



Monday, August 22, 2022

Dear Silver Lake Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year where Silver Lake Cyclones *Connect, Explore, and Soar!* It is our sincere hope that your family had a wonderful summer. Regardless of all our hopes that we can hold onto summer a little longer, time keeps ticking away, and we are ready for students to return to school. Silver Lake staff are excited for the upcoming school year. We hope you are too! Over the summer our staff have been busy with new learning and preparing our building for the first day of school on **Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7:30 a.m.**

Open House

Please join us at Open House on August 30 from 3-5 p.m. All students and families are welcome to tour the school, meet their teachers, and bring their school supplies to place in their lockers. It is a great opportunity for our students to *connect* with friends and their new teachers, *explore* their environment by finding their new classrooms, and feel confident, ready to *soar* on their first day of school.

As always the start of the school year comes with lots of communication. Please review the information in this newsletter for a successful start. Additionally, stay connected for the latest communication and sharing of our amazing Silver Lake experiences by following us on social media and our weekly All Things SLI newsletter sent via email.

FOLLOW US!



@All Things SLI at Silver Lake Intermediate School



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Please reach out to Mr. Bruns, Associate Principal, or me at any time with questions or concerns. It is going to be an awesome school year!

Jill Marr

Connect, Explore, Soar

SLI Principal marrj@oasd.org

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Bus Information

Don't Forget to Check Your Bus Route!

Over the summer, the OASD transportation provider, Oconomowoc Transport Company became Go Riteway Transportation. There have been a few small changes to our bus routes and route numbers as a result of the change.

Before the first day of school, please verify your child's bus information by visiting www.oasd.org/BusRoute and following the instructions under the **Bus Route Look Up** section.

If you have questions about your bus route or find inaccurate residence information, please call Go Riteway at 920-355-4040.

Crossing Guard Intersection for Student Walkers

Parents of students who walk to school, please remind your child to cross Oconomowoc Parkway at the eastern intersection. They should not cross at the Lake Country Trail intersection or the western intersection.

Arrival & Dismissal

SLI Building Doors open @7:00 am with most students arriving between 7:15-7:25am. Upon arriving at school, students should head to their grade level pod areas.

School Day Begins @ 7:30 a.m.

School Day Ends @ 2:55 p.m.

Approved Drop Off and Pick Up Routes



Families CANNOT park in the bus and staff parking lot due to safety concerns.

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School Year Calendar

Our Explore classes run on an A/B day rotation. The B days are designated in the calendar with /. Click [HERE](#) for the calendar.

Student Class Schedules

Student Class Schedules were posted to Family Access on August 16 for those who registered. Please note requests for changes should be emergency-based only and are subject to availability in our classes. If you have any questions or concerns about your student's schedule, please contact stewartj@oasd.org prior to Open House.

Changes to a student's schedule will not be available at Open House.

Chromebooks

New to SLI/OASD Student?

New students will receive their Chromebook during the first day of school. New students will be called down to the library to ensure students can properly log in.

Issues with Chromebooks over the summer?

Bring your Chromebook down to the library when grade levels are called down to get their Chromebook and Mrs. Laffin and Mrs. Early, our library paraprofessionals will take a look and find a solution.

Can't remember your login and password information?

Library paraprofessionals have this information. Please ask them for help.



Picture Day

Silver Lake Intermediate Picture Day is **Sept. 7.**



Yearbooks will not be sold through SLI. Please watch for information from Jostens on September 12 regarding the purchase of the 2022-2023 SLI Yearbook.

Link to purchasing:

<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01106284>

School Meals for 2022-23

The USDA will **not** be offering the free student meals program for the 2022-23 school year. The end of this program means that students will again be charged for breakfast and lunch at school each day. If your family qualifies for the free and reduced meals program, please complete the free and reduced meals application during online registration.

Families that qualify for free and reduced meals might also qualify for a reduction in some of their student fees. Find more information on the program on our [free and reduced meal information page](#).



Guidelines for use of Personal Devices

Cell phones: They are to remain off and in their lockers between 7:30 and 2:55 daily. Teachers will be enforcing this daily, and will be minimizing any classroom use (if any) this year. Please see the linked/attached for further details, including reasoning and possible consequences for non compliance.

Air pods/wireless headphones: Teachers are encouraged to not allow their use in classrooms/hallways as it has become increasingly difficult to discern whether they are connected with a phone or chromebook. Wired earbuds/headphones will be allowed in classrooms where teachers allow their use. Per the handbook, consequences for non compliance will be similar to cell phones. [Link to Guidelines](#)

Attendance

Here are some helpful tips as you and your family plan for back to school! We want students to be on time and present every day possible. It really matters!

- » Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- » Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- » Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- » Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help him/her transition. Open house is a great opportunity to do that!
- » Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- » If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- » Develop some backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- » Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.



If you have any questions or concerns about attendance struggles, please reach out to Jessie Mueller in Student Services at SLI. Her email address is: muellerje@oasd.org and her phone number is 262-560-4313.

Absences & Appointments

If your child is absent, please call 262-560-4302 with the reason for your child's absence. Children that arrive late at school (after 7:30 a.m.) because of an appointment, etc.. should stop in the office and receive a pass to class. Students who are leaving school early because of an appointment, etc.. will be sent to the office for parent pick-up.

All students who are leaving school due to illness or an injury require a parent, guardian or approved arranged ride home to come into the Health Room to sign their student out.



Student Health Information for 2022-23

Our OASD Health Services Team and health room staff support our students every school day. Please read a few important reminders from Health Services about student health for this school year.

OASD Illness Guidelines

Our families, staff, and students need to work together to keep our schools healthy. Please read our illness guidelines for more information on student illness during the school year.

>> [Read our OASD Illness Guidelines](#)

Health Room Guidelines

Students who require a health plan or medications to be available at school can work with our Health Service Team to make those arrangements.

>> [Read our care plan and medication guidelines](#)

Food Allergies & Safe Snack Guide

For the safety of all students, our classrooms and learning spaces throughout the OASD are peanut and nut-free environments. Children are welcome to have nut products in their lunches eaten in the cafeteria and cafeterias will have designated nut-free areas.

>> [Read more about our nut-free guidelines and our safe-snack guide](#)

Grade Level Daily Schedule

<p>5th Grade (2 teacher team)</p> <p>7:30-7:55 Cyclone Circle</p> <p>7:58-10:25 Core Academics</p> <p>10:25-10:55 Lunch/Recess</p> <p>10:55-11:25 SOAR</p> <p>11:29-12:55 Explore Classes</p> <p>12:58-1:15 Afternoon Recess</p> <p>1:18-2:55 Core Academics</p>	<p>6th Grade (2 teacher team)</p> <p>7:30-9:35 Core Academics</p> <p>9:35-9:50 Morning Recess</p> <p>9:55-11:55 Core Academics</p> <p>11:55-12:30 Lunch/Recess</p> <p>12:35-12:55 Cyclone Circle</p> <p>12:54-1:26 SOAR</p> <p>1:29-2:55 Explore Classes</p>
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Schedule Cont.

Cyclone Circle: Our time with students during Cyclone Circle is focused on community building, meaningful connection making and implementing our Character Strong Curriculum. This time is also utilized to review safety drill information, anti-bullying rules and lessons, as well as use of technology platforms.

SOAR (Student Opportunities for Achieving Results): Our time with students during SOAR (formerly known as ASR/All School Read) is focused on supporting student academic needs in the form of interventions, enrichment, and various groupings to meet academic needs. Students will be engaged in a variety of academic tasks (ie reading, writing, math, math technology platforms, etc...).

Student Services Team Welcomes Everyone to the New School Year

Is your child worried about the upcoming school year? Here is some sound advice from The Child Mind Institute on how to help! In addition, the SLI Student Services Team is here to support you and your child - please reach out if we can help:

Holly Bouche - boucheh@oasd.org

Lauren Kossoris - kossorisl@oasd.org

Jessie Mueller - muellerje@oasd.org



Going back to school can bring up big worries for kids, but talking about concerns — and feeling supported — can help. Here are some tips to make your back-to-school conversations more productive and less stressful for everyone.

Be realistic about challenges

Kids who've struggled in the past, especially those with learning, mental health, or social issues, often feel more anxious than excited about heading back to school. As a parent it's tempting to focus on the positive: "It's a brand new year!"

But glossing over your child's challenges can leave them feeling unheard and be a missed opportunity to talk about what's really worrying them: What if I fail again? What if I can't do it? What if I have to talk in front of the class?

Instead, acknowledge your child's struggles and be direct — and strategic. Think about what's traditionally been difficult for your child: Social struggles? Test anxiety? Trouble following rules in class? Past troubles can provide a roadmap for future support. Give your child the chance to talk through any concerns, What if I'm terrible at math just like last year? What if they ask me to talk in front of the class again? And work together to brainstorm solutions.

"I remember how hard math was last year. But we know a lot more about what you need to do well now. When you're ready, let's make a plan!"

"Let's talk to Mr. Dean and let him know you don't like being called up to the whiteboard."



Giving kids the opportunity to talk about what's worrying them can help you understand their struggles and help them advocate for their needs.

