

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents:

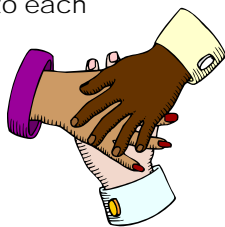
The school year is off to a great start! Thank you for sharing your children with us. We know that God has big plans for each of us this year and we are committed to following His will for our lives. May the Lord bless us and keep us as we partner together for education and eternity.

Please feel free to stop by and see me anytime, my door is always open. You can reach me by email tim.lapierre@svae.org or by cell 760-423-2896. Let's make it a great year!

-Mr. LaPierre

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

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 8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday. Students who arrive from 7:45-8:00 a.m. will wait in the lobby and those who arrive from 8:00-8:15 a.m. should go straight to their classrooms. **(After 8:15 a.m. students will need to stop at the office to check in.)** All students except pre-k will line up on the sidewalk during dismissal time to facilitate pick-up (weather permitting). Pre-k will sit just inside of the school and wait for their parent to arrive. Students (who are not participating in supervised afterschool activities) should be picked-up by approved drivers from

Upcoming Calendar Events:

August 28	School Social/Open House (1:00-4:30)
September 4	Labor Day/No School
September 5	Vision and Hearing Screening
September 6-8	5 th & 6 th Grade Outdoor Education
September 7-8	7 th & 8 th Grade Spiritual Retreat
September 11	Home & School Meeting 6:00 p.m.
September 12	School Picture Day
September 25-29	Week of Worship/IOWA Testing

3:15-3:30 p.m. on Monday-Thursday and 2:00-2:15 p.m. on Fridays. If they are not picked up they will have to go to after school care which runs from 3:30-5:30p.m. You will be charged by the hour for this service.

Also, please follow the traffic signs and observe caution during drop-off and pick-up.

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. Families who are missing paperwork will receive a checklist with this newsletter via mail. All forms are available on the school's website (www.svaelementary.org).

Planners for grades 5-8 (\$5 each) as well as **field trip shirts** (\$14 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 plan on purchasing one in the office.

The annual school social/open house will be held on Sunday, August 27 from 1:00-4:30 p.m. with fun activities for the whole family. This year we will not be eating a potluck lunch we will have an ice cream social. We need your help! Please plan to bring the item listed under your name. The following items are assigned to families by **last name**:

- A-G** – Chocolate ice cream
- H-M** – Vanilla ice cream
- N-Z** – Plain ice cream cones

Please keep in mind that this day is counted as a day of school and attendance will be taken.

Students in grades 5 and 6 will be going to camp Blue Ridge for Outdoor

education on September 6-8. The cost for this trip will be \$40.

Private piano lessons & violin lessons are available this year **after school only**. If you would like to sign your child up for lessons, please contact the office.

Hot lunch will be available starting Monday, August 22. We are pleased to offer healthy options that will offer fresh fruits & vegetables, whole grains and fewer processed foods. Lunches need to be prepaid (daily, weekly, etc.) in the office. A junior sized portion will be available for Pre-K – 2nd grade for \$2.75. A regular meal will be available for Pre-K-Adult for \$3.75. 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 in compliance by Monday, August 21.

Student Appearance: Parents, please review the policies in the handbook ("Responsibilities of Students" section) regarding hair, usage of jewelry/make-up/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).

Lockers for students in grades 7-8 can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis until Friday, August 18. 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 Monday, August 21 will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to 6th graders and then 5th graders on Aug. 25.

Tuition payments are due on the first of each month and are considered delinquent by the 7th of the month, at which time a \$20 late fee is assessed. **(No Exceptions)** 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.

If cell phones are brought to school they must be checked into the office each morning and picked up during dismissal.

Bell ensemble tryouts for grades 6-8 will be after school on Thursday, August 24 at 3:30 p.m. with Mr. Minty.

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. New families will receive instructions and training for log-in procedures for RenWeb during open house.

After School Care will be available again this year every day from 3:30-5:30pm Monday-Thursday and 2:15-5:30pm on Fridays. If your child is not picked up at 3:30 by default they will be going to afterschool care with charges applied even if it is for a partial hour. The program will be coordinated by Zoraida Gonzalez. 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 and to

receive instructional help as needed, as well as fun activities.

Don't forget to save your **Box Tops** for Education. Each one is worth 10 cents for our school.

Home and School Association

SVAE has had a tradition of strong parent involvement with the parent advisory committee, and this is something that I would like to see continue as we move forward. This year Gillia Toma will continue to be our home and school leader. She will be asking two parents from each grade to serve on this important committee. If you would like to volunteer to be on this committee please contact Gillia @ 603-930-8582.

The **Amazon affiliate program** is another easy way to help you pay for your child's tuition. It doesn't cost anything extra to make a purchase on Amazon.com through your family's link, but Amazon will donate a percentage of the purchase to the school and that amount will be **applied to your tuition**. To access your account please go to **svaelementary.org (school website)**. Click on support us. Scroll down to find your family's name and then click on it. This link must be used each time you log-in to Amazon in order for your purchases to qualify for this tuition reimbursement program. Tell your friends, relatives, coworkers, church family, neighbors, etc. how to find your family's link on the school website (or copy and paste the URL of the link for your family and send it out to those near and far) so Amazon will help pay your tuition every time they make purchases! If you do not find your family's name or if you are having trouble accessing, please call the office.

Soccer Practice:

U15- Coached by Tony Reyes and Jhonathan Jovel – Tuesday and Thursday – 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the New Market Park. Practice starts Tuesday, August 29.

U10 – Due to lack of players this season, U8 will be combined with U10 with Tim LaPierre as coach. Practice will be on Fridays from 2:30-3:30pm beginning August 25.

After-school Pick-up: 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."
- Only pull into the "moving traffic lane" *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. **Also, 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: **8/28-9/1**

Monday—**Enchiladas**

Tuesday—**Mac & Cheese and vegetable**

Wednesday—**Orange Chicken and rice**

Thursday—**Domino's pizza**

Friday—**Spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread**

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

Small=\$2.75 (Available for Pre-K – 2nd)

Large=\$3.75 (Available for Pre-K – Adult)

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

