass.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

If your child is sick, please report the absence to the office immediately. Automated phone calls will go out at 8:35 am every day for students who are not accounted for. Additionally, make sure your child knows his/her plan after school. Students need to go home after school and may return to the playground at 4:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY EARLY OUTS

Each Wednesday we will dismiss at 2:30 pm CST. If you are unable to pick up your student at that time and would like them to participate in the after school program, please fill out this form: <https://bit.ly/SutherlandAfterSchool>

UPCOMING DATES

Aug 10 - Back to School Night (5:30 - 6:15 pm)
Aug 15 - First Day of School (Kinder dismiss at 11:00, 1st - 6th grade dismiss at 1:00, Both PreK classes will run)
Aug 23 - Picture Day
Aug 30 - Picture Retake Day

UPCOMING DATES, CONT...

Sept 4 - No School Labor Day
Sept 19 - Dismiss at 1:00; Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sep 22 - No School; Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 am - Noon

Applegate Grant Provides The Science of Reading Training

An Applegate Training and Support Grant provided funds for Jennifer Sandberg to participate in an Orton Gillingham Science of Reading training this summer. The training focused on the development of the foundational skills needed to learn to read and become a successful reader. Strategies and materials from this training will impact our young readers this year. This grant helps to enhance the educational opportunities of the students in our community.



ATTN PARENTS: All families need to update their student's demographics and contact information online if you have had changes recently.



Student 2023-2024 Hot Lunch Prices:

Breakfast: PreK-12 = \$1.70
Lunch K-6 = \$3.20
Lunch 7-12 = \$3.50
Extra Milk = \$.50 cents
7-12 Second Entree = \$.90 cents
Reduced Breakfast = .30 cents
Reduced Lunch = .40 cents

School Meals

The new school year requires a new meal application. Sutherland Public School encourages all families to apply for the Free or Reduced benefits to see if they might qualify. It is important to submit a complete SY2023-24 meal application as soon as possible.

- Only one meal application is needed for each household.
- Applications are available online to print out, or can be picked up at the school. They will also be available for 7-12 students at Back to School Night and will be sent home with elementary students on the first day of school.

SPS Play Production 2023 Sponsors

SPS Play Production is searching for sponsors for this year's production. Proceeds from sponsorships will go toward costs of this year's production, particularly for performance royalty fees and costuming purposes.

Sponsors will receive a special mention on our Dessert Theater program and on a social media post on the day of each performance this season.

Please fill out the form below and attach payment if you are interested in sponsoring at one of three levels. Form and payment must be returned by **November 13th** to be featured in our Dessert Theater program. Thank you so much for your support!

Sponsorship Form:

Name (as you would like it to appear in the program and postings):

Sponsorship level (Check one):

Bronze (\$50) _____ Silver (\$100) _____ Gold (\$200) _____

Payment (Check one):

Make checks payable to Sutherland Public School with Drama in the memo line.

Cash: _____ Check: _____

Thank you for supporting SPS Play Production!



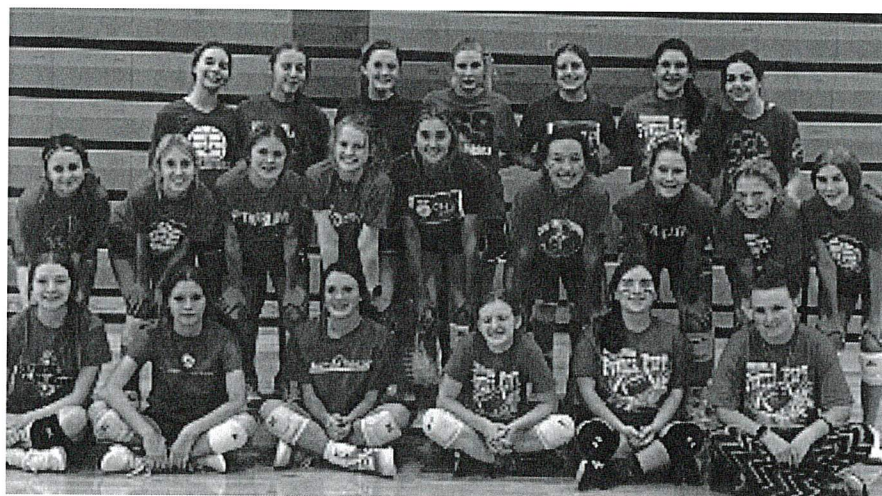
VOLLEYBALL NEWS



The 2022-2023 Sutherland Sailor Volleyball team received national recognition for their work in the classroom. The Sailors earned the Coach Jean Groth Team Academic Award from the American Volleyball Coaches Association. To receive the award the 14 members of the Varsity team needed to maintain a 3.3 GPA out of a 4.0 scale for the school year 2022-2023. With their team GPA of a 3.9 they not only earned the Academic Team Award but also were recognized as Honor Roll winners which required them to be in the top 20% of all high school volleyball teams in the nation. Congratulations Sailors!

