

# Welcome to



# South County High School!

# 1. Important Introductions



# Administration

**Dr. Kambar Khoshaba, Principal**

**SubSchool 1/2:**

Lisa Beskenis  
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Samantha Tolan

**Director of  
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Marci Garrison

**Director of  
Student  
Activities:**

Marvin Wooten

**Instructional  
Coach:**

Allison  
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Support:**

Hassan Mims

**Dean of  
Students:**

Scott Vossler

# Safety and Security



Our safety and security team works to keep our building, campus, students and personnel safe. Don't hesitate to reach out to our security staff anytime if you have questions or need to report concerns about your safety or someone else's. When in doubt, say something!

R.C. Gamble

Anthony Black

Brandon Cameron

Tyrone Crabb

Ofc. James Cottom

Safety & Security Specialist

Safety & Security Asst.

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FCPD School Resource Officer

# SCHS Student Services Staff

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Marci Garrison

Krystal Brooks

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Erika Kanamori

Chris Bird

Tonya Blanchard

Heather Frost

Director of Student Services

Registrar

Student Information Asst.

College and Career Specialist

Transcript Assistant

Parent Liaison

Assessment Coach

School Psychologist

School Social Worker

# School Counselors



- Megan Cooper (A-BL)
  - Laura Hanley (Bo-Dh)
  - Trevor Echols (Di-Haq)
  - Mehreen Naghmi (Har-K)
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- Becky Freeman (L-Mon)
  - Brittany Maslowsky (Moo-Raj)
  - Geordie Bigus (Rak-Ta)
  - Michelle Gunderman (Te-Z)





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Middle School  
vs. High School



# Differences between MS and HS

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- No teams; Counselors are assigned by last name, and you will have them for all 4 years.
- Grades are permanent and will stay on your transcript.
- Electives are year-long courses.
- Time management and responsibility become even more important.
- More activities and classes to choose from!



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Your First Week



# A Day at South County

## South County High School

G	Daily Bell Schedule	B
1	8:10 - 9:40 AM	2
3	9:46 - 11:17 AM	ADV
5	<b>11:23 - 1:23 PM</b> A Lunch 11:23 - 11:53 AM B Lunch 11:53 - 12:23 PM C Lunch 12:23 - 12:53 PM D Lunch 12:53 - 1:23 PM	6
7	1:29 - 2:55 PM	8

# Your Schedule

Per	Term	Section ID	Course
First Quarter			
1	YR	763000-01	763000 - Sports Medicine
2	YR	221936-09	221936 - World Hist/Geog 1 HN
3	YR	552000-02	552000 - Spanish 2
4	YR	011661-39	011661 - Tchr Advisory 9th
5	YR	431036-09	431036 - Biology 1 HN
6	YR	113036-10	113036 - English 9 HN
7	YR	730000-10	730000 - Health & PE 9
8	YR	314336-04	314336 - Geometry HN

*Visible in  
SIS Studentvue and Parentvue*

# Advisory

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- On blue days during 4th period
- Teachers can request you for extra help, make up a quiz/test, etc.
- Can stay in advisory classroom to work on homework
- Advisory teachers and classes will remain the same all 4 years of high school

# Blue/Green Calendar

August 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	NT	NT	NT	NT	TW	12
13	SP	TW	SD	TW	SP	19
20	F	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Mon., 8/21: Green pds. 1,3,5,7

Tues. 8/22: Blue pds. 2,4,6,8

Wed. 8/23: Green pds. 1,3,5,7

Thurs. 8/24: Blue pds. 2,4,6,8

Fri. 8/25: Green pds. 1,3,5,7

Download the full Blue/Green Calendar:  
<https://southcountyhs.fcps.edu/about/bell-schedule>

# First Week Tips

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- Don't hesitate to ask questions
- Look for Stallion Ambassador backpack tags
- Subschoools are a good place to ask questions
- Bring basic supplies and teachers will tell you if you need to purchase anything specific for their class
- Take pictures of/keep a copy of the bell schedule, blue/green schedule and your class schedule handy

# A Note About Cell Phones...

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- FCPS cell phone policy
  - No phone use during class time (unless instructed to by teacher for educational purposes)
  - Phone use is allowed before and after school, during passing time, and lunch time.



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Getting Here



# Bus Reminders

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- Bus assignments sent via e-mail and automated voice message
- Security will be out at the bus lanes a.m. and p.m.
- Pay attention to your bus number in the a.m.!
- Ask security staff if you aren't sure where to find your bus at dismissal
- Late buses Wednesday & Thursday starting late September/early October

# Kiss and Ride

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- Drop off/pick up is at **Entrance 12** by the gym during arrival and dismissal times
- Please follow signs carefully to maintain traffic flow and safety
- Aim for 7:45 arrival to get in and out of the line faster

# 5.

## Coming & Going



# 2023-2024 School Year Procedures

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- Parents/guardians call 703-446-1625 and follow prompts to leave a message
- Request early dismissals first thing in the morning
- Students arriving after **8:20** or **leaving early** **must** check in/out through attendance
- Turn in pink check out pass to attendance office before you leave
- If you return to school after an appt., check back in w/ attendance

