



**Jim Brennan**  
Principal  
[brennanj@slcs.us](mailto:brennanj@slcs.us)

**Matthew Turney**  
Assistant Principal  
[turneym@slcs.us](mailto:turneym@slcs.us)

**Erica Hoffman**  
Assistant Principal  
[hoffmane@slcs.us](mailto:hoffmane@slcs.us)

**Michael Teagan**  
Athletic Director  
[teaganm@slcs.us](mailto:teaganm@slcs.us)

**Office:**  
(248) 573-8150

**Student Services:**  
(248) 573-8160

**Attendance Line:**  
(248) 573-8145

**Athletics:**  
(248) 573-8170

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 is the first day of school for all high school students.

**Start Time: 7:20 am**  
**End Time: 10:34 am**

## Back to School 2023-24

One of the most exciting aspects of high school is that every fall there is a new beginning and a renewed feeling of energy and enthusiasm among staff and students. It's time to focus on another school year! We have been preparing for your return and are eager to start our exciting adventure. We welcome the **Class of 2027**, as well as many new students. All the information, policies and procedures that you need to start classes are included in this issue of the Lions' Pride.

## Contents

Registration Schedule.....	2
Welcome Class of 2027.....	2
Extra-/Co-Curricular Eligibility.....	3
Pay-to-Participate Activity Fee.....	3
Athletic Information.....	4
Volunteer Information.....	4
Schedule Changes, Drop/Add.....	5
Student Services/Counseling.....	5-6
Address Changes.....	7
Advisory Hr, Assemblies, Bell Schedules.....	7
Contingency/Student Safety Plan.....	8
Curriculum Night.....	8
Directory & Opt-Out Information.....	8
Emergency Information.....	9
Free/Reduced Lunches.....	9
Immunization Information.....	9
Lockers, School Communication.....	9
School Pictures.....	10
Transportation.....	10
Yearbook.....	10
Student Driving/Parking.....	11
How Parents/Guardians Can Help.....	12
Key Club.....	12
Attendance Policies/Procedures.....	13
Graduation/SANE Information.....	14
SIP Information.....	15
Pesticide Notification, Head Lice Advisory.....	16
Personal Electronic Devices Policy.....	17
School Calendar.....	18

## REGISTRATION

### Back-to-School Online Registration Opens August 1, 2023

Parent (Family 1) must complete this process prior to student attending Student Registration Day.

There are many steps to this process and each step must be reviewed and checked off as completed.

There are also some optional purchases that can be made during online registration:

- Parking Pass (annual) - \$45**  
Requires proof of insurance & vehicle registration
- Student Handbook/Planner—\$7**  
(optional RevTrak purchase for grades 10-12 only)
- Student Pictures.** Student pictures can be purchased online through Lifetouch, or in person on registration day. Lifetouch website: <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/> SLHS Picture Day ID: **EVTBZWT8S**
- Class T-Shirt.**  
<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/slcs-class-shirts-2023-2024>  
Online only purchase through RevTrak; last day to purchase = August 31st.
- Yearbook.** <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/comingsoon/1063328/20230609045016333151?begindate=20230801>
- CHEERS Volunteer Form.**

Additionally, at In-Person Student Registration Day, students can:

- Pay the Pay-to-Participate Fee (\$50)**  
(if applicable); can be paid in RevTrak or in person
- Return books/materials or pay any fines**  
(if applicable; items can be returned/fines paid in advance of registration, cash or check only)
- Get picture taken for ID and school pictures**
- Pick up Schedule**
- ◆ Electronic payments through RevTrak ([www.slcs.us](http://www.slcs.us)) include Parking, Pay-to-Participate, Key Club, NHS, Student Handbook/Planner (for grades 10-12)
- ◆ Electronic payments through specific website: Student Pictures, Class T-Shirts and Yearbooks

### Paint Your Parking Spot Class of 2024 Fundraiser

*Fifty parking spots are reserved for the "Paint Your Parking Spot" fundraiser. This is open to seniors (first) and juniors (second). See Page 11 for some brief information; complete details were previously emailed. Reminder: Applications are due by August 11, 2023.*

# REGISTRATION

Registration will take place for the 2023-24 school year by grade level on the dates and times listed below. All students must have completed their online registration and returned all materials or paid fines owed from a previous school year before they will be able to complete the in-person the registration steps (student ID/pictures, parking, schedule pick-up).

## Seniors

Tuesday - August 22 8:00am—10:00am

## Juniors

Tuesday—August 22 10:30am-12:30pm

## Sophomores

Wednesday - August 23 8:00am—10:00am

## Freshmen

Thursday—August 24 Registration & Orientation Day  
8:00am—1:30pm

*\*See information below*

## Make-Up Day for ALL students

Friday - August 25 9:00am—11:00am

Registration for seniors, juniors and sophomores, as well as Make-Up Registration, will take place in the Auxiliary Gym. On Orientation Day, freshmen will meet in the Commons at 8:00am.

## Welcome Freshmen—Class of 2027

SLHS Link Crew will be running the orientation program to welcome our 9th grade students on Thursday, August 24th. We ask that you reserve the following window to participate in an in-person experience. As the school year approaches, we will provide you with more detailed information.