Members of the team were:

Lauren Nelson, Lacey Brunner, Natalie Brown, Annabella Tylor, Glory Naughtin, Peyton Fischer, Ella Mann, Montana Saylor, Gracyn Elfeldt, Fallyn Elfeldt, Reese Erbert, Story Rasby, Mahala Vasquez, Rylan Boettcher



Sutherland Public Schools has an IOS and Android App. To install it go to the App Store or Google Play Store and search for Sutherland Public Schools. Install it today to receive *important updates and notifications.*

Also, remember to follow us on Facebook as well as check out the school website at www.spssailors.org.

**SUTHERLAND BOOSTER CLUB
MEETING
8-21-23
6:30 P.M.
At the Longhorn**

Greetings and Welcome Back to School!

Just a reminder to parents/guardians that if your child has any health concerns, is taking any medications or uses any inhalers at home to please stop in the school's health office to discuss this. I am here Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 12:00. It is very important to know of any allergies to medication or food as well as anxiety concerns and general health concerns.

Welcome back to school!

Annette Kennedy RN School Nurse



IMPORTANT!

Please make sure your student has money in their lunch account! You may drop off payments at either office!

Thank you!

PARENTS: Please make sure your child knows your phone number in the event of an emergency.



Summer has ended and kids are back in school which means it is time to make back-to-school safety our priority. Crossing guards protect the safety of children who walk or bicycle to school. Sutherland School's crossing guards are members of the sixth-grade class who volunteer this service to the community every morning and afternoon. For them, it's important that drivers be aware of their surroundings and the crossing guards on duty. Remember, the crossing guards are doing their best to make sure the kids are crossing the street safely and following the rules.

Throughout the school year, crossing guards are vital in protecting our communities' children. Everyone young and old should use the crossing guards to cross the street at the school in order to set a good example for all children. While using the crosswalks following a few simple rules will help the crossing guards best serve you. Remember to always wait for the crossing guards to get in position and let you know when it is safe to enter the street. Then, walk in the crosswalk across the street. Never ride your bike, scooter, skateboard, etc. on the sidewalk or crosswalk at school. Finally, be respectful and listen to the crossing guard on duty.

Crossing guards are dedicated and go above and beyond in all kinds of weather. The next time you see a crossing guard, remember all they do for our children and take a moment, wave and give them a "Thank You". They deserve it!





CATHY BRUNZ, K-12 SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Welcome back to the 2023-24 school year!! Students can still sign up for the national September ACT but will have to pay a late fee. To sign up, simply go to www.actstudent.org Seniors already have an account from last year, and juniors will need to create an account if they have not taken a test before.

The last chance for senior scholarships will be the December ACT so please plan accordingly. There are a couple schools that will allow the February ACT, but only a few, so check your college to see if they accept those.

I will be attending the EducationQuest and University update in September. This year they are also bringing the state colleges to this conference, so it will be full of valuable information. At this conference I will learn about any new admissions requirements, scholarships, and anything new about the FASFA process.

EducationQuest will be holding a financial aid night via distance learning in September with the exact date and time TBD. All junior and senior parents and students are welcome to attend. You could even earn a chance at a scholarship, just by attending!!

Seniors will be getting a folder from me in regards to everything they need for scholarships, applying to college, college visits and just everything to get them ready for post secondary education!! All scholarships are ran through Google Classroom and students and parents are invited to join! Just go to classroom.google.com and enter code mpmthqh It is an exciting and busy school year, so please post the to-do list on the fridge and help your student to cross off all of their tasks during this school year.

I am pleased to have Dr. Luke McConnell to help with mental health again this year. He has formerly been in practice in North Platte and we are lucky to have such an asset here at Sutherland for our staff and students. We as educators and administrators at Sutherland Public School have a goal for each student to reach his/her potential and be successful. Having Dr. McConnell join us allows us to better help our students socially and emotionally.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year and helping each and every student from small to big to become the best person they can be! I wish you all a great start to the school year! Go Sailors! ~Mrs. Brunz

**ATTENTION!**

Parents of children ages birth to five, please stop and take a moment to think about your child. All children develop at different rates. If you have any concerns about your child's development, please call....

Educational Service Unit 16

"in conjunction with local school districts"

308-284-8481

Email: jlee@esusixteen.org

**OR**

Early Development Network

308-284-8481

Email:

apwilson@esusixteen.org

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www.answers4families.org



The Early Development Network/ESU 16 provides services and supports that are designed based on the needs of children birth to age five and their families.