Take worries seriously

Remember, issues that might seem silly to you can be very serious to your child. Worrying they won't have any classes with friends, seeing a former crush in the hall, finding out they have another class with a teacher who "Hates me!" — all of these can be sources of real stress.

Instead of brushing worries away, take care to validate kids' feelings and give them opportunities to talk about what's troubling them. Asking open-ended, non-judgmental questions can help kids open up, and make it easier to share worries.



"I can't believe you're starting 5th grade this year. How do you feel?"

"Are you excited to be back in school?"

Talk about the good stuff:

Anxiety can be consuming for kids, blocking out good memories and casting a dark cloud over the upcoming year. But big, empty statements of encouragement ("I bet you'll love it!") can fall flat. Instead, try asking them about concrete things they've enjoyed in the past. Helping your child remember some of the good parts of school — activities or classes they like, favorite teachers, friends they've missed over the summer — can help fight negative thoughts and temper stress. Try encouraging kids to compare notes on topics like these:

What did they miss about school during summer vacation? Seeing friends? Getting good cookies at lunch? Play rehearsals?

What are they looking forward to? Starting a new subject? Getting a break from time with parents (I mean let's face it, grownups can be tiring)? Joining a team? Decorating their locker? Whatever it is, make sure to make it part of your back-to-school conversations.

Remember, the idea isn't to put on a song and dance about how amazing school will be. The goal is to help them focus more on facts about what they've enjoyed, and less on what-ifs about what could go wrong.

Don't push

Sometimes kids just don't want to talk. We all want our kids to feel supported and do well, but sometimes stepping back is the right thing to do. The goal should be to let your child know you're aware that this can be a stressful time, and you're there if they want to talk.

The urge to check in, even when your child isn't responding, might be more about your own anxieties than your child's needs. Try to manage your own expectations, and if your child isn't ready to talk or doesn't seem engaged with the conversation, that's okay. You'll have plenty of opportunities for conversations as the year goes on. For now, just knowing you're there, and that you love and support them, can be enough.



SLI's Communication Connection Plan

- Message Center - Families will receive important information throughout the school year via email from SLInoreply@oasd.org.
- Silver Lake Daily Announcements are placed on our website each day under the "Announcements/Daily" tab.
- Families will receive ALL THINGS SLI SMORE Newsletter weekly and additional emails regarding upcoming events and learning celebrations.
- [SLI Website Events Calendar](#)
- All families should have Family Access. This is a web-based service that allows parents to view their child's attendance record, class schedule, teacher emails sent through family access, and grades (7th and 8th grade only) on an ongoing basis. Check this throughout the year.



Canvas is the intermediate schools' online platform to house learning objectives, materials, and assignments.

Please check out the [Canvas section](#) on our family tech website for more information. 5th graders will be new to Canvas and will receive training the first weeks of school. Parents who "paired" with their students last year will not need to do it again, as it carries over from year to year.

Dress Guidelines

All students need to pay attention to personal cleanliness, health, neatness, safety and suitability of clothing and appearance for school activities. In every case the dress and grooming of the students shall be clean and shall be safe, classroom and learning ready. Please note these specific guidelines in our SLI student handbook:

Clothing which calls inappropriate attention to the wearer may not be worn. Examples include:

- Tops that have no shoulder straps or straps that are less than 2 inches wide; shirts that reveal cleavage, the midriff or the back; garments (pants and shorts) that are worn far below the waist line; see through leggings, extremely short and/or tight shorts or skorts (so short that either buttocks show or shorts are covered by the length of a long shirt).
- Hoods, hats, sunglasses, etc. should not be in the learning environment unless permission is specified. This includes classrooms, assemblies, guest speakers, field trips, or other ceremonies.
- Clothing that displays obscenity or sexual innuendo, or advertises or promotes the use of alcohol, tobacco products or controlled substances.
- Clothing or jewelry that depicts or reflects gang affiliation.

Here is a [link](#) to the Dress Guidelines as outlined in our SLI Student Handbook found on our school website.



Silver Lake Intermediate School PTO

Join our Silver Lake PTO!!!!

Meetings are @6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Contact us at : sliptboard@gmail.com
Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SilverLakeIntPTO>

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Meet Our New SLI Staff

Speech & Language
Pathologist
Clare Skaggs



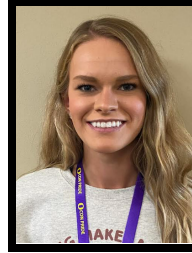
7th Grade
Learning Strategist
Carli Effinger



8th Grade Math
Nicole Houghton



6th Grade Writing,
Science/ Social Studies
Kailey McDade



8th Grade ELA
Tim Cunningham



7th Grade Math
Lisa Tischler



5th Grade ELA
Sarah Spaude



Art
Krystal Nettesheim



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