



Sunderland Promotes Integrity, Responsibility, Independence & Trust

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Maureen Stewart, Assistant Principal

Danielle Hilton, Counselor L-Z

Michele Shade, Counselor A-K

Courtney Simmons, Instructional Support/Teacher Coach

September 10, 2022

Info to Know

- Picture Day is the 16th. Order forms were sent home in the folder on the first day of school. Additional forms are available in the lobby of school or you can order online at www.Classic-Photo.com You will click **SCHOOLS** then **PRE-ORDER NOW**. The Access Key is: **sunderland2022**.
- Thank you for your support with the School Store! Our community has already provided many gift cards to support the classrooms! We appreciate you!
- Please remember to complete the Volunteer process to be able to attend events in our school during the school day that include field trips, field day, volunteering for events etc. It's an effort to ensure our school remains safe.

REPEATED INFORMATION

- **Meet the Superintendent, Dr. Andraé Townsel**

All district families are invited to meet our new superintendent, Dr. Andraé Townsel. This is a casual event to share your feedback about the district and engage in open conversation with the superintendent. You can attend one of the four events.

- September 12- Patuxent High School (5:30- 7:00 p.m.)
- September 21- Career & Technology Academy (5:30- 7:00 p.m.)
- September 27- Huntingtown High School (5:30- 7:00 p.m.)

To register for an event:

- <https://forms.office.com/r/bjvAvPpHy0>
- CCPS Parent Information- The CCPS Calendar/Parent Handbook is available at: [School Handbook and Calendar - School Year 2022-2023 \(finalsite.net\)](#) If you need a printed copy, please email Ms. Bozman at bozmann@calvertnet.k12.md.us
 - There is a great deal of information on the Parent website: [Parent/Guardian Information - Calvert County Public School District \(calvertnet.k12.md.us\)](#)
- Online payment for the Seat Sack and the agenda book can be found at OSP on our school website: [Home - Sunderland Elementary \(calvertnet.k12.md.us\)](#)

Counselor's Corner from Ms. Hilton and Mrs. Shade : **September 10, 2022**

WELCOME BACK SEAHAWKS! And a special welcome to all our new Seahawk families—including our new counselor, Mrs. Shade! It was an amazing first week back to school, and we look forward to welcoming ALL pre-k and kindergarten students on Tuesday! Below you will find news and information related to our SES School Counseling Department, as well as county-wide mental health services and information. We will include updates weekly in the Seahawk News, so make sure you look for our updates throughout the school year!



- Mrs. Shade will work with students with last names ending A-K and Ms. Hilton will work with students with last names ending L-Z.
- Until Mrs. Shade returns from maternity leave in October, Ms. Hilton will continue working with all students. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hilton (hiltond@calvertnet.k12.md.us; 443-550-9387), with any student concerns.
- September's Classroom Counseling lessons will be grade-level assemblies which will focus on an introduction to the School Counselors and our "Habits of Mind".
- Ms. Hilton will meet with our new 1st – 5th grade students next week during her "New Student Lunch Bunches"!
- September is Suicide Prevention Month and September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day. CCPS will recognize World Suicide Prevention Day on Friday, September 9th by wearing yellow (the suicide prevention awareness ribbon colors – **yellow and orange**, signify suicide prevention awareness around the world. The two-toned ribbon is also indicative of a candle flame.)
 - The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crises centers and is available 24/7. For more information, visit <https://988lifeline.org/>
 - For more information and important facts about suicide, visit [https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Suicide-Prevention-Awareness-Month-\(SPAM\)](https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Suicide-Prevention-Awareness-Month-(SPAM))
- Should your family need assistance with school supplies (now or during the school year), please contact your child's classroom teacher or Ms. Hilton.
- SES has joined with Friendship Community Baptist Church for our HeartFELT (Filling Empty Little Tummies) program. The HeartFELT program provides qualifying students with meals and snacks each weekend. If you would like more information or would like your child to participate in the HeartFELT program, please email or call me (hiltond@calvertnet.k12.md.us; 443-550-9387) to sign up.

Mark Your Calendar

- **September**
 - **14** – 2 Hour Delayed Opening – Professional Learning for all staff
 - **16** – Picture Day
 - **19** – Boosterthon Launch (runs through the 27th) WOOHOO! The FUN RUN is back!
 - **Open House**
 - Pre K-grade 2- September 27th - 5:30PM-6:30PM
 - Grades 3-5 – September 28th – 5:30PM-6:30PM
 - **29** – PBIS Classroom Level Celebration

Join the FSO- Family and School Organization at
<https://www.sunderlandfso.org/membership>

We look forward to your participation and membership with us this year!

