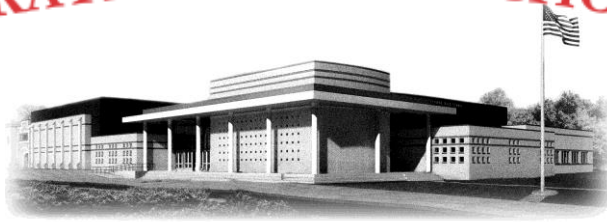


# STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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Greetings to all Stratford High School Parents and Students:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Although it may look different, we are all looking forward to another exciting year. As always, we are excited to work with you and your children to help them prepare for the amazing opportunities that lie ahead. We are hard at work making school wide changes that will only help create an environment where all students can succeed and also be safe. While this school year will be starting off like none that we have ever experienced, our goal is to make the 2020-2021 as fulfilling and wonderful as ever for all students.

Specific information regarding your son's/daughter's schedule is available on the Parent Portal. Please have your child check their schedule prior to the first day of school. Students will also receive their schedule on the first day of school in their period one class.

Students will receive access to their student handbook online this year. Please review this document with your child and discuss the specific policies and procedures of our school. Doing so will provide you with a detailed understanding of school expectations. This handbook is available on the SHS website at: <http://stratfordk12.org/stratfordhigh>

Freshman will receive chromebooks during their 9th Grade English class. Students in any grade who need a chromebook should let their English teacher know. For students who will be opting for full distance learning, chromebook pick-up will be from 8 AM to 9 AM on Thursday, September 10, 2020. More information is coming shortly.

## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

**On Wednesday, September 9, 2020** all cohort A students are required to report directly to Period 1, cohort B students should follow the same procedures on **Friday, September 11, 2020**. In addition to receiving their schedules in period one on their first day of school, students can also access their schedule on the powerschool app, however, the administrative and student support teams will be available to help students find their first period class. **On the first two days of school Wednesday and Friday (September 9th and 11th) students will be dismissed at 11:15 AM. Regular high school hours for our hybrid plan are 7:30-1:15 p.m.**



DISTANCE LEARNING/HYBRID EXPECTATIONS

Students who are distance learning AND students who are home based on cohort days are expected to login to their Google Classroom and join their classes via Google Meet/Zoom at the start times for each period. New learning will be live streamed for those students at home to participate. Please remember that participation and attendance is required.

All students should have their chromebook with them at all times, charged and ready to go.

Students attending in person classes should also bring their charger with them to school.

**\*\*Please note: students at home do not need to login during their classes on 9/9 and 9/11.**

**\*\*\*There will be a Distance Learning Orientation held via Google meet on 9/10 - more information will be provided to distance learning families.**

Below is our hybrid learning schedule for each day of the week

**High School Schedule for Hybrid Learning**

	MONDAY Cohort A (A-L)	TUESDAY Cohort A (A-L)	WEDNESDAY Distance Learning (All Students) 7:30 am - 2:00 pm	THURSDAY Cohort B (M-Z)	FRIDAY Cohort B (M-Z)
7:30-8:49	1	2	Period 1: 7:30-8:10 Period 2: 8:15-8:55 Period 3: 9:00-9:40 Period 4: 9:45-10:25 Period 5: 10:30-11:10 Lunch Period 6: 11:50-12:30 Period 7: 12:35-1:15 Period 8: 1:20-2:00	1	2
8:53-10:11	3	4		3	4
10:15-11:53 Lunch: 10:15-10:35 10:41-11:01 11:07-11:27 11:33-11:53	5	6		5	6
11:57-1:15	7	8		7	8

**Additionally, our bell schedule for Wednesday, September 9th and Friday, September 11th is listed below.**

Period	First week of School
1	7:30-7:59
2	8:03-8:27
3	8:31-8:55
4	8:59-9:23
5	9:27-9:51
6	9:55-10:19
7	10:23-10:47
8	10:51-11:15

**SCHOOL COUNSELING**

Each student has been assigned a school counselor. Students will be introduced to their counselor during the first week full of school. Students are urged to promptly bring any problem to the attention of their school counselor via email. Students are invited to confer with counselors after school or during study hall periods. Parents may schedule appointments with guidance personnel via email or by calling the guidance department at 385-4235 during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A breakdown of the school counselor split is below:

<b>Counselor</b>	<b>ALPHA Split</b>
<b>Katie Lynn</b> lynnk@stratk12.org	Grade 9 <b>A - Col</b> Grade 10 <b>A - Che</b> Grade 11 <b>A - Del</b> Grade 12 <b>A - Ci</b>
<b>Laura Silence</b> silencel@stratk12.org	Grade 9 <b>Cor - Gum</b> Grade 10 <b>Chi - Hall</b> Grade 11 <b>Dep - Jar</b> Grade 12 <b>Cl - Har</b>
<b>Tish Morrissey</b> morrisseyp@stratk12.org	Grade 9 <b>Guz - Mar</b> Grade 10 <b>Ham - McCal</b> Grade 11 <b>Jas - Mor</b> Grade 12 <b>Hay - Mon</b>

<b>Betsy Toth</b> <b>tothb@strat12.org</b>	Grade 9 <b>Mas - Riv</b> Grade 10 <b>McCau - Rei</b> Grade 11 <b>Na - San</b> Grade 12 <b>Mor - Sal</b>
<b>Dawn Didonato</b> <b>didonatod@strat12.org</b>	Grade 9 <b>Rob - Z</b> Grade 10 <b>Rey - W</b> Grade 11 <b>Sar - Z</b> Grade 12 <b>Sar - Z</b>

## TRANSPORTATION

Bus routes, when finalized, will be posted at:

<https://www.stratfordk12.org/districtinfo/transportation/school-routes>

## CAFETERIA

Each student is scheduled for lunch in the cafeteria. While the cafe will look different students will still be offered lunch and seating in a socially distanced way. The cafeteria will begin serving breakfast and lunch on Monday, September 14th.

## ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is essential for an effective school experience and is necessary for annual promotion. Course credit will only be awarded if the minimum attendance is fulfilled for each course. Student attendance is required for all in person and distance learning classes that students are enrolled in. The Board of Education adopted an Attendance Policy which spells out the requirements regarding minimal attendance. Students who exceed the absence limitation will not receive credit for courses. It should also be noted that early dismissal from school and tardiness counts as missed class time which may affect credits earned. **If you are absent from school for any reason, it is necessary that your parent or guardian call to inform the school. Parents may call the school attendance line at 203-385-4234.** Excused absences still count toward the maximum number of absences permitted to receive credit in high school courses.

## TARDY TO SCHOOL

Students will be considered tardy if they arrive after 7:30 A.M. Students who are tardy must sign in at the attendance office.

## BEHAVIOR

Effective learning cannot take place unless there is a positive educational atmosphere; therefore, proper behavior is expected of everyone at all times, both in school and virtually. If a student's behavior becomes self-defeating or interferes with the learning of others, supportive action will be instituted. Every effort by teachers and administrators will be made to enable the student to correct poor behavior with assistance and support from the home. As stated, all students must wear their district issued mask at all times, unless they are on a mask break.

## EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

This phone based alert service enables the Stratford Public Schools to call two phone numbers to notify students' families concerning important information. If you are interested in receiving emergency notification via phone, email or text message you must register through Powerschool. Specific registration information will be forthcoming.

## ENTRANCE AND EXIT PROCEDURES

Students should enter the building based on how they arrive at school:

Bus students: Enter the school from the bus loop located in the back of the King Street Campus (where the bus drops the students off)

Walkers and Parent Drop off Students: Enter the school through the main entrance located at the main entrance of the King Street Campus.

Student Drivers: Enter in the North Parade Campus under the arch entryway from the old SHS.

Students should exit the building through the same doors they enter the building.

## EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

We understand that it is sometimes necessary for a student to leave school before the end of a school day. If you must have your child leave early for an appointment that cannot be scheduled after school hours, please call the main office and provide one of our secretaries **with the reason for the request for early dismissal, time of dismissal, your child's full name and grade, and your name.** Once verified, your child will receive a pass to exit the building. Calling the school to release your child early should be reserved for **emergencies** only. **The use of cell phones is prohibited during the school day.** Parents should not call or text their children on their cell phones while they are in school.

Also, please call school to leave a message for your child only in an emergency. Stratford High School serves 1050 students. It is not possible, nor in the best interest of education, to disrupt learning in order to give students personal messages.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

If you have changed your telephone number during the summer, please correct the information on the emergency contact form available through your parent portal. The same procedure should be followed if changes occur during the year. Student information forms will be available on-line through the Parent Portal during the first week of school. Please complete as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the office and discuss your questions with us. Again, your cooperation is most important in this matter.

## VISITORS

In an effort to minimize possible exposure to COVID-19, we will not be allowing visitors. In the event you need to drop something off, please state your intentions at the buzzer located in the front of SHS and we will take the item through the pass through window. All exterior doors are locked after 7:30 A.M. If there are any questions, please feel free to call the school office at 203-385-4230.

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Main Office	203-385-4230
Attendance Office (absence line 24 hours)	203-385-4234
Nurse's Office	203-385-4233
Guidance Office	203-385-4235
Athletic Office	203-385-4240

## PTSA

Amy Wiltsie is the PTSA President. Joined by Lori LaPia VP, Theresa Jacksis, Secretary, and Dung Stafford and Cindy Casinelli as Co-Treasurers.

The PTA gives out six \$200 scholarships to graduating seniors, contributes to Link Crew, Post Prom, Drama Society, Teacher Appreciation, SHS Spirit Apparel and communicates all info to members related to SHS events. PTSA Membership is still only \$10.00 per person. To be eligible for a PTSA senior scholarship, a student or parent must be a member. Look for the insert in the opening of school packet being sent home during the first week of school.

## STANDARDS OF DRESS

A great variety of dress and grooming are part of the high school scene today; however, at Stratford High School the students must avoid extremes in fashion and dress in good taste.

Parents generally insist that their children be well groomed, and we support them in this regard. Adequate preparation and training in the area of proper dress, public habits and manners are all part of good appearance vital to our young people during and after their formal education.

The Stratford Board of Education has a dress code policy. A copy of this policy can be found on the Stratford Board of Education's website. This policy will be enforced throughout the year.

## STUDENT PARKING

Students with permits may park their cars in assigned spaces provided in the King Street parking lot. Students may not park in areas designated for staff use. The student parking fee is \$50.00 annually. **HYBRID parking change:** Because we are following the hybrid schedule, we will

sell parking spaces by Cohort with a reduced parking fee of \$25.00. This will remain in effect until January 4th, or if at any point we return to school full time. In either case we will reevaluate our parking passes. If we return to school full time parking passes will be resold on a first come first serve basis. PLEASE NOTE: If we move from our hybrid schedule to full, in school learning at ANY time, the hybrid parking passes will no longer be valid. We will resell spots to seniors, first come, first serve.

SHS WEBSITE

Our website, [www.stratfordk12.org/stratfordhigh](http://www.stratfordk12.org/stratfordhigh), is updated often and contains a great deal of valuable information for our families.

Thank you for your continued support of Stratford High School.

Respectfully,

Jack Dellapiano  
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