# Attendance Procedures Continued

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- Prearranged absences:
  - Planned absences of 2 days or more
  - Submit request minimum 3 days in advance
  - Student brings parent note to Subschool
  - Obtain teacher and administrator signatures
  - Subject to administrative approval

# 6.

## Storing Your Stuff





# Lockers @ SCHS

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- Every 9th and 10th grader will be assigned a locker
- Locker number and combo available in SIS under “Student Info”
- Locker not working? Go to the security office to submit a repair request.
- Upperclassmen can request a locker in their subschool

# 7. Paying for Stuff



# My School Bucks

- Many school fees can be paid through MSB (My School Bucks)
- Parent creates account [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)
- You'll need student FCPS ID
- Can fund lunch account, pay for club dues, Yearbooks, Technology and Class fees, and more
- Can add multiple students to 1 parent/guardian account.

# Financial Assistance

- FCPS offers certain discounts if a student qualifies for free or reduced lunch pricing.
- Must apply each year; based on income level and household size
- Apply online at <https://www.fcps.edu/frm>  
Don't forget the consent form to access all applicable discounts!

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE  
MEALS APPLICATION

Apply Online Now!

LA SOLICITUD DE COMIDAS  
GRATUITAS Y A PRECIO  
REBAJADO

¡Aplique En Línea Ahora!

8.

You Gotta Eat



# Lunch Schedule



*You will find out which lunches you have on the first day of school (based on 5th/6th pd class)*

A Lunch	11:23 - 11:53
B Lunch	11:53 - 12:23
C Lunch	12:23 - 12:53
D Lunch	12:53 - 1:23

# Meal options

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- You can buy or bring: Breakfast (\$1.75) and Lunch (\$3.50)
- Pay cash, check or [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)
- Lunch code PINs sent via e-mail
- Menus available online
- Remember to reapply for free or reduced meals if needed!  
<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>



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P.E. Class



# What do I wear?

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- Students are required to dress out for PE. Official uniform not required but can be purchased. 9th/10th PE classes wear gray or white shirt, navy or Black shorts.
- Wear appropriate footwear (No crocs or flip flops)
- Uniforms cost \$10: available to buy at Stampede, through P.E. class, or order on My School Bucks
- Ok to bring your backpack to P.E. the first week

# 10.

## Technology



# Technology: Student Access

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- Student laptops issued through English first week of school (\$50 technology fee)
- Use Studentvue SIS for schedule, grades, attendance
- Use Schoology for course information, assignments, and club information
- Google Suite access: YOURFCPSID@fcpsschools.net

# Technology-Parent Access

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- Parentvue activation codes for new parents mailed September (Time sensitive-activation codes expire!)
- Parentvue access concerns:  
<https://itweb.fcps.edu/itsupport/parent/>
- View your child's grades, attendance, classes, teacher contact info, health info and more

# 11.

## Your Health



# Clinic Procedures

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- Ask a staff member to write you a pass to the clinic if you start to feel sick during the school day
- If after about 20 minutes you are not well enough to return to class, parent will be called to come get you



# Medication Drop-Off

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- Anytime medication is dropped off/picked up in clinic, a form must be completed by family.
- Over-the-counter medications will only be accepted in unopened original containers and only 30-day supply can be brought. 100-count will not longer be accepted.

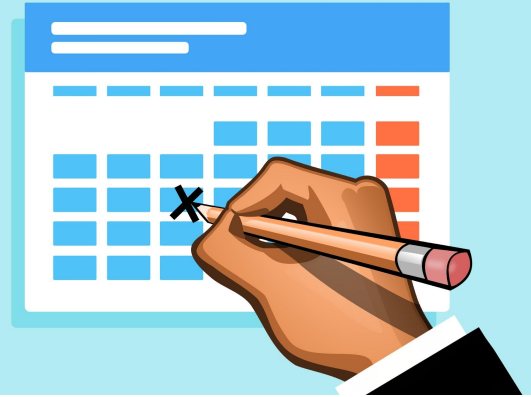
# Chronic or Serious Health Issues

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- All families should complete a health information and emergency care form at the beginning of the year indicating any health concerns.
- Health room and student services staff members will work with you and your family to come up with the right plan to help you manage at school.

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## Mark Your Calendar



# Looking Ahead

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- Back to School Night 8/30/23 5:30-8 p.m.
- Counselor group meetings with 9th grade week of 9/11/23
- SCHS Curriculum Fair January 2024
- 9th grade Career Lesson Spring 2024

13.  
You Got  
This!



# Tips to be your best self in high school :)

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- Be your own advocate and ask for help.
- Use your resources: teachers, counselors, librarians, coaches, admins, family, friends-we got you!
- Do your homework consistently! It's easier to stay on top than dig yourself out of a hole.
- Be wise with your phone and social media.
- Have fun! Try some new things and explore your opportunities.
- It's ok to be yourself!