

# SOUTH PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL 2021-2022 FAMILY GUIDE

## STUDENT SCHEDULES

Middle school student schedules will be available in PowerSchool beginning on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Students in fifth grade and new students will receive a copy of their schedule at orientation. New transfer students will also receive information about how to set up their PowerSchool and Parent Portal accounts at orientation. South Park administrators and staff are still making adjustments to schedules, so they are subject to change.

Families will notice several changes to the format of the middle school schedules this year. There is no longer a six-day rotation at South Park Middle School. Rather, electives for students in fifth and sixth grades will run on a 30-day rotation, including physical education time. Students in seventh and eighth grades will have a semester of physical education, a quarter of health and a quarter of real-world applications (career readiness). They will also have two, one-semester electives that they filled out last school year.

All students will be scheduled for Eagle Time at the end of the school day. This time is for students to organize their materials, begin to complete any out-of-class work and receive teacher support for their classes.

Students will also be scheduled for WIN (What I Need) Time, which is designed to give students a time for enrichment, remediation and support.

## POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

To learn more about the PowerSchool Parent Portal including an overview, instructions on how to create a Parent Portal account, and how to link additional students to an existing Parent Portal Account visit our Parent Portal website at [sparksd.org/2021-2022/PowerSchool](https://sparksd.org/2021-2022/PowerSchool)

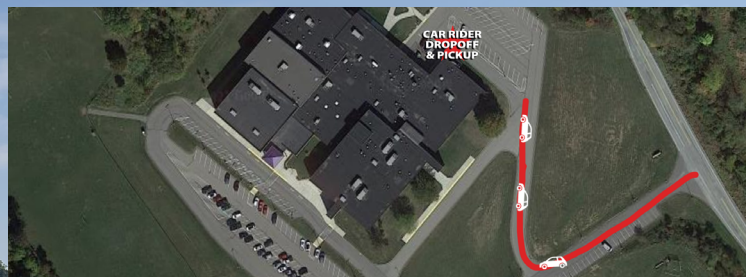
## CANVAS

Canvas is the learning management system used for all middle school in-person students. Canvas is where students will find assignments, announcements and other course information to support learning throughout the year. Visit [sparksd.org/2021-2022/canvas](https://sparksd.org/2021-2022/canvas) for more information.

## ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Middle school students may arrive no earlier than 7:50 a.m. Car-rider drop-off will be from 7:50-8 a.m. in the back of the building (same area as last year). Any student arriving after 8 a.m. must report to the office. All students must be in their homeroom by 8:05 a.m.

Car-rider pick-up will also be conducted in the back of the building. Parents/guardians may arrive any time from 2:50-3 p.m. Dismissal is at 2:57 p.m. The middle school will once again use a number-based pick-up system for pick-up. Numbers will be distributed to car-riders at the beginning of the year.





## HOMEROOMS

South Park Middle School students are to be in their homerooms by 8:05 a.m. A middle school student's homeroom is his/her first period class, which can be found on the student's schedule in PowerSchool.



## LUNCH

All middle school students will eat in the cafeteria. There are four lunch periods, one for each grade level.

In the 2021-2022 school year, all students may receive one (1) free breakfast and one (1) free lunch per school day. Students must pay for any additional meals and all a la carte items.

More information will be available on the Food Services page at [sparksd.org/departments/south\\_park\\_food\\_services](https://sparksd.org/departments/south_park_food_services).



## SUGGESTED SUPPLIES

Grade-level suggested supply lists are available at [sparksd.org/2021-2022/k-8supplylists](https://sparksd.org/2021-2022/k-8supplylists). If you have questions or need assistance with school supplies, please contact your child's school office or school counselor.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL HANDBOOK

The South Park Middle School 2021-2022 Parent/Student Handbook is now available online at [spms.sparksd.org/academics/student\\_handbook](https://spms.sparksd.org/academics/student_handbook). It is the responsibility of all middle school parents and students to review the handbook and be familiar with the policies and procedures outlined therein.



## FIRST DAY VERIFICATION FORM

All in-person students will receive a Verification Form at the beginning of the school year. This form will outline all of the contact information (addresses, email addresses, phone numbers) we have in our system for your child. All families are to review the verification form, note any changes, add any emergency contacts and return the completed form to their homeroom teacher by Wednesday, September 1.



## SCHOOL DAY REMINDERS

All students are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles to use at water bottle refill stations. Single-use plastic bottles cannot be used at these stations. Also, locker use has been reinstated for the school year.



## OFFICE E-FORMS

This school year, the South Park School District will continue to use electronic forms for attendance excuses, early dismissal requests and tardy/late arrivals. The links to the middle school forms can be found at [spms.sparksd.org/m\\_s\\_parents/office\\_e\\_forms](https://spms.sparksd.org/m_s_parents/office_e_forms). They can also be found on the middle school website and at the main entrance of the building with QR codes.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

Mrs. Lynn Como, Principal  
[lynn.como@sparksd.org](mailto:lynn.como@sparksd.org)  
(412) 655-3111, option 2

Mrs. Kelli Dellarose, Assistant Principal  
[kelli.dellarose@sparksd.org](mailto:kelli.dellarose@sparksd.org)  
(412) 655-3111, option 2

Mr. Thomas Kayda, Athletic Director  
[thomas.kayda@sparksd.org](mailto:thomas.kayda@sparksd.org)  
(412) 655-3111, option 6

Updated athletic and activities schedules can be found by visiting [southparkwpial.org](https://southparkwpial.org)

Mr. Brandon Smoker, Food Services Director  
[brandon.smoker@sparksd.org](mailto:brandon.smoker@sparksd.org)  
(412) 655-3111, extension 2930

Mr. Isaac Tarbell, Director of Special Education  
[isaac.tarbell@sparksd.org](mailto:isaac.tarbell@sparksd.org)  
(412) 655-3111, option 5

Mr. Chris Stoicovy, Counselor  
[chris.stoicovy@sparksd.org](mailto:chris.stoicovy@sparksd.org)  
(412) 655-3111, extension 3005

Mrs. Anita Christie, School Nurse  
[anita.christie@sparksd.org](mailto:anita.christie@sparksd.org)  
(412) 655-3111, extension 3030

Matthews Bus Company  
412-384-8810