



SMSD SPOTLIGHT

Back To School 2007-08

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Administration, and staff, please allow me to welcome you to the 2007-08 school year at Stafford Municipal School District. SMSD has the distinction of being the only municipal school district in the State of Texas and allows for a partnership between the school district, the business community, and the City of Stafford that can benefit and enrich the educational opportunities for all SMSD students and staff. The 2007-08 school year will mark the 25th anniversary of the first day of school for students in Stafford.

It is my intention to continue raising the expectations and standards for all students so that each student is prepared for the next level of education. As with any school district, SMSD has challenges and obstacles that must be faced and, more importantly, overcome during the 2007-08 school year. It is absolutely imperative that the standards and expectations we have for our students, staff, and ourselves are higher than ever since anything less is a disservice to each student.

I **strongly encourage** you as parents, community members, and business partners to become more involved in the education of all students in SMSD. To become involved and contribute to the educational opportunities for all SMSD students, I recommend the following:

Parents

Initiate communication with your child's school principal, teacher, etc. Do not wait until something has happened to communicate with your child's teacher. Create an expectation and standards in your home that academic excellence is the **FIRST** priority. Volunteer in your child's school. Contact information for each campus is on Page 4.

Community Members

Serve as a Student Mentor, campus volunteer, SMSD Education Foundation member or other opportunities to contribute to SMSD. Please contact a specific campus or Terry Loudenburg (281-261-9219) for more information.

Business Partners

Become a Business Partner with SMSD. There are many opportunities for all businesses in Stafford to provide assistance to the education of SMSD students. Contact Terry Loudenburg to see how your business can be involved as a Partner in Education.



I sincerely look forward to my second year as superintendent of schools for SMSD. Together, and I emphasize, **together**, we can prepare each student at a standard that will allow the opportunity for educational success, regardless of the obstacle.

H.D. CHAMBERS

SEAL Academy - SMSD's Newest

Stafford 8th graders may register for the newest program at SMSD that prepares them for a future in engineering. The SEAL Academy (Spartan Engineering Academy Lab) begins in the 8th grade with an introductory class "Gateways to Technology" under the Project Lead the Way curriculum. Subsequent years in high school, students following the curriculum with "Introduction to Engineering Design", "Principles of Engineering", "Digital Electronics", "Engineering Design and Development" then finally as an intern in a local engineering company. The program is part of a grant that partners SMSD with Houston Community College, the University of Houston, Texas Southern University and Prairie View A&M. Parents interested in registering their children for the program should contact the Middle School or High School counselor or Ms. Rebecca Benedict.



SMSD Launches New Website



Our address is the same, but the look is new We've redesigned our website not only to offer more information but also make that information more easily accessible. Visit us at www.stafford.msdc.esc4.net and see what you think.

Teacher Appreciation Gala and 25th Anniversary

SMSD and the City of Stafford will honor SMSD classroom teaching staff at an appreciation gala September 15, 2007, at the Stafford Centre. As we honor our educators, we will also take the opportunity to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the opening of SMSD. The event will include a catered dinner, live musical entertainment, and guest speakers. Ticket information will be available at both SMSD Administration (281-261-9219) and the City of Stafford (281-261-3900).

BUS ROUTES

Subdivisions (in bold) and Streets *Route*

AKJ	15
Arcott Place	20
Avenues B and E	6
Baptist	15
Bates	7
Braeburn Gardens Subdivision (Altonbury, Windsor)	7
Brand Ln	11
Buena Vista	6
Colony Lake Estates	11
Deborah St	18
Dove Country	16
Dulles Ave	6
Ellis 8	8
Enclave at Stafford Colony	10
Esther	11
Fifth St	15
FM 1092	7
FM 2234	14
Fountaingate Dr	7
Fountain Lake Dr	4
Grove West	
All streets except Grove West Blvd	1
Grove West Blvd	2
Jebbia	7
Katy	6
Kingsway	
Carrige Ln, Castle Pl, Crest Ct, Duchess Way, Jester Ln, Kings Ct, Kingsway Dr, Knights Cr, Lance Ln, Palace, Queens Ct, Queens Cut, Squires Bend, Willow	14
Dukes Bend, First St, Swords Bend	15
Lebon	5
Missouri City Estates	8
Murphy Rd	7
North Main (2200-2600)	8
North Main (2847 only)	14
Oak St	6
Perez	6
Pike Rd	8
Promenade	
Childers Ct, Corridor Cr, Corridor Pl, Corridor Way, Gregory Ct, Jays Ln, Leisure Dr, Marathon Pl, N. Marathon Way, Robins Way, Sandy Walk, S. Marathon Way, Wheelhouse, Willards Way	12
Boardwalk, Esplanade Way, Haven Ln, N. Esplanade Way, Saunter Dr, S. Esplanade Way, Strolling Way	13
Randall	18
Sixth St	15
South Main (3800-4921)	6
South Meadows	
Breezy Meadow (12000-12035), Glen Meadow, Meadow Ridge, Southmeadow Dr (12000-12030)	2
Breezy Meadow (12039-Up), Fern Meadow, Grove Meadow Dr, Meadow Briar, Meadow Gate, Southmeadow Dr (12031-12343)	3
Cardinal Meadow, Doe Meadow, Elk Meadow, Fox Meadow, Jersey Meadow, Robin Meadow	4
Stafford Colony	9
Stafford Rd	8
Stafford Run	
Canonero, Nashua, Secretariat, Westwood (1915-Up), Whirlaway	17
Beverly Cr, Citation, Ruffian	18
Bold Ruler, Easy Jet, Gallant Fox, Go-Man-Go, Kelso, Reva Ridge Victory, War Admiral	19
Staffordshire Rd (100-1000)	11
Staffordshire Rd (1100-1630)	18
Sta-Mo Subdivision (Center St, Present St)	15
Sugar Creek	6
Sugar Grove Blvd	5
Techniplex	5
Texas Parkway (800-1400)	20
Thompson Cr	15
Vaccaro Cr	8
Vaccaro Manor	
Betty, Frank Ln, Lawrence, Linda, Roseann	9
Frances, Gina, James, Joan, Josephine, Louise, Naples, Naples Cr, Naples Cut, Suzanne, Venice, Venice Cr	10
West Bend Subdivision (West, West Bend, Carl)	15
Woodland West	
Kirkwood	14
Overland, Robinwood, Terrence, Westwood	18
Adams	20

MINIMUM STATE VACCINE REQUIREMENTS

Grades Kindergarten through 12 (K – 12)

- Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoid, and Pertussis Vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT, Td)**
 Five doses of any combination DTaP/DTP unless 4th dose was given on or after 4th birthday.
Students 7 years or older:
 • Three doses of any combination DTP/DTaP/DT/Td vaccine (pertussis vaccine is not required.)
 • One dose of Td required ten years after last dose of DTP/DTaP/DT.
- Polio (IPV)**
 Four doses unless the 3rd dose was on or after 4th birthday.
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**
 Two doses of a measles-containing vaccine with the first dose on or after the first birthday; second dose by age 5 or entry into kindergarten.
- Hepatitis B**
 Three doses are required for the following grades in the following school years: 2004-05 K-5 and 7-10; 2005-06 K-11; 2006-07 K-12
- Varicella**
 One dose on or after 1st birthday for the following grades: 2004-05 K-4 and 7- 10; 2005-06 K-5 and 7- 11; 2006-07 K-12 (Two doses if vaccine given at 13 years of age or older.)
- Hepatitis A**
 Two doses on or after 2nd birthday 5 for grades K-3 only.

REQUISITOS ESTATALES MINIMOS DE VACUNAS

De kinder hasta el grado 12 (K - 12)

- Vacuna contra la difteria, el toxoide tetánico y la tos ferina (DTP, DTaP, DT, Td)**
 Cinco dosis de cualquier combinación DTaP o DTP a menos que la cuarta dosis se haya administrado al cumplir los 4 años de edad o después.
Estudiantes de 7 años de edad o mayores:
 • Tres dosis de cualquier combinación de la vacuna DTP, DTaP, DT o Td (La vacuna contra la tos ferina no es necesaria).
 • Se necesita una dosis de la vacuna Td diez años después de la última dosis de la vacuna DTP, DTaP o, DT.
- Polio (IPV)**
 Se necesitan cuatro dosis a menos que la tercera dosis se haya administrado al cumplir los 4 años de edad o después.
- Sarampión, Paperas, Rubéola (MMR)**
 Se necesitan dos dosis de una vacuna que contenga sarampión. La primera dosis debe administrarse al cumplir un año o después y la segunda al cumplir los 5 años o al ingresar al kinder.
- Hepatitis B2**
 Se necesitan tres dosis al ingresar a los siguientes grados en los siguientes años escolares: 2004-05 K-5 y 7-10; 2005-06 K-11; 2006-07 K-12
- Varicela**
 Se necesita una dosis al cumplir 1 año o después para entrar a los siguientes grados: 2004-05 K-4 y 7-10; 2005-06 K-5 y 7-11; 2006-07 K-12 (Se necesitan dos dosis si la vacuna se administra al cumplir los 13 años de edad o después.)
- Hepatitis A**
 Se necesitan dos dosis al cumplir los 2 años de edad o después 5 para los grados K-3 solamente.

BUS ROUTES

Apartments and Mobile Home Parks

	<i>Routes</i>
A-1 Mobile Homes	4
Camden Sugar Grove	14
Fountain Park	18
Fountainhead Mobile Homes	11
Home Gate	14
Homestead Village	14
Villages at Kirkwood	14
Mojay	4
Murphy Road Mobile Homes	7
The Pointe at Fountain Lake	15
The Reserves	15
Resort	14
Sendera Sugar Ridge	7
Stafford Run (Buildings 100, 200, and 1200 only)	13
Sun Suites Inn	14
The Vinings (Apartments 700-1200 only)	19
Windfield Townhomes	18

District 23 teams: Brookshire-Royal, Columbia, Columbus, Needville, Sealy, Stafford, Sweeny, Wharton

FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Varsity	JV	Freshmen	8th & 7th
Aug 18	Reagan (S)	10:30 H	9:00 H	TBA A	
Aug 24	Scarborough (S)	6:30 H	5:00 H	TBA A	
Sep 6	Cuero		7:00 A	5:30 A	
Sep 7	Cuero	7:30 H			
Sep 13	Liberty		7:00 A	5:30 A	
Sep 14	Liberty (Stafford Night)	7:30 H			
Sep 20	Davis		5:30 A	4:00 A	
Sep 20	Sealy				5:00 H
Sep 21	Davis (Primary Night)	7:30 H			
Sep 27	Brookshire-Royal		6:30 H	5:00 H	5:00 A
Sep 28	Brookshire-Royal	7:30 A			
Oct 4	Columbia		6:30 A	5:00 A	5:00 H
Oct 5	Columbia	7:30 H			
Oct 11	Sweeny		6:30 H	5:00 H	5:00 A
Oct 12	Sweeny	7:30 A			
Oct 18	Wharton		6:30 H	5:00 H	5:00 A
Oct 19	Wharton	7:30 A			
Oct 25	Columbus		6:30 A	5:00 A	5:00 H
Oct 26	Columbus (Homecoming)	7:30 H			
Nov 1	Needville		6:30 H	5:00 H	5:00 A
Nov 2	Needville	7:30 A			
Nov 8	Sealy		6:30 A	5:00 A	
Nov 9	Sealy (Parents' Night)	7:30 H			

VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Varsity	JV	Freshmen
Aug 14	Hempstead	6:30 A	5:30 A	4:30 A
Aug 16-18	Columbus Tournament	TBA		
Aug 21	YES Prep	4:30 A	5:30 A	6:30 A
Aug 23-25	Anahuac Tournament	TBA	TBA	TBA
Aug 28	Lamar Consolidated	7:00 A	6:00 A	5:00 A
Aug 31	Terry	6:00 A	5:00 A	5:00 A
Sep 4	Columbus	7:00 H	6:00 H	5:00 H
Sep 6, 8	Stafford Tournament	TBA		
Sep 11	Columbia	7:00 A	6:00 A	5:00 A
Sep 14	Needville	4:30 H	5:30 H	5:30 H
Sep 18	Sweeny	7:00 H	6:00 H	5:00 H
Sep 21	Sealy	4:30 A	5:30 A	5:30 A
Sep 25	Wharton (Parent Night)	7:00 H	6:00 H	5:00 H
Sep 28	Brookshire-Royal	4:30 A	5:30 A	5:30 A
Oct 2	Columbus	7:00 A	6:00 A	5:00 A
Oct 5	Columbia (Middle School Night)	4:30 H	5:30 H	5:30 H
Oct 9	Needville	7:00 A	6:00 A	5:00 A
Oct 12	Sweeny	4:30 A	5:30 A	5:30 A
Oct 16	Sealy	7:00 H	6:00 H	5:00 H
Oct 19	Wharton	4:30 A	5:30 A	5:30 A
Oct 23	Brookshire-Royal (Senior Night)	7:00pm H	6:00 H	5:00pm H

NO PASS, NO PLAY

Academic Eligibility for UIL Participants After The First Six Weeks

A student who receives, at the end of any grading period (after the first six weeks of the school year), a grade below 70 in any class (other than an identified advanced class) or a student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) may not participate in extracurricular activities for three school weeks. An ineligible student may practice or rehearse, however. The student regains eligibility after the seven calendar-day waiting period has ended following a grading or the three school-weeks evaluation period when the principal and teachers determine that he or she has earned a passing grade (70 or above) in all classes, other than those that are advanced. (Source: UIL website www.uil.texas.edu/policy/aca_eligibility.html)

Registration Dates

Campus	Dates	Times	Location
Stafford Primary School			
Pre-K	All Grades	8:00-11:00am	
Kindergarten	Jul 30-Aug 02 - M-Th	1:00-4:00pm	ES Library
1st Grade	Aug 06-24 - M-F	Each Day	
Stafford Elementary School			
2nd Grade	All Grades	8:00-11:00am	
3rd Grade	Aug 01-Aug 24 - M-F	1:00-4:00pm	Office
4th Grade		Each Day	
Stafford Intermediate School			
5th Grade	All Grades	8:00am-3:30pm	Office
6th Grade	Jul 30-Aug 24 - M-F	Each Day	
Stafford Middle School			
7th Grade	Aug 21, 2007	3:00-8:00pm	Cafeteria
8th Grade	Aug 22, 2007	3:00-8:00pm	Cafeteria
All Grades	Aug 23, 2007	3:00-8:00pm	Cafeteria
Stafford High School			
9th Grade	Aug 14, 2007	1:00-4:00pm	Cafeteria
10th Grade	Aug 14, 2007	9:00am-12:00n	Cafeteria
11th Grade	Aug 13, 2007	1:00-4:00pm	Cafeteria
12th Grade	Aug 13, 2007	9:00am-12:00n	Cafeteria

Parents registering students new to the district must supply child's birth certificate, social security card, proof of residence, last report card from previous school, immunization record, and the parent's (or guardian's) driver license.

Volunteering at SMSD

Whether you are a family member of an SMSD student, a community member, or a Stafford business, there is a place for you in SMSD. We're launching a new program this year, the Student Mentoring Program, for individuals who can commit to one hour a week to a student's educational success. The program coordinator, Terry Loudenburg, can partner interested adults with identified students. Contact her at 281-261-9291 for more information.

Stafford Spartan Athletic Booster Club

SSABC meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm. These active parents conduct fund-raisers throughout the year for athletic scholarships and to help purchase athletic equipment. Families may become members at one of three levels: Red \$10; Gold \$25; and Spartan \$50. Questions? Just ask any of these officers.

Lisa Thompson President
 Leanne Mazoch 1st Vice President
 Linda May 2nd Vice President
 Rudy Gomez 3rd Vice President
 Angela Gomez 3rd Vice President
 Lali Castillo 4th Vice President
 Janet Jackson Secretary
 Janice Finch Treasurer

Special Education Notice

SMSD offers educational services for Special Education students with disabilities, including screening and assessment, mainstream classes with support, speech therapy, resource and content mastery programs, self-contained programs, adapted physical education, home-bound and home-based education, vocational adjustment class, physical or occupational therapy as a related service, counseling, school health services, special transportation, nonacademic and extracurricular services, and parent training. These services are provided to students ages 3-21 who meet eligibility requirements as determined by the Admission, Review, or Dismissal (ARD) Committee. All placement decisions are the responsibility of the ARD Committee. For more information, contact your child's teacher, the campus diagnostician, speech pathologist, counselor, principal, or Special Education department at 281-261-9251.

Early Childhood Screening

To enroll a child in the Preschool Program for children with disabilities, the child must be three to five years of age and eligible for Special Education. If you have or know of a child in this age range with a disability, or perceive your child to have a disability, please contact the Special Education office at 281-261-9251 to schedule an Early Childhood Screening.

School Supplies

Each grade level requires different school supplies. Lists for supplies are available from your child's campus. Lists are also available at our web site www.stafford.msdc4.net.

Medicines

Please remember that medications (either prescription or over-the-counter) must be given to the school nurse with appropriate forms completed by the parent and physician. Permission to medicate forms are available from each campus nurse.

Emergencies and Illnesses

School nurses will contact parents when students are ill and cannot remain at school, including when students have a fever of 100.4 or more. In cases of emergency, simple first aid will be administered and parents will be contacted. When school nurses feel additional assistance is necessary, emergency medical services will be contacted. Parents should be sure to complete an emergency card each year. This should include consent for school officials to obtain emergency medical treatment for students, as permitted by law. Emergency information should be updated every time it changes.

New Meal Prices

Elementary	\$1.65
Secondary	\$1.90
Adult	\$2.50
Entree	\$1.25
Breakfast	\$0.90
Adult Breakfast	\$1.00

Administration

H.D. Chambers, Superintendent of Schools 281-261-9200
 sheri ashby, Secretary
 Rob Dwight, Asst. Superintendent of Personnel and Support Services
 Stella Hinojosa, Secretary
 Marva Raspberry, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
 Jennifer Schomburg, Secretary
 Lucas Janda, Business Manager

2007-08 School Calendar

First Day of School Aug 27
 Labor Day Holiday Sep 03
 Ft. Bend County Fair Holiday Sep 28
 Early Release-Parent Teacher Conference ..
 Oct 18
 TAKS Week Oct 23-26
 Early Release Nov 21
 Thanksgiving Holiday Nov 22-23
 Last Class Day before Holiday Dec 20
 Staff Development Dec 21
 Winter Holiday Dec 24-Jan 02
 Teacher Prep Days Jan 03-04
 MLK Holiday Jan 21
 Teacher Prep Day Mar 14
 Spring Break Mar 17-21
 Teacher Prep Day Mar 24
 TAKS Week Apr 28-May 02
 Memorial Day Holiday May 26
 Early Release May 30
 Last Day of School May 30
 Inlement Weather Make Up
 Days Jun 02-03
 Staff Development Jun 04

School Hours

Primary (Grades Pre-K - 1)
 Pre-K 8:00am-11:00am
 Pre-K 11:30am-2:30pm
 K 8:00am-2:30pm
 Grade 1 8:00am-3:30pm
 Elementary (Grades 2-4) 8:00am-3:30pm
 Intermediate (Grades 5-6) 8:00am-3:30pm
 Middle (Grades 7-8) 7:30am-3:00pm
 High (Grades 9-12) 7:30am-3:00pm
 SAC 8:30am-4:00pm

SMSD Board of Trustees

Regular board meetings are held in the SMSD Administration Building on the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Special meetings may be scheduled if needed. Both regular and special board meetings are open to the public.

Campuses and Departments

Stafford High School **281-261-9239**
 Principal Carolyn Williams
 Asst. Principals Earl Barrier, Carlotta Jenkins, Michael Kearnes
 Counselors Toni Forbes-Deese, Bonnie Salinas, Angie Svetlik
 Nurse Janet Whit
Stafford Middle School **281-261-9215**
 Principal Dr. Phyllis Tyler
 Asst. Principal Gary Fridye, Antoinette Wright
 Counselors Carol Childress, Grace Landry
 Nurse Yasmin Ortiz
Stafford Intermediate School **281-208-6100**
 Principal Patricia Suarez
 Asst. Principal Latasha Jackson
 Counselor Desiree James
 Nurse Sally Garza
Stafford Elementary School **281-261-9229**
 Principal Sharon Benka
 Asst. Principal Bentrah Morton
 Counselor Carmen Minick
 Nurse Melanie Ceasar
Stafford Primary School **281-261-9203**
 Principal Kim Vu
 Counselor Sarah Dries
 Nurse Carol Vaughn
Stafford Alternative Education Campus **281-261-9280**
Academic Services
 Principal & Director Brenda Harris
Secondary Instruction **281-261-9285**
 Director Rebecca Benedict
Federal Programs **281-261-9251**
 Director Alice Thompson
Athletic Department **281-261-9360**
 Director Henry Coleman
Child Nutrition **281-261-9289**
 Director
Maintenance and Operations **281-261-9209**
 Director Daniel Munoz
Transportation **281-261-9210**
 Director Daniel Munoz

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