



Sturgis Charter Public School
An International Baccalaureate World School



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Dear Sturgis Students and Parents,

The time has come for the 2021-22 school year!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new and returning students to Sturgis. Our students find that Sturgis Charter Public School is a very special place with a dynamic, caring, and outstanding faculty, a world class curriculum in the IB, a vibrant student body that is highly motivated yet caring for one another, and a very supportive parent community. All of these aspects come together to help us create a school culture that will have a great impact on the lives of our students.

Our recent graduates have been quite successful with their International Baccalaureate performance, college admission, and financial aid, and we expect similar or even stronger results from our graduates in 2022 and beyond. We believe that the IB helps our students develop the habits of mind necessary to be successful in life and that the IB is the best university preparation program available.

At the forefront of our thinking as we develop our curriculum and student activities is our fundamental purpose: student learning. We strive to help all students maximize their individual potential not only in knowledge and skills but also in habits, attitudes, and values. We strive to continually challenge each student to learn within and beyond the classroom, aided and supported by our faculty and staff. We feel fortunate to have so many highly capable faculty returning to Sturgis for the 2021-22 school year. In addition, we also were able to recruit outstanding new faculty and staff.

We encourage all of our students to get involved in the life of the school beyond the classroom. A Sturgis education is enhanced when students participate in activities, sports, and service opportunities. We will sponsor a wide variety of activities this year, including student government, Model United Nations, jazz band, theater activities and others. We are also fortunate to have a vibrant athletic program.

We look forward to sharing with you a very productive and challenging school year. Please do not hesitate in contacting us at any time if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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Pandemic Operations

As required by Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley's imminent statewide mandate, Sturgis students and adults will be required to mask while indoors at school and while being bussed until further notice. Please note that consistent with DESE advisories, Sturgis will not have a minimal distancing requirement nor will we be offering a remote option.

While we will be returning to our typical rotating class schedule, we have eliminated our morning break period, and have extended our open campus lunch to one hour in length.

First Day of School

On Wednesday, September 1, all students may enter our buildings after 8:00 a.m, and should report to school by no later than 8:20 a.m. All students will report to their advisory for an initial fifty minute orientation, and then will continue through the day with normal classes. Students will receive their schedules, lockers, and information about school supplies on this day. All students should bring a notebook, pen, pencil, and charged Chromebook/computer.

By the end of the day on Friday, August 27, students' schedules will be posted for viewing on the Community Portal. **New families** will receive a separate email with a web link for this portal as well as your user-name and password. The Community Portal has been updated and there is a new URL. The link on our website will be updated on Friday. Returning families will still log on with their current user names and passwords. If you have difficulty accessing the portal, please call the main office of your child's campus.

Parents will find important forms to sign on the portal:

- All Students Form
- Returning Students Medical Form

Please note that Sturgis does have school on Friday, September 3rd.

Lunch

Sturgis students will once again have the privilege of leaving school during the lunch period as long as the students demonstrate that they have the personal responsibility to handle this privilege appropriately. Please refer to the attendance policy for information about the relationship between tardies to school and the open lunch privilege.



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Students in grades 10-12 will have open campus lunch beginning on the first day of school on Wednesday, September 1st. Students in grade 9 will need to bring a bag lunch from Wednesday, September 1st through Friday, September 3rd. During lunch on these days the grade 9 students will be grouped for lunch in Sturgis classrooms for icebreaker activities and discussions about the responsibilities inherent in the open lunch privilege.

NOTE: All students/parents must complete the online **Lunch Permission** by Tuesday, September 7th in order to be allowed to have the privilege of open lunch. **The lunch permission form is part of the “All Students Form” on the Community Portal and can be “signed” digitally.**

Ordering Lunch

We have an agreement with *The Little Sandwich Shop* to allow students to order lunch to be delivered to the school. Students must complete the lunch order form before 9:00 a.m. on the day of the order, although orders can also be placed for multiple days in advance. [The link for Lunch Orders](#) is on the right hand side of the East and West Campus pages of our website.

Delivery services, such as DoorDash and Uber Eats, are not allowed.

Free or Reduced Lunch

We encourage families with financial need to apply for this program. If your child has received a free or reduced lunch in the past, please note that the federal government requires that you reapply each year. You can access the [application forms](#) on the Sturgis website. For students who qualify for a free or reduced lunch, Sturgis works with *Little Sandwich Shop* to provide fresh and delicious lunch options.

There are additional benefits for qualifying students including:

- Transportation to and from school
- Athletic fees
- School field trips
- School events, including proms and special events
- College Application Processing Services (CAPS)

Those who are in this program can rest assured that their information and participation are kept in the strictest confidence.

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Cape Cod Transit

This year, all Cape Cod Transit busses will again be available to our students. Please be aware that there are CCRTA busses available from Bourne and Sandwich and the Sagamore Park & Ride. Discounted Student Bus Passes are available to purchase at the Hyannis Transportation Center. You can find further information at www.capecodrta.org.

PLEASE NOTE: The busses will NOT be dropping off or picking up students until September 7th.