President - Leah Smith

1st VP - Jamie Silva
2nd VP - Serena Hight
Treasurer - Niki Robshaw
Secretary - Nikki Steinhauer
Grade Level Chair - Sara Powel
Staff Liaison - Sally Wolfe

Volunteers

CCPS Volunteer Handbook, Volunteer Training Video, and Online Volunteer Application

The CCPS Volunteer Handbook, Volunteer Training Video, and Online Volunteer Application have been updated to include messages from Dr. Townsel. Utilize the current centralized documents and processes when soliciting volunteers in your school communities. All schools must use the same district-wide documents. Direct potential volunteers to the *Become a Volunteer* page on the CCPS website (link below). The handbook and training video include the following topics:

- Application process
- Training
- Code of Ethics
- Volunteer Guidelines
- Safety and Security
- Confidentiality
- Protecting Our Volunteers
- Child Abuse Reporting
- Resignation and Dismissal
- FAQ's
- Steps to Becoming a Volunteer

[Become a Volunteer - Calvert County Public School District \(calvertnet.k12.md.us\)](http://calvertnet.k12.md.us)
[Calvert County Public Schools Volunteer Handbook \(finalsite.net\)](http://finalsite.net)

Info From Past News

• Celebrations

- **School Generated:** Occasionally there are school, grade level, or classroom celebrations. These celebrations may be for a season, special event, or as the result of teacher generated incentive. Staff will inform parents/guardians of celebrations prior to their occurrence. If you don't want your child to participate in celebrations due to personal reasons, please send a note to your child's teacher before the event. We'll be happy to provide appropriate supervision and other activities during the celebration. You don't need to remove your child from school in order to avoid these activities.
- **Birthdays:** Student birthdays will be announced on the Seahawk News (Morning Announcements).
- Due to allergies and nutritional concerns, we ask that parents/guardians not send in food treats, but could instead send a special pencil (SMENCILS -scented pencils are popular) or other useful item that students could use in school.

- Food items will not be distributed, if sent in.
- For safety reasons, balloons, flowers and any item in glass containers are not permitted on school buses. Please do not have these items delivered to students at school in celebration of their birthday.
- **Laptops:** All 3rd -5th graders will receive a laptop for school use. Students will be using the device at school. Laptops will not be sent home for use. Homework assignments will not require computer use.
- **Covid:** Nurse Sherri Litz is the point of contact for medical issues.
 - When a child tests positive with COVID, he/she must stay home for 5 days from the start of symptoms or from the date of the positive test if no symptoms. After day 5, may return if symptoms have improved with no fever for at least 24 hours without medication. Upon return, they must wear a mask for 5 additional days (except while eating, drinking, sleeping or outside). If unable to wear a mask, he/she may return if they have a negative test at day 5 or later; otherwise, they should remain at home for days 6-10. This means any student who provides a negative test at day 5 or later does not need to mask.
 - When a child has been in close contact with someone with known or suspected COVID-19 he/she may attend school regardless of vaccination status if they are free of symptoms. Those who can mask should do so for 10 days from the last day of exposure. A test at 3-5 days after exposure is recommended, especially for those who are unable to mask.
 - Dr. Polsky from Calvert's Health Department has provided the link below for information: Here is the link to the covid post: <https://www.calverthealth.org/healththreats/diseases/cvirus.htm>

Arrival/Dismissal

- Our morning arrival window is 9:15-9:25AM (11:15-11:25AM for Delayed Opening days) This is for cars and buses. Students arriving after 9:25AM (11:25AM on Delayed Opening days), must be walked into school by a parent and signed into the computer.
- Buses dismiss from 4:10-4:20PM (2:10-2:20PM on Early Dismissal days) **Daily Car Rider details are below.**

Transportation

- **For Pre K and K families:** Please rest assured that we have all hands on deck to make sure students are able to learn their path to their class. Teachers, assistants and safety patrols will be meeting students in the hall to assist them and give them clues to helping to find their class each day. The students do an amazing job within the first week!
- Please see the letter from attached Transportation. If you registered after 8/25/22, you may not have an assigned bus yet. They have worked on route assignments, and you should hear from transportation by Monday.
- **Daily Car Riders** must complete the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/8YAbzZK1Cs>
 - This form is to be completed for those who will be Daily Car Riders only. By listing adults to pick up, you are giving that adult permission to pick up your student. We encourage all students to ride the bus.
 - Please tell your child that they will NOT have their name called. They are to dismiss when they hear Daily Car Riders are dismissed. This list will be shared with the teachers, too.
 - Please have your ID at all times when entering the school to pick up your student. You will need to have your ID out to show the staff, even if we know you!

- **Daily Car Riders:** One adult will be expected to come into the cafeteria to sign out their Daily Car Rider student(s). We will open the exterior cafeteria door at 3:55PM (1:55PM on Early Dismissal Days) to allow for students to be signed out. Promptly at 4:05PM (2:05PM on Early Dismissal Days), Daily Car Riders will be called to the cafeteria. You and your child will exit. When you sign in, you will be given a card signifying how many students you are picking up. You will turn in your card as you leave the cafeteria. If an adult is not present by 4:05PM (2:05PM on Early Dismissal Days), the student will be sent home on their assigned bus.
- If your child is a bus rider and needs to be picked up due to an appointment, please arrive at the front office before 3:45PM (1:45PM on Early Dismissal Days). Our office staff and duty staff start preparing for Daily Car Riders and bus dismissal at 3:55PM (1:55PM on Early Dismissal Days) With the change from a 30minute bus window to 10 minutes, we will need to keep our focus on the dismissal process.
- We are able to manage **Non-Daily Car Riders** but we are still not able to accommodate Drop in, Surprise Car Riders. For Non-Daily Car Riders, you MUST send a paper note, **NOT AN EMAIL**, with your child, EACH day that you plan for them to be a car rider. Please let your child know that they must dismiss with the Daily Car Riders at 4:05PM when announced. **We will NOT call individual students down for dismissal.** Please do not send a note saying “every Tuesday” instead, send a note every Tuesday. We can not expect teachers to keep up with all students’ special request schedules. We ask that you send a paper note each day because there could be a sub in the class instead of the teacher.