



August 12, 2016

Dear Stone Bridge Families,

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer break! The SBS office is actively preparing for the new school year, and we have many things to share with you before you return. Please carefully read the following information.

Important Info to Know for the First Day of School

SB277

As a public school, SBS must comply with any legal requirements in regard to immunizations. This new law signed by Governor Brown took effect on July 1, 2016. Personal Belief Waivers (PBE), currently on file, are valid unless your child is entering a "checkpoint" year. (Checkpoint years are Kindergarten and 7th grade.)

In order for your child to attend school, he/she must be:

- fully immunized,
- exempt by PBE and not entering at a checkpoint year, or
- conditionally enrolled (with the required shots completed and a plan to adhere to the mandatory schedule.)

Please contact the school office with any questions you may have.

Emergency Cards Due First Day of School

The completed green Emergency Card found in this packet is due on the first day of school in the school office.

School Calendar and Daily Schedule

The first day of school will be **Wednesday, August 24th, 2016**. The first day of school and the rest of that week are minimum days for all students. **(12:35 pm dismissal for Grades 1-8).**

The 2016-17 school calendar is enclosed and can also be found on the school website (www.stonebridgeschool.org) and in the school office.

In summary:

- Students are welcome on campus starting at 8:05 a.m. School begins at 8:20 a.m.
- Kindergarten hours are from 8:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- 1st through 8th Grade hours are 8:20 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. M, T, W & F, and 8:20 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. on Thursdays.
- Please note that First Grade students will have minimum days (8:20 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.) M-F from the first day of school, Monday, 8/24/16 through Friday, 11/04/16.

Before School Campus Work Party! – Saturday, August 20th

Please join us on Saturday, August 20, between 10am-2pm to ready our campus for the new school year. The “To-Do List” includes: replacing HVAC filters & light bulbs, playground preparation, classroom desk tune-up, Parent Council storage clean-up, computer setup, and plenty of cleaning & freshening up the campus inside and out! Come for an hour or come for all four! Heather Hudson (6th & 1st grades) is leading the charge. Thank you, Heather!

Rose Ceremony – Wednesday, August 24

Please join us for our annual Rose Ceremony on the first day of school at 9:00 a.m. in our Multi-purpose room! This lovely tradition opens our school year by welcoming our new First Graders. Each First Grader will begin their journey into the grades by crossing the Rainbow Bridge, met at the end by an Eighth Grader who will present the student with a rose. Immediately following the ceremony will be a parent social to welcome new families to our school and greet our returning families. It is a wonderful way for our community to start the new school year and get to know each other

We’d appreciate your help by bringing:

- Flowers and greenery to decorate the stage
- Juice or water
- Baked goods

Contributions can be dropped off in the Multi-Purpose Room before school begins. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Back-To-School Packet-Due Thursday, September 1

The 2016-17 Enrollment Paperwork for all students will be distributed by the class teachers on the first day of school. **Your child’s enrollment is not complete until all paperwork is returned so this completed paperwork must be received by Thursday, September 1.** Part of the returning paperwork this year will be your acknowledgment that you have read the Parent Handbook with the revised Parent Pledge. The Acknowledgment Form and the Handbook can be found on the website (www.stonebridgeschool.org).

Picture Day – Wednesday, September 21

Stone Bridge School’s picture day will be Wednesday, September 21. Mark your calendars.

Back to School Night – Wednesday, October 12

Hear about the coming year and tour classrooms at our Back to School Night. Don’t miss it.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Office Hours

The School Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday on regularly scheduled school days.

Parking and Traffic- Let's be safe!

Safety of our students and all members of our school community should always be a focus. Please take extra care as you drop-off and pick-up your children. Incidents can happen in a split second and are almost always avoidable.

Visitor Procedure

All visitors are required to sign in at the office and obtain a visitor badge before going to the classroom. Visitors must also sign out as they are leaving the campus.

Attendance-Absences & Tardies

It is **imperative** that you call the office @ 707-252-5522 by 9 a.m. any day that your child will be absent from school. Please state a reason for the absence.

All students arriving late (after 8:20 a.m.) must check in at the office to obtain a Tardy Slip prior to entering class. If they forget and go straight to class, they will be sent back to the office to get a Tardy Slip.

Remember that we expect your child(ren) to be present and on time every day and that the school does not receive state funding (~\$40/day) for any absence (excused or unexcused). The school attendance policy is available in the school office and can be found in the Parent Handbook.

Student Drop Off / Pickup During Instructional Time

Please make every effort to schedule appointments (medical, dental, etc.) for your child outside of school hours. Please stop at the Office to sign your child out if you need to remove them from class for an appointment. An office staff member will assist you in getting your child. If child is returning to school after an appointment, he/she need to be signed in at the office.

Aftercare Program

Information regarding our Aftercare Program, including the application and rate sheet, will be available soon in the school office and on our website www.stonebridgeschool.org. Aftercare's phone number is 257-7136. If you are planning to enroll your child in Aftercare, the first day of school, you must fill out the registration form and the Emergency Contact Card before you child can attend Aftercare.

Administration of Medications To Students

All student medications must be stored in the SBS Office and **only** school personnel are permitted to administer medications to students. Our Administration of Medicine Procedure can be found in the school office and on the website in the Parent Handbook. Please see Karla in the office for the required paperwork if your child will need medicine administered during the school day. Students MAY NOT have any medications (prescription or over the counter) in their possession.

Field Trip Drivers- Update Your Paperwork Now

Each new school year requires a new Parent Automobile Transportation Form to be filled out for any parent interested in driving on a field trip. To drive on a field trip, we also need a copy of your driver's license, current auto insurance, and car registration. The field trip policy can be found in the office or on the website in the Parent Handbook.

Family Giving Pledge Program

With increased funding and the generous voluntary support from SBS families, we have a full menu of special subjects this year: Spanish, Eurythmy, Woodwork, Farming, Handwork, Movement, Choir, and Strings (for 7th & 8th grades).

The family giving program has been invaluable to the financial health of the school and we are grateful for parent contributions. We invite you to consider fully participating with your voluntary contributions to support our continued offering of the rich education students receive here. Many employers have an employee matching program – check with your employer to see if this benefit is offered where you work. Look for the 2016-17 Family Giving pledge form in your Back-To-School packet that you will receive on our first day of school. Thank you!

Announcement of new staff or returning staff in new positions:

Assistant Administrator: Maria Martinez

Educational Director: Justin Medaris

7th Grade Lead Teacher: Amy Zurowski

Choir Director: Alison Gruber

Handwork Teacher (6th Grade)/Program Director: Marika Schamoni

Handwork Teacher (1st Grade): Maria Giusti

Handwork Teacher (3rd, 4th, & 8th Grades): Dara Weyna

Woodwork Teacher: Greg Greeson

Farm Teacher: Jessica Engle

Huckleberry Kindergarten Assistant: Kelly Fern

First Grade Teacher Assistant: Kirsten Murray

First Grade Teacher Assistant: Tara Zwetsloot

Second Grade Teacher Assistant: Georgia Brown

Looking forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,
Your Admin Team