



SICKLES UPDATE 08-09-2026

We're one alarm clock ring (and probably a few snooze buttons?) from the start of the 2026-27 school year. We are thrilled to welcome our newest Gryphons and our returning students, especially the Class of 2027! You'll receive at least two of these "weekly updates" this week, so expect a bit more information this week including a calendar of events and a celebration of our employee of the week. But for now, here are some details to help you navigate Day1.

TRANSPORTATION

BUS TO SCHOOL: If you're not sure what bus your child should ride, visit [THIS WEBSITE](#) and use your address to find the closest stop. (Tip: On a phone, turn your phone sideways for best use of that site). Be sure your child knows the route number and the stop name, and get out there at least 10-15 minutes early. That said, do not be surprised if buses are running a bit late these first few days. These same buses serve elementary schools before us, and the little ones need extra time to learn their routine.

BUS BACK HOME: It is important that your child shows up to the bus ramp tomorrow knowing (1) their **route number** and (2) the **name of their stop**. That info is available on the website above and may be printed on their schedule tomorrow morning. We will also be explaining to students how to access this information. Students without their information may be calling home for someone to come get them because it means they will have ignored multiple announcements offering to help them. Other students will not be delayed because certain students did not adequately prepare.

ANOTHER NOTE ABOUT BUSES: Only students who live more than 2 miles from the school are eligible for transportation. Students are only permitted to ride their assigned bus.



CAR RIDERS (DROPOFF/PICKUP):

The car line drop-off/pick-up location is the front of the school. Enter via the South Entrance/Old Hixon Road, follow the loop around and do not drop your students off until you have fully rounded the loop. There should be no dropoff/pickup at the North Entrance/Bus Ramp, at area businesses or on Old Hixon Road. These procedures are for the safety of drivers and pedestrians. Please expect delays in the first few days as families adjust to new routines.

STUDENT DRIVERS:

Seniors have begun picking up their parking permits and will continue doing so this week. They must purchase by Friday or they will forfeit their reservation. Parking permits are not required on campus this week. Seniors, please note “reserved spots” are not technically reserved until they are painted later this month. Freshmen and sophomores are not permitted to drive to school. The managers of the shopping center across the street, the bank and other area businesses have asked us to remind families that they will be towing illegally parked vehicles.

We will begin taking junior parking requests on Wednesday – additional information will be in the Monday evening email to families.

DRESS CODE: We want to make sure your students come to school dressed for success. We have added highlights of the dress code to the end of this document. Students out of compliance will be sent to Student Affairs to change.

DAY 1

SENIOR SUNRISE: Seniors are invited to the football stadium tomorrow starting at 7:30 a.m. for sunrise sunrise breakfast. Wear your jeans and homemade senior shirts for a picture on the 50-yard line.

WHERE TO GO? Students will report to homeroom first to pick up their schedules. Homeroom locators are posted around campus ([Or LOOK HERE](#)) and we will have multiple people in the halls to help students find their way. But before homeroom...

FREE BREAKFAST: We encourage all students to stop by the Cafeteria, where breakfast is free. Students must arrive before 8:30 (unless they are riding a late bus).

FREE LUNCH: At Sickles, lunch is also free. We have the best Student Nutrition staff in the county and they work hard to provide quality meals for our students. A variety of a la carte items are also available. You can add lunch money to your student's account via [MyPaymentsPlus.com](#) or by sending it with your student.

WHAT LUNCH DO I HAVE?: Our lunches overlap Period 4. On Monday, all students will report to class before lunch so those classes with A Lunch will know for sure.

EARLY RELEASE: Mondays are early release days, and dismissal tomorrow is 2:25 p.m. While we do not expect many signouts on Day 1, please know that we do not allow signouts in the final 30 minutes of the day.

BELL SCHEDULES: We typically use one of three bell schedules. Most Mondays are early release days and most Thursdays are club days. You can use [THIS LINK](#) to access our commonly used bell schedules. Please note student drivers being signed out can only leave during passing periods. These schedules will vary including during Week 1.

WHAT ELSE?

LOCKERS: Locker sales will be conducted starting Wednesday on My Payments Plus for \$5. This will give students a few days to figure out where they'd like their locker to be. Locker rental is \$5 for the school year.

ATHLETIC INFO: Visit our [Sickles Athletics Department](#) website for game schedules, athletic clearance instructions, coaches' contact info, ticket info and more. We definitely encourage you to join the Sickles Athletic Booster Club and visit their site! We also definitely

encourage you to purchase the \$20 prepaid parking for all five of our home football games this season. Our first home game is Friday, Aug. 21 against Freedom.

STUDENT SERVICES UPDATES:

- **Schedule Changes and Level Changes:** Students requesting a schedule change or course level change must report in person to the Student Services Office to complete the appropriate request form. A parent/guardian signature is required before any request can be considered.
- **Elective Courses:** Please note that elective course change requests will not be accepted. Students should plan to remain in the electives selected during the course registration process.
- **Improved Access to School Counselors:** To better support our students, every student's school counselor is now listed on their schedule under "11th period." In addition, each counselor will have a dedicated Canvas course tile where students can access important information, resources and contact their counselor directly. We hope these additions improve students' access to counseling services and provide timely support for academic, social and emotional needs.
- **Important Deadline:** All Schedule Change Forms and Level Change Forms must be submitted to the Student Services Office no later than Monday, August 17, at 2:30 p.m. Requests received after this deadline will not be considered.

GO GRYPHONS!



DRESS CODE POLICY



- PANTS AND SHORTS **MUST BE SECURED AT THE WAIST**. PANTS OR SHORTS THAT EXPOSE UNDERGARMENTS ARE PROHIBITED. BOYS' SHIRTS **MUST HAVE SLEEVES**.
- SHORTS AND SKIRTS **MUST BE FINGERTIP LENGTH** (MID THIGH).
- CLOTHING SHALL NOT EXPOSE THE MID-CHEST AREA.
- **PAJAMA PANTS, BARE MIDRIFTS, SPAGHETTI STRAPS, SEE-THROUGH SHIRTS, RACERBACK TANKS, CROP-TOPS, OR TANK TOPS LESS THAN 3 FINGERS IN WIDTH** ARE PROHIBITED.
- GARMENTS AND/OR JEWELRY THAT DISPLAY/SUGGEST SEXUAL/VULGAR, DRUG, GANG, WEAPONS, OR ALCOHOL RELATED WORDING/GRAPHICS SHALL NOT BE WORN. WALLET CHAINS ARE PROHIBITED.
- HEAD COVERINGS-HATS, BANDANAS, ETC. SHALL NOT BE WORN DURING SCHOOL HOURS.
- (NEW) STATE LAW ALSO ALLOWS FOR SUSPENSION FROM EXTRA-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION (FS 1006.07)

CONSEQUENCES

1ST VIOLATION

CHANGE OF CLOTHES/LUNCH
DETENTION

2ND VIOLATION

CHANGE OF CLOTHES/WORK
DETAIL/PARENT CONTACT

3RD VIOLATION

CHANGE OF CLOTHES/1 DAY OF ISS OR
SATURDAY SCHOOL/PARENT CONTACT

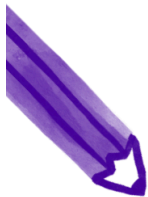
**FAILURE TO REPORT TO SAO OR REFUSAL TO CHANGE
CLOTHES WILL RESULT IN A DAY OF ISS OR PARENT PICK UP**



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