



SMS “News You Can Use” Newsletter

July 1, 2026

Sparta Middle School
SPARTA AREA SCHOOLS

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July 2026

Summer Office Hours at SMS:

- July: Closed
- August 3rd-14th: Monday through Friday, 7am-2pm
- August 17th through the School Year: 7am-3pm

SMS Calendar & District Calendar for Parents/Guardians:

 [2026-2027 SMS Student/Parent Calendar](#)
[2026-2027 Sparta Area Schools District Calendar](#)

Important Reminders for Parents:

Please remember to update your information in PowerSchool before August 19th. This is very important so that our staff can reach you when needed during the school year.

The forms that need to be completed are:

- Student Information Update
- Student Change of Address (If needed, check to make sure we have the correct information)
- Yearly Transportation Form
- Yearly Permissions/Agreement Form
- Yearly Technology Form

Parents/Guardians, if you need help getting into your Parent Portal in PowerSchool, please email Ms. Tina Harmsen (tina.harmsen@spartaschools.org) or Ms. Lauren Farr (lauren.farr@spartaschools.org).

Recommended Supply Lists for SMS Students:

 [2026-2027 SMS Recommended Supply List](#)

Content Area	Recommended Supplies
English/Language Arts	Binder with Pockets Only for ELA (or a folder with pockets and fasteners for paper) Notebook for Writing, Used Only for this Class Pencils and Pens Headphones or Earbuds to Use with Audio Text.
Mathematics	Binder or Folder JUST for Math Pencils Calculator (Optional)
Social Studies	Pocket folder Notebook Colored Pencils Extra Pencils Earbuds/Headphones
Science	Plastic Poly Folder with Pockets and Prongs EXAMPLE OF FOLDER TO PURCHASE  Spiral Notebook or Loose Leaf Paper Pencils & Colored Pencils Headphones or Earbuds
Art	Pencils/Colored Pencils Markers
Spanish 1 & 2	3 Ring Binder, Earbuds, and a Writing Utensil
Band & Choir	Pencils 1-inch 3-Ring Binder with Pockets & 25 Clear Sheet Protectors Instrument (Band Only) Choir Clothing Needs: • Black Dress Pants, Skirt or Dress • Black Shirt and Black Shoes Band Clothing Needs: • White long sleeve, button up, collared shirt • Black long dress pants • Black long socks • All black shoes

Physical Ed. (Gym)	Athletic Shoes (no Boots, Crocs, Hey Dudes, Slides, etc.) Athletic Clothes (Leggings, Sweatpants, Shorts, T-shirts, etc.) Deodorant and a Water Bottle are HIGHLY Recommended Students cannot wear the Clothes they wore to School in PE.
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SMS Daily Schedule:

M/W: Odd Days (1/3/5)

T/TH: Even Days (2/4/6)

F: 6 Period Day

MS SCHEDULE (M, T, W, TH)			MS SCHEDULE (1/2 DAY)		
AM E4S	7:35 - 8:00 AM	25 min	1 / 2	7:35 - 8:33 AM	58 min
1 / 2	8:04 - 9:35 AM	91 min	3 / 4	8:37 - 9:32 AM	55 min
3 / 4	9:39 - 11:10 AM	91 min	5 / 6	9:36 - 10:30 AM	54 min
5 / 6	11:14 - 1:26 PM	132 min (94')			
PM E4S	1:30 - 2:16 PM	46 min			
LUNCH A	11:20 - 11:55	35 min	MS SCHEDULE (1/2 DAY Friday)		
LUNCH B	11:58 - 12:33	35 min	1st Hour	7:35 - 8:00 AM	25 Min
LUNCH C	12:36 - 1:11	35 min	2nd Hour	8:04 - 8:29 AM	25 Min
			3rd Hour	8:33 - 8:58 AM	25 Min
			4th Hour	9:03 - 9:28 AM	25 Min
MS FRIDAY			5th Hour	9:32 - 9:57 AM	25 Min
1	7:35 - 8:25 AM	50 min	6th Hour	10:01 - 10:30 AM	29 Min
2	8:29 - 9:19 AM	50 min			
E4S	9:22 - 9:49 AM	27 min			
3	9:52 - 10:42 AM	50 min			
4	10:46 - 11:36 AM	50 min			
5	11:40 - 1:15	LUNCHES			
6	1:19 - 2:16	57 min			
LUNCH A	11:40 - 12:10	30 min			
LUNCH B	12:12 - 12:42	30 min			
LUNCH C	12:44 - 1:14	30 min			

August 2026 Calendar:

AUGUST

CLASS SCHEDULE CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
3	4	5	6	7	ODD CLASSES (BLUE) 1ST, 3RD, 5TH
10	11	12	13	14	EVEN CLASSES (WHITE) 2ND, 4TH, 6TH
17	18	19	20	21	ALL CLASSES (LIGHT BLUE) 1ST-6TH
24	25	26	27	28	NO SCHOOL AUGUST 28TH
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SMS Policies for Student Cell Phone/Smartwatch/Personal Electronic Device Usage (PED) Usage:

Students at Sparta Middle School are expected to keep their phones, smartwatches, and personal electronic devices (PEDs) turned off, out of sight, and not on their person during the school day (leave device in their bag or backpack). Ear buds may be used by students during class time for academic reasons, but may not be visible in hallways/common areas during passing time, before school starts or during lunch.

- **Phones, smartwatches, and PEDs** must be safely stored in a bag or other secure location **out of sight and not on their person** where it cannot cause a distraction to themselves or others.
- Phones must be on silent or turned off while on school grounds upon arrival at school through the end of the school day at **2:16 PM**. Vibrating phones can be confiscated.
- Student use of cell phones, smartwatches, and PEDs in any school bathroom is prohibited.
- Taking pictures or recording video is strictly prohibited at all times while on school grounds, or on school buses without a school official's permission.
- Use of social media on school grounds is prohibited.
- Students may use their cell phones, smartwatches, and PEDs to communicate with home after the end of day bell sounds at 2:16 PM.

***Students will always be granted permission to call home during the school day from a school phone.** Students may also ask permission of their teacher to make a phone call using their device while in class on a case by case basis.

*Parents/Guardians wishing to communicate with their student(s) during the school day can do so by calling the office and leaving a message which will be delivered by our staff to their student. **With this request, students can only call during passing time.**

District Technology Policy (*New for 26-27)

Students at SMS may only use school-issued devices for academic work while at school.

Students are expected to follow the SMS Technology Policy to ensure responsible technology use, maximize learning, and maintain a safe learning environment. Administration reserves the right to revoke technology privileges due to misuse.

Parents/Guardians, please do not purchase a device for your student to use at school.

A school-issued Chromebook will be provided to all students for academic work.