

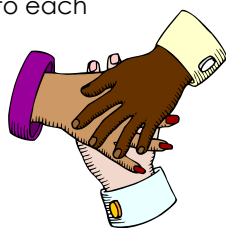
## Message from the Principal

Greetings SVAE Family!  
What a great energy entered the building this, the first day of school at SVAE! What a welcome sight to the school filled after it sat almost vacant all summer.

I especially want to thank again the crew that was here for the work bee! The school facility is ready! SVAE staff is excited to begin a new year and looks forward to facilitating the learning for each child attending in 2023-2024. May God dwell in this place this year.

Blessings,  
Mr. Hammond

**Our Annual Work Bee** was a great success! Thank you to each parent, student, grandparent, church member, and friend who came to support our school!



### Arrival/Dismissal Schedule:

Attendance is taken at 8:05 a.m. Monday-Friday. **Students may arrive as early as 7:30 a.m.** classes begin at 8 a.m. every day. Dismissal is at 3:15 Monday-Thursday and Friday at 12 p.m. Please follow the traffic signs, and observe caution during drop-off and pick-up.

**After School Care** will be available again this year every day from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 12:15-5:30 p.m. on Fridays. If your child is not picked up by 3:30, by default they will go to afterschool care with charges applied even if it is for a partial hour. The program will be coordinated by Christine Reinoehl. Payments will need to be made in advance with hours used deducted from your account balance. Multiple child discounts are available. Payments can be made in the office. Parents who anticipate using this service at any time this year should prepay for a few hours now. The program will include time for students to do homework, as well as fun activities. Please do not leave students in ASC unless needed.

## Upcoming Calendar Events:

August 27	SVAE Open House 1pm-5pm
September 4	Labor Day/No School
September 5	School Picture Day
September 5-22	MAPS Testing
September 6-8	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education
September 7-8	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spiritual Retreat
September 11-15	Week of Worship
September 26	Picture re-take day
September 27	See you at the Flag pole 8 a.m.
October 7	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Music @ New Market SDA
October 13	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
October 15	SVAE Golf Tournament
October 22-23	SVA Academy Days
October 23-27	Red Ribbon Week
October 26	12pm Dismissal
October 27	No School

**All registration forms**, including signed financial contracts, need to be turned in to the office in order for your child's registration to be complete. All forms are available on the school's website ([www.svaelementary.org](http://www.svaelementary.org)).

**Planners** for grades 5-8 (\$5 each) as well as **field trip shirts** (\$18 each) are available for purchase in the school office. All students are required to wear a red field trip shirt when on field trips. Please purchase one soon in the office.

**The annual school social/open house**, is Sunday August 27, from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. This is counted as a day of school, and attendance will be taken.

**Piano Lessons at SVAE:** If your child would like to learn to play the piano after school, please contact the office or Gerald White, at 335-8220. There will be time slots for eight students on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, starting at 3:30. Bells students will have preference for Wednesdays, and those with difficult schedules will be accommodated as necessary. Let me know of your interest **now**, so we can begin on Aug. 29. Thanks!

**Paper copies of this Parent Bulletin** will be distributed only to families who contact the office and request them. All other families will receive copies via e-mail.

**Hot lunch:** We are pleased to offer healthy options that will feature fresh fruits & vegetables, whole grains and fewer processed foods. Lunches need to be prepaid (daily, weekly, etc.) in the office. A small lunch will be available for \$3.50. A regular meal will be available for \$4.50. Each *Parent Bulletin* will include the menu for the following week.

**Hair length for boys should follow the following guidelines:** Boys should maintain their hair length above the shirt collar, above the eyebrows, and so that part of the ear is visible. All should be complying by Monday, August 28.

**Student Appearance:** Parents, please review the policies in the handbook ("Responsibilities of Students" section) regarding hair, usage of jewelry/makeup/nail polish, and dress standards, as well as the consequences for non-compliance. For example, shorts and skirts should not be shorter than four inches above the knee. **Sweat pants and athletic shorts are not permitted during the academic day. Pull-over hooded sweat shirts are not permitted.** Your child's collar must be visible during class time. For your convenience, the handbook and dress code information sheet have been posted on our school website ([www.svaelementary.org](http://www.svaelementary.org)).



# ADS

**Lockers** for students in grades 7-8 can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis until Friday, September 1. The locker rental fee is \$10/year. This will include a combination lock from the school. At the end of the year when the lock is returned, a \$5 refund will be given. The extra \$5 fee will go towards supporting activities sponsored by our Student Council. Any extra lockers available on Tuesday, September 5, will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to 6<sup>th</sup> graders and then 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Sept. 11.

**Tuition payments** are due on the first of each month and are considered delinquent by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. For those families who are on a 12-month tuition payment plan, the first payment was due July 1. For those on the 10-month payment plan, the first payment was due on August 1.

**No cell phones** are allowed this year.

**Bell ensemble tryouts** for grades 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> will be after school on Tuesday, Aug.23, and, if necessary, Thursday, Aug.25, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. with Mr. Minty. Only 5<sup>th</sup> graders who have taken piano lessons can try out. Anyone in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade may try out.

**RenWeb**, our online information system which allows parents to view attendance, grade reports, homework assignments and more on any computer with Internet service will be available again this year to all families. Grade information will be available after the third week of the school year.

**Soccer Practice**  
**U12 practice will be Thursdays from 3:30-4:45. They need to bring their soccer cleats, soccer ball and WATER. It would be great if parents could stick around for practice if you are able because at 4:50 pm the kids will go to aftercare because the coach needs to go to work. Practice starts on August 24<sup>th</sup>.**

### Home and School Association

SVAE has had a tradition of strong parent involvement. Candace Jenkins is the Home and School leader. She needs volunteers this year to help. Please let her know that you are available to help.

### Box Tops for Education

Use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10 cents for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

**After-school Pick-ups:** In order to allow parents to pick-up their students as quickly as possible after school, please follow these procedures:

- Stay to the right when approaching the school building.
- When your vehicle is in the "pick-up lane" beside the sidewalk in front of the school, pull your vehicle as far forward as possible. Your student(s) will walk down the sidewalk to meet your vehicle. Unless you are actively loading a student, there should not be a large space in front of your vehicle.

Parking Lot Safety Procedures:

- Please drive carefully—watching for children and vehicles when moving forward and into the "moving traffic" lane, maintaining low speeds.
- Parents who have business with the office or another staff member should park their vehicle and not use the "Pick-up lane."
- Pull into the "moving traffic lane" only *after* you have loaded your child(ren).
- Please do not drive around vehicles in front of you in the line to get into the "pick-up lane next to the sidewalk. This is important to reduce the likelihood of a run-in with another vehicle.
- Please do not back up in the pick-up lane as this is extremely dangerous. This is important to reduce the likelihood of running into another vehicle or child.

### Hot Lunch Menu:

**8/21-8/25**

Monday—Stir fry w/rice

Tuesday—Tacos w/rice and toppings

Wednesday— **Subs, chips and fruit (Bells fundraiser)**

Thursday—**Domino's pizza, applesauce, salad (8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser)**

Friday— **No hot lunch 12:00 Dismissal**

We are pleased to offer healthy options that will offer fresh fruits & vegetables, whole grains and fewer processed foods.

Small=\$3.50 (Available for Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Large=\$4.50 (Available for Pre-K – Adult)

Lunches need to be prepaid (for the day or the week) in the main office.