

Principal's Message on 08/18

Good Evening Stallions,

Thank you to the families that were able to come to New Student Orientation and Popsicles with Principals. I hope you are enjoying your last few days of summer break. We are excited to see everyone for Open House on August 22nd.

New: Fire at Clarksburg Town Center Over the Weekend and How You Can Help

Please see the message from the Clarksburg Closet

- After the news of the devastating condo fire in Clarksburg Town Center broke yesterday morning, some of our volunteers sprang into action to show love and support to our neighbors in need. New underwear, toothbrushes, toothpaste, suitcases & other small toiletries were brought to the CTC Clubhouse from Clarksburg Closet to distribute to displaced residents. In addition to that, volunteers took several residents directly to Clarksburg Closet to shop for immediate clothing needs, and all displaced residents were provided information on how/when they can come to get clothing from Clarksburg Closet. THANK YOU to our dedicated volunteers who made this happen on the fly yesterday and showed so much love!
- How can you help us further support these families and more??
- This coming week we will be offering additional days and times to drop off the following MOST NEEDED items to replenish what was given out already.
- DONATION DROP OFF TIMES THIS WEEK at Clarksburg Closet (23810 Stringtown Road, Clarksburg, MD):
 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (August 19-22) from 10am-12pm — Wednesday (August 21) from 5-7pm
- MOST NEEDED DONATIONS:
 - New (in package) underwear in all sizes & genders from kids to adults — New bathroom toiletries of all kinds and any size — Diapers all sizes & baby wipes

We extend our love & prayers of support to everyone in Clarksburg Town Center who was affected by this fire ❤️

Homeroom Teacher Assignments

Students are very excited to find out who their homeroom teacher will be for the upcoming year. Each teacher will send a postcard to the student's address on file. Postcards should arrive no later than Wednesday, August 21st. If any students or families are unsure of their teacher, school staff will be available during Open House and on the first day of school to provide assistance.

Open House - August 22nd

Open House is a time to visit the classrooms, meet teachers as well as classmates for the 2024-2025 school year. At that time, families will have the option of taking a tour of the building.

- Our Open House will be held on Thursday, August 22nd, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Students will conclude their visit by meeting with the administrative and counseling teams on the playground, where they can enjoy a popsicle.
- If you are unable to come to the Open House, signs will be posted as well as staff members stationed throughout the building with class lists to ensure that students know where to go on the first day of school.

New: Kindergarten Parent Meeting on 08/22 at 4:00 pm

We are excited for you and your child(ren) to join the Snowden Farm community. We will have a brief meeting to share information about the first week, arrival/dismissal, snack/lunch, and supplies in the APR (cafeteria) at 4:00 PM on Thursday, August 22nd before Open House.

Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) Applications Are Now Open

Every year, students must apply and be approved to receive FREE breakfast and/or lunch. The Division of Food and Nutrition Services (DFNS) is excited to provide regular meal services during the 2024-2025 school year.

- Students in Maryland who qualify for reduced-price meals will not be charged for meals! Breakfast: Regular Price: \$1.30; Reduced Price: No Cost, Lunch: Regular Price: \$2.55, Reduced Price: No Cost
- Apply before school starts. One application covers the entire HOUSEHOLD. Translations in other languages are available through the online application.
- Apply now at www.MySchoolApps.com
- Here is a video about how to apply:
 - English Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJUapGLarBo>
 - Video en Español: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsdCrtCIFJc&t=4s>

How to Join the PTA and Our 1st Meeting on 08/22

Please join the SFES PTA for our first General Member Meeting on Thursday, 8/22 @ 5:30 PM in the All Purpose Room immediately following the Open House. All families are welcome. We will be reviewing the upcoming school year events and will be voting on the PTA 2024-25 budget.

- PTA members are the only ones that can vote on the budget so please make sure that your PTA membership dues have been paid prior to the meeting on 8/22.
- You can become a new PTA member or renew your membership on the [SFES PTA site](#).

Stallion Spirit Wear

PTA will have a table setup for both Open House on 8/22 and Back to School Night on 9/4 selling our Stallion Spirit Wear. Please stop by to purchase a shirt for your student(s) or sign up to become a PTA member.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to chair many of our PTA sponsored events this year. Please visit our [Committee/Volunteers site](#).

Below is a tentative listing of our events for the year, but we need your help! We need chairs and volunteers to organize and execute our events. Without your help, we simply cannot offer the beloved events that our students look forward to.

- Please send an email to info@sfspta.org to chair an event or non-event.

You will have the support of the PTA board to assist you every step of the way!

- **Event Chairs Needed!**
 - **Trunk or Treat**
 - **Grandparents Day**
 - **Spelling Bee**
 - **Heritage Night**
 - **Geography Bee**
 - **Pastries with Parents**
 - **STEM Fair**

Non-event Chairs Needed!

- **Communications** - Communications are critical in seeking event volunteers and keeping our Stallion families informed of upcoming events and opportunities. We are specifically looking for someone to manage our membership email listing and monthly newsletter.
- **Yearbook** - The Stallion yearbook is a treasure each year to our students and a hot commodity. The PTA needs a yearbook coordinator starting at the beginning of the year. Much of the yearbook work is done at home at a time that's convenient.
- **Photography** - We need photographers to attend PTA and school events throughout the year to take pictures for our yearbook.
- **Spirit Wear** - This is a creative role in that you get to help the PTA design and restock our in-person spirit wear. New ideas are always welcome to help our Stallions stride with pride!
- **Teacher Appreciation**- We need a coordinator for those times where we show our teachers and staff how much they are appreciated. Coordinating breakfast and lunches throughout the year.

Key Dates:

- Thursday, August 22nd
 - Kindergarten meeting from 4:00-4:30 in APR
 - Open House from 4:30-5:30 PM

- PTA meeting at 5:30 PM
- Monday, August 26th- 1st day of school
- Monday, September 2nd- No School
- Wednesday, September 4th- Back to School Night
- Friday, September 14th- Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune