



Welcome Future Jaguars

2022-2023 SY

Welcome SMS Parents of Incoming 6th Graders

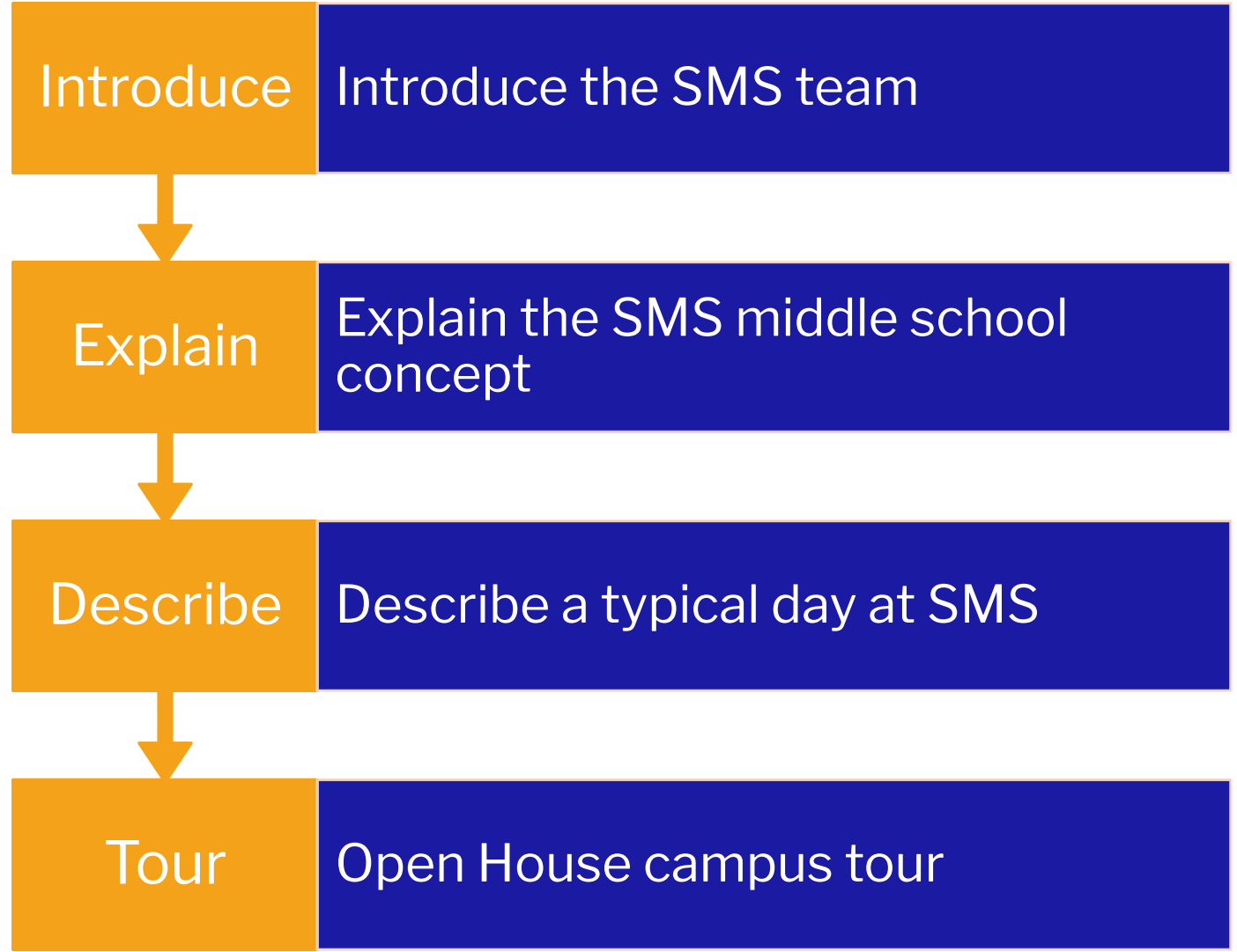


We are excited to have you join the SMS family!

Parents, be ready for some BIG changes!!!

We are here to help smooth the transition and will be available throughout the year for ongoing support.

6th Grade Transition Objective





Introducing the Team



Mrs. Stephanie Silman, Principal

- University of Arizona, BA, Secondary Education
- Northern Arizona University, MEd., Leadership
- 16 Years of Service in SUSD30
- I am happily married to my husband of 20 years, the mother of one daughter with another daughter on the way, and an enthusiastic Arizona Wildcats fan.
- I like to read, exercise, and spend time with my family in my free time.



Mr. Robert Beachy, Assistant Principal

- Youngstown State University
- Northern Arizona University
- 14 Years of Service in SUSD30
- I am happily married to my wife, who is also a teacher, who I met while teaching English at SHS. I am a dedicated Cleveland sports fan and lover of animals, especially dogs.



Mrs. Nikki DeSouza, Counselor

- University of Phoenix, BS, Human Services
- University of Phoenix, MS, Psychology
- Joined the SMS team in 2018.
- I am happily married to my husband of 25 years, mother of three daughters and Nana of two. I reserve my Sundays for football and never miss a New York Giants game! In my free time I like to play racquetball, work out and spend time with my family.



Sahuarita Middle School

- Dynamic curriculum aligned to Arizona State Standards.
- High expectations for staff and students.
- Positive Behavior Intervention Support (P.B.I.S.) and Character Counts School and Be Kind Campus.
- Highly qualified teachers and staff.
- The SMS Administration places the highest priority on the connection between school and home. We welcome input and encourage you to visit or volunteer in your child's classroom.

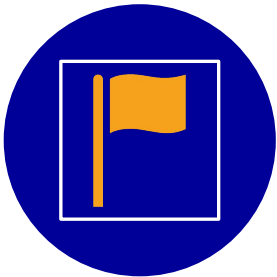
Student Schedules & Open House



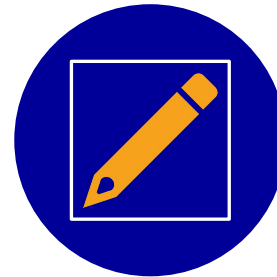
SMS Open House campus tour directly following this presentation.



Student schedules will be available on PowerSchool on 8-5-22.



Hard copy schedules will also be available on the first day of school at the flagpole on campus.



Individual teacher supply lists will be provided in each teacher's syllabus during the first week of school. Please have your student bring paper and pencil on the first day of school.

Typical Middle School Day

Student Hours: First bell 8:00am. Dismissal bell 2:50pm

Front office hours: 7:30am-3:30pm

Students may enter the campus at 7:30am

SMS students have 4 core class periods, 1 elective, and a Reteach/Enrich period

Passing periods are 4 minutes

Early release Wednesday ends at 1:50pm

Big Changes are Coming

- **5 Classes Daily + R/E Quarterly Rotations**

- 5 different teachers, different students in each class.
- Students who need extra help in math may be scheduled for Reteach in place of Enrich on a weekly basis.
- Enrich is a quarterly exploratory class that is 36 minutes and taught by the Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Elective teachers.

- **Have ID all day/everyday**

- Needed for lunch, needed to check out books, does not need to be worn.

- **Dress code same as K-5**

- **After School Sports**

- Sports Physical Exam – SMS website or office, “C” or above to participate and maintain eligibility on a weekly basis.

Know What's Going On at SMS

- Digital video announcements daily, and available on the SMS website.
- SMS Facebook updated frequently.
- Newsletters with progress reports.
- Marquee updated for new events.
- Flyers sent home (check backpacks).

Helping Your Child

- Set up Parent & Student PowerSchool account.
 - PowerSchool login information is on bottom of schedules, report cards and progress reports.
- Check your child's grades frequently.
- Contact **teachers** if you have any questions about assignments or grades.
- Know the homework expectations.
- Organization & time management.
- Set up routines.



Communication is Key!

Maintain open communication with all your student's teachers

- Email is the best & quickest.
- Attend conferences in the fall and spring.
- Address concerns early and start by contacting the teacher.
- The counselor and administrators can help if needed after talking with the teacher.

6th Grade Core Curriculum Classes



Math*



Language
Arts*



Social
Studies



Science

*Advanced course offered

6th Grade Elective Classes



Physical
Education



Art



Spanish



Orchestra



Band



Career &
Technical
Education



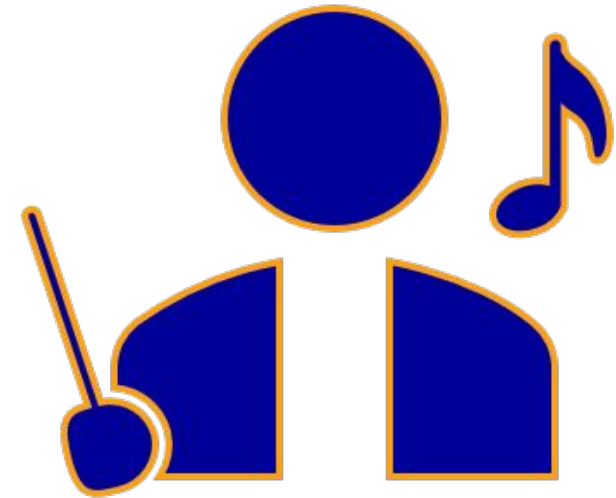
Choir



Jazz Band

Band, Orchestra & Choir

- Band, Choir, and Orchestra students meet as a class everyday as a year long class.
- Jazz Band & 6th grade Choir meet during Reteach/Enrich.
- For example, if a student needs extra help in Math, they will miss Jazz Band for that week.



Physical Education

- Two choices-Physical Fitness or PE Foundations (foundations of team sports).
- Students dress out everyday.
- Locker and locks are issued.
- PE uniform is required. Plain navy blue or black shorts and a plain gray or white t-shirt can be purchased from any store.
- A school logo shirt and shorts can be purchased in the office.

Assessment & Grading

- Grades are based on traditional letter grades.
- Students participate in a variety of assessments to determine grades.
- Grading norms are set by the grade level teacher teams and can be found in the handbook and syllabus.
- Progress Reports will be sent home with students every 4-5 weeks.
- Late work and re-takes offered. Please see teachers' syllabi for specific details.
- Individual plans can be set up for students with chronic missing work on a case-by-case basis.

Understanding Changes

- Importance of friends increases.
- Importance of family seems to decrease, but stay involved!!!
- Encourage them to seek out help when needed.
- More freedom and more choices means more responsibility.



SMS
Jaguars
G.R.O.W.L.

Get there

Respect

Own up

Watch out

Learn

Character Counts!



Student Conflict vs. Bullying

CONFLICT

- Equal power – mutual engagement
- Equal emotional reaction
- Happens occasionally
- Can be accidental
- Not seeking power or attention
- Feelings of remorse and responsibility
- Effort to solve problem

BULLYING

- Imbalance of power – one sided
- Strong emotional reaction on part of the victim
- Happens repeatedly
- Intentional, threatening
- Seeking power and control
- No remorse – blames victim
- No attempt to stop

Conflict & Bullying Resources

Mediations to resolve issues.

Incident reports and bullying report forms are located in the front office.

Confidential and identities are protected.

Problems need to be reported right away and typically do not go away on their own.



We are a
Ben's Bells
Kind
Campus

Sahuarita Middle School PTO & Site Council

- Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians of SMS Students are welcome.
- Join and share in your child's school community:
 - Providing a means of communicating volunteer opportunities
 - Staff Appreciation Week
 - Family Fun Nights
 - Quarterly Luncheons for staff
 - Fundraising to support these fun school activities
 - Communicate ideas with teachers, staff and other parents
- Follow the SMS PTO Facebook page (closed group)
- Meetings: Schedule will be determined each year in the fall. PTO and Site Council meetings may be combined or separate depending on the need of the group.



Thank You!

Hopefully, we have
answered all of your
questions.