**Link Crew Orientation Program**  
**Thursday, August 24**  
**8:00am—1:30pm**



During this program, students will be assigned to small groups with two upperclass mentors to help them get acquainted and comfortable with the high school. Students will go through the registration steps (get school pictures taken, get their student ID, pay the Pay-to-Participate fee (activity fee) if applicable, and pick up their schedules. There will be some fun, get-to-know-you activities, as well as a building tour to help them locate key areas of the school, such as the Media Center, the offices, Student Services, and athletic facilities. They will also locate their locker and know how to find their classrooms. Mentors will assist students if there are any issues with their class schedules by taking them to Student Services to meet with their counselor.

Students should arrive promptly at 8:00am and plan to attend the entire program. Lunch will be provided.

**There will be brief Parent Meeting at 8:00am in the Lecture Hall.**

# ELIGIBILITY & ACTIVITY FEE: Extra-/Co-Curricular Activities

## Extra/Co-Curricular Eligibility

The MHSAA and SLCS Board of Education have established policies regarding eligibility for extra- and co-curricular activities. These policies apply to all students who wish to participate in secondary (middle or high school) athletics, clubs or outside-of-school performances and activities related to school courses (e.g., band, choir, etc.). For complete eligibility requirements, please see the Department of Athletics Code of Conduct in the SLHS Student/Parent Handbook.

## Pay-to-Participate Activity Fee

### Extra- and Co-Curricular Activities (not Athletics)

As approved by the Board of Education, the district has implemented an annual fee for activities known as the Pay-to-Participate Activity Fee (or Spirit Fee). The fee is \$50 per student, is good for the entire school year, and covers all extra- and co-curricular activities for the 2023-24 school year. **Only students participating in an extra or co-curricular activity must pay the activity fee.** This annual fee allows a student to participate in as many programs or activities as they choose. **Note: This fee is separate from the Athletics Pay-to-Play fee.**

Students who will be participating in any of these activities should pay the fee at registration. Payment can be made either by cash/check or through RevTrak. If paying by cash or check, please fill out the form below and return it with payment at registration. Checks should be written to "South Lyon High School". RevTrak can be accessed through the district website ([www.slcs.us](http://www.slcs.us)). If you need additional information or have questions about the programs requiring a fee, please contact the high school office at (248) 573-8150.

- Auditorium Technical Crew
- Band (co-curricular)
- Choir (co-curricular)
- Class Council
- Competitive Marching Band
- Debate
- Drama
- GSA
- Key Club
- Lakes Valley Conference Council
- Link Crew Mentors
- National Honor Society
- Newspaper Staff (*The Lions Roar*)
- Robotics Club
- Science Olympiad
- Social Studies Olympiad
- Student Government/Executive Council
- Thespians
- Yearbook (*The Informer*)

## \$50 Pay-to-Participate Activity Fee 2023-24

(Does not include Athletics)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Grade: (check one)     9     10     11     12

Extra/Co-Curricular Activity(ies): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Students may choose to participate in additional activities throughout the school year)

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# ATHLETIC INFORMATION

We would like to congratulate the Class of 2023 and wish them success as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. This graduating class was devoted to setting the example as to how teams should prepare and perform. We are extremely proud of them. For those students returning this year, the following websites will help you be prepared for the upcoming year. We would also like to remind you of our expectations. At South Lyon High School we are dedicated to setting the example. We teach character and integrity in every aspect of sports, on and off the field. We are extremely proud of our athletes, coaches, fans, and families and look forward to working together as we continue to set the standard for high school athletics.

**Physical & Department Information.** To participate in any 2023-24 athletic program, a student must have a physical given after April 15th, 2023 on file with the athletic office or given to the coach. For more information regarding academic eligibility, coaching contacts, physicals or forms, please check out the Athletic Department website at [www.slcs.us](http://www.slcs.us) under "Schools" then choose "Athletics". Up-to-date team schedules can be found at [www.slhslions.com](http://www.slhslions.com). Additional sport specific information can be located in the [All Season Newsletter](#).

**Athletic Participation Fee.** Athletic participation fees are \$210 per sport/per athlete with a family cap of \$850 per year. Fees can be paid through RevTrak. Online athletic registration will go live August 7, 2023. Those who would like to complete paper forms and pay by check may do so by making checks payable to "South Lyon Athletics" and turning in the required forms to the coach at the start of each season.

**College Bound Athletes.** NCAA Clearinghouse Information - [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)  
Do you want to play at the next level? Your student-athlete experience begins here as early as your **freshman year!** The NCAA website contains the tools and information needed to begin your college athletic experience. If you plan to participate at a D1 or D2 school you must show that ALL of your high school courses meet specific NCAA requirements and standards. Registration and completion of the NCAA Clearinghouse Form must take place following the completion of your Junior year. For more information, please stop by Student Services.

**SLHS Athletic Department—248-573-8170**

Mike Teagan, C.A.A.  
[teaganm@slcs.us](mailto:teaganm@slcs.us)

Danielle Rhodes, Athletics Bookkeeper  
[rhodesd@slcs.us](mailto:rhodesd@slcs.us)

# VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

## School Volunteer Interest Forms

**CHEERS: Citizens Helping Educators Encourage Responsible Students**

School volunteering is fun and enriching for parents, students, and teachers. Parents who are interested in becoming school volunteers through the CHEERS program must first complete the SLCS Online Volunteer Background Check Authorization Form (link in the box below). We hope you'll decide to become a part of our CHEERS organization. More information on volunteering can be found on our website, [www.slcs.us](http://www.slcs.us), under the Parents and Community tab.

## Parent Involvement Opportunities

Volunteering in your student's school is a great way to help create a successful learning environment.

The CHEERS google form is on the SLCS website, under "South Lyon High School" in the quick menu. It is also a step within the online registration process. The form lists many ways in which you can volunteer at South Lyon High School. Please check off anything that you would like to help out with. You will always be contacted prior to any volunteer need; you are not committed to anything by checking off your interests! You may also simply email your name and areas of interest to the CHEERS Coordinator at [slhscheers@slcs.us](mailto:slhscheers@slcs.us).

### To Become a Volunteer:

1. Complete the [Volunteer Background Check Authorization Form](#) and
2. Complete the [SLHS CHEERS Volunteer Checklist form](#) OR email your name and areas of interest to the SLHS CHEERS Coordinator at [slhscheers@slcs.us](mailto:slhscheers@slcs.us).

## SCHEDULE CHANGES: DROP/ADD INFORMATION

Last spring, students had the responsibility of selecting appropriate courses for the coming school year. Students received recommendations from their classroom teachers, counselors, and parents before completing their program request. A master schedule was developed from these requests and every attempt was made to give each student the best schedule possible.

If a student's schedule requires a change consistent with the reasons listed below, the student should plan to see their counselor after they pick up their schedule at registration. If the student is unable to attend their registration session, a parent may come in the student's place.

Reasons for schedule changes:

- Obvious errors or omissions of selected or required courses
- Not having six classes each semester
- Correction due to failure of a course
- Completion of a summer school course
- Placement at Oakland Technical Center
- Placement in Dual Enrollment
- Successful completion of an exam as part of the the "Testing Out" program
- Prerequisites for a class are not met



Students requesting a schedule change should report to the Student Services office during their registration session. They will **make an appointment** with the counselors and complete a Schedule Change Consideration Form. Since it is important that we hold to this schedule, it may be necessary to re-arrange work or athletic schedules in order to take care of this task. **NOTE: Counselors will NOT be conducting meetings during the week before school starts.** *If you have any questions, please email your counselor directly.*

Also Note: During the first week of school, only teacher-recommended changes will be made. Copies of the Schedule Change Consideration Form will be available at registration and in the Student Services office.

## STUDENT SERVICES/COUNSELING OFFICE . . .

### Career Center

All students are encouraged to make use of the Career Center located in Student Services. Our Career Development Facilitator, Mrs. Jane Miloch, works individually with students to identify career interests and aptitudes, as well as post-secondary opportunities. In the Career Center's small computer lab, students will use a variety of programs to expand their knowledge of themselves, their preferences and their educational options. Students are able to sign up for an appointment with Mrs. Miloch in Student Services.

### Dual-Enrollment

Dual Enrollment is an educational option for high school students that allows students to be officially enrolled in one or more college/university classes. These classes may be taken for high school and/or college credit. Eligible students must be qualified for endorsement through PSAT, SAT, or ACT scores. Students should see their counselor in Student Services for additional information or to schedule courses.

### Ordering Transcripts and Test Scores

**Transcripts:** Transcripts are ordered through Parchment Exchange and are sent electronically or by mail (if requested). Students should create an account at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com), then follow the instructions to place an order and have transcripts sent. In most cases, there is no charge for this service. If a fee appears, contact Student Services (248-573-8160). Transcript requests are usually processed within 24 hours.

**Test Scores:** If you need to send your ACT or SAT test scores to a college, it is recommended that you have them sent directly from [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) (ACT) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (SAT).

# ... STUDENT SERVICES/COUNSELING OFFICE (cont'd)

## College Bound Seniors

Here is a checklist to help you sort through the maze of college choices and prepare for college applications:

1. Refer to the junior audit information mailed to you in June as well as the Class of 2024 Google Classroom. A wealth of information has been provided to help you with the college selection and application process.
2. You will meet with your counselor in September (the senior exit interview) to discuss your progress toward graduation and your plans for after graduation.
3. You took the SAT at SLHS last spring. This test provided you with college reportable scores. Should you want to take another test, please see <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat> for additional dates and registration.
4. Beginning August 1, 2023 you can start submitting your college applications. Applications are submitted online through a university's website. This start date includes students using the Common App.
5. Once you have submitted your application, request your transcript be sent through [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com). Colleges will not process applications without an official transcript.
6. It's never too early to begin your scholarship search. Use national scholarship search sites such as <https://www.fastweb.com/> or <https://www.goingmerry.com/>, your college's financial aid page, and any groups or organizations to which you or your parents belong. (This will be an all year thing!) We will also be posting scholarship information on the Google Classroom later in the semester.
7. Check out College Board's BigFuture Scholarships program. By completing steps to plan for life after high school, students are entered in monthly drawings. <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships>
8. Keep an eye out for information regarding the annual Financial Aid Night in the fall (hosted by SLEHS).

Be sure to ask questions if you aren't sure about something!

## Student Services Google Classrooms:

Freshman Google Classroom: 7d57dmk  
 Sophomore Google Classroom: a5r3wem  
 Junior Google Classroom: dg5m3se  
 Senior Google Classroom: 5ddtq2c

## SLHS COUNSELORS

**Mrs. Kimberly Ellis**

[ellisk@slcs.us](mailto:ellisk@slcs.us)

Student Last Names A-G

**Ms. Emily Nelson**

[nelsone@slcs.us](mailto:nelsone@slcs.us)

Student Last Names H-O

**Mrs. Stacy Glowacki**

[glowackis@slcs.us](mailto:glowackis@slcs.us)

Student Last Names P-Z

## College Entrance Exams

Seniors who will be applying for admission to a 4-year college or university must submit ACT or SAT scores to these schools as part of the application process. Go to the school's website or see your counselor to learn which test you should take.



## 2023-24 Test Dates

### ACT Test Dates

September 9  
 October 28  
 December 9  
 February 10  
 April 13  
 June 8  
 July 13

### SAT Test Dates

August 26  
 October 7  
 November 4  
 December 2  
 March 9 (digital)  
 May 4 (digital)  
 June 1 (digital)

Students must register online.

Check out the following websites for more information about these two tests:

- ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

## Colleges Visiting SLHS

Each fall, colleges visit SLHS to meet with interested students and share information about their school and the application process. If college representatives will be visiting SLHS this fall, the visit schedule will be posted in Student Services, on our website under "Student Services", promoted on the Student Announcements and shared via Twitter or Skylert. Students are instructed to sign up in Student Services in advance of the scheduled meeting. These visits are open to both juniors

# BASIC INFORMATION

## Address Changes

At any time of the year, if your address has changed, you must complete an [Change of Address Form—Student](#) and provide 3 proofs of your new address per the requirements specified on the this form. This paperwork must be taken to SLHS Student Services. A parent cannot make an address change in skyward, including when completing the Back-to-School online registration process. **Only the appropriate staff can make the address change in skyward once the required documentation has been received.**

## Advisory Hour

SLHS implements an Advisory Hour during the Tuesday school day. The purpose of the advisory hour is to provide an opportunity for students to receive academic support during the school day by teachers working within the curriculum of their courses. Tuesday's Advisory Hour follows 2nd hour, with shortened classes the remainder of the day. The school day will still begin at 7:20 am and end at 2:13 pm. Students will have the opportunity to:

- go to one of their classes to get additional help
- make-up or redo/retake quizzes, tests, etc.
- work on homework and projects

This additional time will be used to enhance a student's curricular program. It is our expectation that the Advisory Hour is to be productive for all students, and during this time, every student must be in a location that promotes learning.

## Assemblies for Students & Parents

SLHS administrators and other key staff members meet with students by grade level during the day throughout the year to address the special needs of each class.

## Bell Schedules: Normal, Advisory and 1/2 Day

Class Period	Normal Bell Schedule	Advisory Hour Day Schedule	1st Day of School/ 1/2 Day Bell Schedule
1st	7:20am - 8:18am	7:20am - 8:08am	7:20am - 7:49am
2nd	8:24am - 9:25am	8:13am - 9:01am	7:55am - 8:22am
		Advisory Hour 9:06am - 9:59am	
3rd	9:31am - 10:29am	10:04am - 10:52am	8:28am - 8:55am
4th	10:35am - 12:05pm	10:57am - 12:27pm	9:01am - 9:28am
	Lunches: A 10:35am - 11:01am B 11:06am - 11:33am C 11:38am - 12:05pm	Lunches: A 10:57am - 11:23am B 11:28am - 11:55am C 12:00pm - 12:27pm	
5th	12:11pm - 1:09pm	12:32 pm - 1:20 pm	9:34am - 10:01am
6th	1:15pm - 2:13pm	1:25 pm - 2:13 pm	10:07am - 10:34am

## BASIC INFORMATION (cont'd)

### Contingency Plan

Occasionally, school systems have to send students home early due to weather conditions, power outages, boiler failure and so on. Please discuss this possibility with your students, and devise a plan for them to follow. Your plan might involve going straight home, or you may have a student who is going to take care of younger children until you get home. Please make sure your student knows the plan and follows it for their safety and your peace of mind.



### Curriculum Night (Open House)

Parents and guardians are invited to our Curriculum Night on **Wednesday, September 20, 2023**. During this "Open House", parents and guardians are invited to meet their student's teachers and visit their classrooms. This is a great opportunity to establish contact with your student's teachers and learn about the curriculum expectations for each course. You will follow your child's schedule and attend each class for approximately 10 minutes. Please bring your child's class schedule (with room numbers). You may also get a copy of the schedule from the Main Office (2nd floor). Please come a few minutes early to obtain a copy so you aren't late for class.

### Directory & Opt-Out Information

**If you do NOT want the following information available to the public, please notify Mr. Jim Brennan, Principal, as soon as possible.**

According to Board Policy 2003—Educational Records, the following student record information is considered directory information:

- A student's name, address and telephone number
- A student's photograph
- A student's birthdate and place of birth
- A student's participation in School District-related programs and extra-curricular activities
- A student's awards and honors (academic and other)
- A student's height and weight if a member of an athletic team
- A student's dates of attendance and date of graduation

Such information may be released by the School District upon request, unless a parent or eligible student has made a timely objection, in writing, in accordance with FERPA.

Parents or an eligible student may also prevent disclosure of a student's name, address and telephone number to military recruiting representatives (who can only use that data to provide information to students concerning educational and career opportunities available in the US Armed Forces or service academies). To do this, they must submit a signed, written direction to Jim Brennan, SLHS Principal. There is also a step in the Back-to-School online registration process where parents can complete and submit a form to this effect. In such a case, the information will not be disclosed. Written requests can be dropped off or sent into the school with your student, who can leave the signed note with staff in the Main Office. It can also be mailed to Jim Brennan, Principal, at SLHS, 1000 N Lafayette St, South Lyon, MI 48178. **We typically begin receiving these requirements from military recruiters within the first few weeks of school, so if you wish to opt your child out of military recruitment efforts, please send in your written notice prior to the start of school.**



# BASIC INFORMATION (cont'd)

## Emergency Information

Please verify or make corrections to the emergency information in Skyward via the online registration process as completely as possible with home, cell and work phone numbers, doctor's name and telephone number, and the names and numbers of friends or relatives we can contact in an emergency if parents cannot be reached. Provide complete information on how to contact you during the day, including cell phone numbers. Should a student become ill at school, we need to be able to contact parents/guardians in order to release the student from school. **If you need to update your address, please see Page 7 for more information.**

## Free and Reduced Lunches

The federally-funded program that provided free meals to every student ended with the 2021-22 school year. To make sure your student receives the meals they need this coming school year, there are a couple steps you can take now.

If your student qualifies for free and reduced meals, you must complete the 2023-24 Application. This application is available on the district's website after July 1, 2023 and is also part of the Back-to-School Online Registration Process opening August 1st. Paper applications are also available in the SLHS Main Office and Student Services. Note: At any time of the year if there is a change in your income that may qualify your students for free or reduced meals, you may complete an application. For information on applying, including an online application, please go to our district website, <http://www.slcs.us> (under Departments, then "Food Service").

If you do not qualify for free or reduced meals, you may begin depositing money into the student accounts at any time to prepare for the cost of school lunches. If you have any questions, or need assistance completing the application, please contact Cherie Myers-Trent at 248-573-8925 or [myers-trentc@slcs.us](mailto:myers-trentc@slcs.us).

## Immunization Information

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Michigan Law requires that students have, by the first day of school, either a certificate of immunization on file validating that he/she is current on school-required immunizations **OR** a valid immunization waiver. The only valid waivers are **medical waivers** signed by the student's physician or a **non-medical waiver** signed and stamped by a local health department.

- Parents/guardians of children who are unable to receive vaccinations due to medical reasons should consult their healthcare provider for a medical waiver form.
- Non-Medical waivers based on religious or philosophical beliefs must be obtained and certified at the Oakland County Health Division; they also must be renewed each year.
- For more information, go to [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health) or contact Nurse On Call (NOC) at 1-800-848-5533.

## Lockers

Students will be assigned individual lockers, and should keep their combinations confidential. Locker combinations are printed directly on student schedules. With this in mind, students should not be showing others their schedules. Students are not permitted to share lockers.

## School Communication

Our primary means of communication will be electronic. **Therefore, it is important that you provide us with accurate, neatly-printed email addresses for all parents/guardians.**

Semester and year-end report cards will be posted to Skyward Family Access.

Paper copies of some communications, including report cards, will be made available only if requested. If you have any questions, please contact your building principal.

## BASIC INFORMATION (cont'd)

### School Pictures

All students, **seniors included**, must have pictures taken for ID cards. Students should come to registration prepared to have their picture taken. **Hats may not be worn in school pictures.** Families who wish to purchase school pictures are able to do so through the [Lifetouch website](#) or at student registration. More information, including the order form and School Picture ID code, is included under the Back-to-School Online Registration tab on our website.



### Transportation 248-573-8900

**CRITERIA.** Secondary (6-12) students who live one and one-half (1-1/2 miles) or more from the school which they attend shall be eligible to be transported to school. Elementary (K-5) students who live one (1) mile or more from school shall be eligible to be transported. Under normal conditions, elementary students shall be expected to walk up to one-half (1/2) mile and secondary students up to one (1) mile to a bus stop. Walking distance is the linear measure of the shortest prescribed or authorized pedestrian route from a point at the curb or edge of a public road nearest the student's home to the bus stop or to the entrance of the school property closest to the student's home.

**BUS STOP ASSIGNMENTS.** Just prior to the start of the 2023-24 school year, your student's busing info will be on your student's Skyward account. Families will receive a skylert message near the end of August informing them when busing info is live on their student's account. Parents and guardians are also reminded that late registrations, as well as many other factors, cause changes to bus routes as the school year begins. Requests for bus stop changes will be handled in priority order. Safety of stops, overloaded buses, and adding new students to stops will be given the highest priority. All other requests must be submitted in writing on the standard District forms (available on the website) and will be addressed as quickly as possible and as time permits.

#### NOT PLANNING FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION?

PLEASE CONTACT THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AT 248-573-8900 IF YOUR STUDENT(S) WILL NOT BE USING BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR. IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION BUT WILL NOT BE USING THE MAJORITY OF THE TIME, PLEASE CALL TO INFORM - YOUR STUDENT(S) CAN ALWAYS BE PLACED BACK ON THEIR BUS AT ANY TIME DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. OUR VOICEMAIL RUNS 24/7 AND OUR OFFICE IS STAFFED FROM 5 AM TO 5 PM.

This will help with our counts and ultimately our routing since many high school students drive or are driven to/from school and do not require bus transportation. Informing us that your student(s) will not be using bus transportation does not mean that we will eliminate them from the route permanently. We will list them as "non-riders" and they can be listed as "riders" at any time, should circumstances change causing you to need busing service.



Yearbooks may be ordered online at the following website:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/comingsoon/1063328/20230609045016333151?begindate=20230801>

Please order early if you want to be guaranteed to get a yearbook. A limited number of extra copies are ordered each year. It is not uncommon for the supply of extra copies to run out.

# STUDENT DRIVING/PARKING AT SCHOOL



## Parking Applications:

At registration, students with a valid Michigan Driver's License are eligible to purchase a parking permit. They will need to fill out the [Parking Application](#) for a parking sticker. The completed parking sticker application form, current vehicle registration, and \$45 should be brought to registration (checks should be written to "South Lyon High School"). Payment may also be done online at any time through RevTrak. Only the student or student's parent will be permitted to purchase a parking pass for the student. Due to continued construction, parking spaces will not be assigned for the 2023-24 school year. Parking permits will be issued on a first-come/first-served basis beginning with senior registration.

1. Students who *occasionally* drive to school may pay \$1, on a limited basis, as a daily rate. They will report to the Attendance Office to register their car and pay the \$1 fee. Parking is available for purchase throughout the year until all spaces have been sold.
2. Students who apply for and receive a parking sticker will be allowed to park in the student lot only (south end of the building). Students may park in any open spot in the Student Lot EXCEPT in the painted parking area (see below) or they will lose their parking privileges.
3. Only cars with authorized stickers may enter and park in the student lot. Students may obtain stickers in the Attendance Office after completing the application process. Students parking on school grounds without an authorized sticker are subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension.
2. The registered vehicle must display the parking sticker at all times, permanently affixed to the windshield, on the inside lower corner of the driver's side.
3. While on school grounds, the vehicle may only be driven by the person to whom it is registered.
4. Students are expected to follow all state and local ordinances. Speeding, reckless driving, ignoring posted signs, peeling of tires, driving on non-paved areas, parking in fire lanes, passing vehicles while entering or exiting the parking lot, parking in handicapped spaces without authorization, etc. will not be tolerated.
5. Once students have arrived at school, they are not allowed to go to the parking lot without permission.
6. **Students may not leave campus during the day in their vehicles.** Any student who uses his/her vehicle to assist another student in leaving school grounds before the end of the school day will be subject to disciplinary action. **Additionally, student drivers who habitually arrive to school late may lose parking privileges.**
7. Students who drive to Oakland Technical Center must have an OSTC sticker and a SLHS sticker.
8. As a condition of allowing students to park vehicles on school premises, the vehicle may be subject to search if the district has reasonable grounds to believe that the vehicle contains drugs, alcohol, weapons, or other items constituting a violation of school rules or the law. Also, the Board authorizes the use of canines trained in detecting the presence of drugs or devices. Canine detection will be conducted in collaboration with law enforcement or other certified entities.
9. Any changes regarding student vehicles (i.e., license number, etc.) must be reported immediately to the secretary handling parking.
10. Failure to comply with any of these rules may result in disciplinary action up to and including permanent loss of parking privileges, with no refund of the parking fee. Students driving unregistered vehicles, and students not eligible to park on school grounds, will be assessed a \$1 daily fee, and may be subject to disciplinary action ranging from detention to suspension.

Note: **All students must park in the south parking lot.** Students who park in the staff lot, Senior Center lot or anywhere other than the student lot without administrative approval will be subject to disciplinary action:

**1st offense** - loss of parking privilege for 20 school days; no refund/credit of parking fee

**2nd offense** - loss of parking privilege for 90 school days; no refund/credit of parking fee

**3rd offense** - loss of parking privilege for the remainder of the school year. No refund/credit of parking fee.

**Penalties for serious offenses will be determined by an Administrator.**

## Paint Your Parking Spot Class of 2024 Fundraiser

For the 2023-24 school year, 50 parking spots are reserved for the Paint Your Parking Spot fundraiser. The Paint Your Parking Spot fee is \$100 + a \$100 refundable deposit if the spot is painted black by June 7, 2024. Payments are made through RevTrak. Information and Request forms were emailed to seniors and juniors. Senior applications will be considered first, followed by juniors. **Request forms with fee are due by August 11, 2023.** Students who receive a spot must then submit a design for approval and pay the \$100 deposit. Painting days are Aug. 23 & 24 from 10am-2pm only.

# HOW PARENTS/GUARDIANS CAN HELP: School & Community

LION  
PRIDE

**Creating an environment where ALL students can be successful is a priority at SLHS. Please help us promote academic success AND personal responsibility.**

**DAILY ATTENDANCE.** High school course requirements are rigorous, and attendance is directly related to success. Students must be in class in order to be successful.

➔ **What Parents/Guardians Can Do:** Please try to arrange personal appointments for non-school days/hours. Call the Attendance Line directly (248-573-8145) when your student is absent for any part of the day, and hold your student responsible for making up missed assignments.

**BE ON TIME AND PREPARED.** Teachers and other staff work hard to deliver the curriculum and assist students. High school students are expected to be respectful of instructional time. Being in class from start to finish, readiness of homework and necessary materials, active listening and class involvement are required habits for real learning.

➔ **What Parents/Guardians Can Do:** Expect your student to seek out the teacher's help if they are in need of it. Expect homework and graded assignments to be brought home for your review. Monitor Skyward for grades, tardiness and attendance. Contact the teacher directly any time you have a concern about your student, especially early in the grading period so you have time to work with your student on any improvements needed.

**DRESS FOR THE SCHOOL SETTING:** Our school dress code is found in the Student/Parent Handbook/Planner. Students will not be permitted to attend class if they are not dressed appropriately for the school environment.

**We appreciate your support and partnership in maintaining an environment centered on student learning.**

## KEY CLUB

### Why Join Key Club?

- Key Club is the **largest** student led service organization.
- Key Club is a part of the **Kiwanis Family**.
- Key Club develops **leaders** through **service** opportunities.

### Key Club at SLHS

- Key Club meets every other **Monday** in the **Media Center**.
- Key Club requires a **\$15 membership fee**.
- Key Club also requires the **\$50 Pay-to-Participate fee**.
- If you are interested in joining Key Club, please contact **Mr. Murphy (murphym@slcs.us)** (murphym@slcs.us)

### The Core Values:

- leadership
- inclusiveness
- caring
- character building



Motto  
Caring: Our Way

### Vision:

"To develop competent, capable, and caring leaders, through the vehicle of service."

# ATTENDANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

**24-Hour Attendance Line: (248) 573-8145**

Attendance and participation are an essential part of the learning process and are considered necessary for academic achievement. In addition, regular (and punctual) attendance is an important trait of responsibility and self-discipline for students to develop. Excessive absences are disruptive to the educational process. Improved attendance will result in greater student success and more effective use of the teacher's time. Good attendance is the responsibility of every student. It is also the student's responsibility to complete assignments missed when an absence is necessary.

Throughout the semester, parents are kept informed of their student's attendance. Parents/Guardians will receive an automated call in the afternoon from SLHS to confirm that your student was absent from school. Parents can also check their student's attendance by logging in to Skyward Family Access. If absences become excessive, parents/guardians will be contacted by a school administrator to discuss the student's attendance pattern and, when necessary, develop an intervention plan.

Further details about our attendance policy (covering students and student-athletes) are available on our website. Parents are invited to call the high school with related questions.

## Late Arrivals/Early Dismissals

Students who arrive at 7:30am or later for a first hour class must present their ID before being admitted to the building. Late students must follow the posted procedure before going to first hour class.

If you know ahead of time that your student will be missing school, please contact the SLHS attendance office at 248-573-8145. You can also call the SLHS Attendance Line if your student needs to leave the building unexpectedly in the middle of the school day. Students who need to leave school due to illness or other excused reason must check out in the first floor attendance office before exiting the building. Documentation must be submitted by parents/guardians in order to excuse an absence.

Parents must excuse their student's absence. If a student leaves the building early without following these procedures or is absent from school without it being excused by a parent/guardian, it will be considered truancy.

## Tardiness to Class

SLHS students are expected to be on time for each class. Students have 6 minutes passing time between classes, and lockers and restrooms are in central locations. Students should minimize social time and utilize the first days of school to ensure they find the best hallway route to class. Class instruction begins promptly and should not be missed. Students who accrue excessive tardies (3 or more) will be contacted by their assistant principal and assigned Saturday detention hours if their morning attendance does not improve.