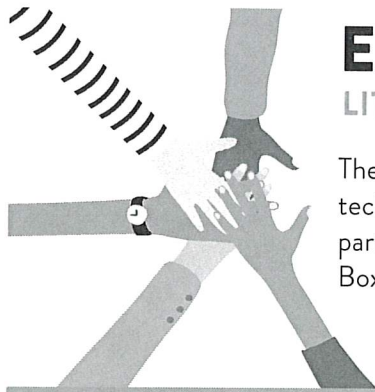
CHILD FIND SCREENINGS NEWS RELEASE

Local school districts in cooperation with ESU 16 are sponsoring an opportunity for parents of preschool children to participate in Child Find Screenings. This fall screening will be made available in each school district at the request of parents.

Child Find is a screening program for preschool children between the ages of birth and five. Professionals will be available to answer questions from parents regarding their preschool child's speech and language development, motor development, social/emotional development, hearing and learning skills. Parents who suspect that their child (age 0-5) may need special help in these areas are encouraged to call their school district. The local school district will arrange for evaluation in cooperation with ESU 16. Evaluation will be done at a time and place convenient for the family.

Children between the ages of five and twenty-one who reside in Arthur, Grant, Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins and Thomas counties may be referred to the school's Student Assistance Team. The Student Assistance Team provides suggestions for accommodation/modification. This referral may result in an evaluation for special help. Parents should contact their local school district to request this referral.

Further information is available from your local school district or from the Educational Service Unit 16 office (308-284-8481).

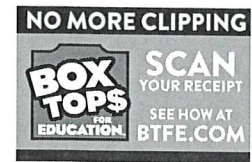


EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

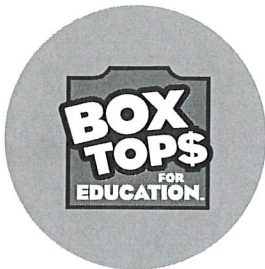
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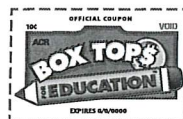


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TO PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS:

Although many different services are available to area preschoolers with disabilities (age 0-5) through their local school district and ESU 16, some children remain unserved because parents may not know of the existence of programs or do not recognize the need for a program for their child.

The observance of several of the items on the following chart may indicate a need to request Child Find Screening being offered by local school districts in cooperation with ESU 16. Screening will be conducted in or near your school district at the request of parents or school districts. Please call your school or the ESU 16 office (308-284-8481) to request a time and location for this screening.

DOES YOUR - - -

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| 3 month old | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- turn toward, smile and respond to a familiar voice?- coo and give vowel sounds when pleased?- lift head and hold upright while on stomach? |
| 6 month old | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- turn head toward sounds and search out new sounds?- laugh aloud?- roll to both sides?- pick up objects? |
| 9 month to
1 year old | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- respond to own name, simple requests and pat-a-cake?- wave bye-bye?- shake head no?- sit alone?- stand alone?- feed self with fingers? |
| 2 year old | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- identify one or more pictures?- listen to simple stories read repeatedly?- say own name?- walk downstairs with hand held?- imitate drawing by lines and circles? |
| 3 year old | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- separate easily from mother?- begin to listen to reason?- say 3-4 word sentences?- know name, own sex, and address?- say at least one color?- stand on one foot?- undo two buttons? |
| 4 year old | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- understand prepositions: on, under, in, by, between?- understand adjectives: fast-slow, big-little, tall-short?- say 4-5 word sentences?- count three objects, pointing correctly?- hop at least twice on one foot?- button coat, shirt or dress? |

For more information on Child Find Screening, please contact your school district or Jo Lee, ESU 16 Preschool Coordinator, at 308-386-4867 or 308-284-8481.



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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

School will begin
Tuesday, August 15th.
The day begins at 8:05
a.m. for ALL students.

Kindergarten will
dismiss at 11:00 am,
PreK AM dismiss at
11:20 am, PreK PM
dismiss at 3:30 p.m.
and grades 1st - 12th
will dismiss at 1:00 that
day.

Calendar

August 15, 2023 - First Day of School
August 16, 2023 - Early Dismissal 2:30p.m.
August 21, 2023 - School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
August 23, 2023 - Picture Day
August 30, 2023- Picture Retake Day
September 4, 2023 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
September 6, 2023 - Early Dismissal 2:30pm
**September 19, 2023 - Early Dismissal 1:00pm with
Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30p.m.-8:00p.m.**
**September 22, 2023 - NO SCHOOL - Parent/
Teacher Conferences 8am-Noon**

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