## Going Out of Town?

Occasionally, students miss school for a family trip or vacation. While we recommend that such trips be scheduled during school vacations, we realize this is not always possible. If your student will be absent due to a family trip, please consider the following:

- For a pre-arranged absence of **5 days or more**, please pick up a pre-arranged absence form in the Attendance Office and check with your Assistant Principal
- Request homework from each teacher at least 3 days prior to the trip
- Turn in completed homework on the first day back from your trip

### **Call the Attendance Line to report any of the following:**

- **If your student will be absent from school**
- **If your student will be arriving late or leaving school early.**
- **A prior absence. Please call within 72 hours to excuse the absence.**

**If possible, please report absences, late arrivals, or early departures in advance.**

**Phone contact with a parent or other adult listed on the emergency card is necessary before we allow the student to sign out.**

# GRADUATION INFORMATION

## Class of 2024 SANE Senior All Night Event

The SANE Committee for the senior class will be run the event for the seniors. The event is usually held overnight following the day of Commencements. The committee is comprised of parent volunteers.

SLHS will be providing 2024 parent contact information to the committee so that they can communicate SANE plans and information with the senior parents. Please watch your email throughout the year for communications that will come from the 2023 SANE Committee. If you do not want your contact information shared with the committee, please complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/W64wmHidgN7FBsZR6>

*Note: SANE is not a SLCS-sponsored group or event.*



## Class of 2024 Cap/Gown Information



Each year in October, a representative from our Cap/Gown vendor meets with our seniors to present information and material relative to June Commencements. This includes information for caps/gowns, announcements and other graduation-related products. Seniors receive a brochure and ordering information to take home. Extra order packets are available in Student Services after the presentation. More information on the date of this presentation will be communicated soon. **NOTE: Please place your cap/gown orders EARLY— BEFORE THANKSGIVING BREAK in November.** This helps avoid increased shipping costs.

# SIP INFORMATION

The South Lyon Community Schools has adopted the following mission statement:

*In support of our community, the mission of the South Lyon Community Schools is to provide the highest quality educational process so that all students can excel as individuals and become contributing members of society.*

To accomplish our mission, the South Lyon Community Schools endorses the concept of Shared **Involvement Process (SIP)** as the necessary and appropriate means by which all educational decisions of the highest quality are most likely to be achieved at all levels.

There are many benefits of the Shared Involvement Process including:

- Improving the morale of the staff
- Focusing accountability for decisions
- Bringing resources in line with school's goals
- Nurturing and stimulating new leaders
- Increasing quantity and quality of communication
- Increasing ownership into decisions to be made
- Placing decisions at the closest level to those affected
- Promoting input of a greater and more diverse nature

## So what is the Shared Involvement Process (SIP)?

SIP is a process for soliciting, collecting, evaluating and using information and the expertise of educational partners for the purpose of making and implementing decisions that will improve or enhance student performance.

While the Board of Education has the ultimate responsibility for decisions in the district, it desires to delegate appropriate decisions to the administration and the SIP committees. Every building has a committee consisting of the building principal, a minimum of two teachers chosen in a manner acceptable to the staff, one support staff member, and a minimum of two parents and at least one community/business person if possible. Two eighth grade students will be included at the middle school, when deemed appropriate and four students at the high school level.

Committees meet at least once a month and deal with issues, including but not limited to the following:

- Updates on the school's North Central Accreditation (NCA) Process
- Updates on the school's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Planning
- Budget decisions

Concerns and recommendations that are brought to the team from various stakeholders in the school community.

The building SIP committee may implement decisions that do not impact other buildings in the district, do not require the expenditure of more funds than are available in the approved budget and do not conflict with district procedures, policy, collective bargaining agreements or federal or state statutes.

## How do I learn about my school's SIP Committee?

SIP Committees meet monthly and each school's agenda and meeting minutes are posted on the South Lyon Community Schools website at [www.slcs.us](http://www.slcs.us). Minutes may also be shared in newsletters, at PTO meetings, etc.

The school's SIP committee would like to provide parents and community members the opportunity to share questions, comments, or concerns. Feel free to contact the Principal or a SIP member.

**The district and SIP committees encourage all members of the school community to learn about the Shared Involvement Process and support the mission of the district, achievement for all students. If you'd like to be a part of the SIP committee or discuss issues, please contact the following person:**

- **Jim Brennan, Principal**  
Call during regular school hours or e-mail at [brennanj@slcs.us](mailto:brennanj@slcs.us)
- **Send a letter to the high school addressed to the SIP Committee.**

**Look for our SIP Committee agendas and minutes on the SLCS Website at [www.slcs.us](http://www.slcs.us)**

## PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST

State of Michigan Law requires that schools and day care centers that may apply pesticides on school or day care property must provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians of students attending the facility. You will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide at the school or day care grounds or buildings during this school year. This notice will be given by at least two methods: by posting at the main entrance to the school/day care center, and by posting information on the SLCS website. However, if requested, parents/guardians are also entitled to receive advance notice of a pesticide application by first class US mail postmarked at least 3 days prior to the application. **To request advance notification at least 3 days prior to an application, please complete the [request form](#) or complete the information below and submit it to:**

Maintenance & Operations Department  
Attn: Pesticide Notification  
22727 Griswold, Re  
South Lyon, MI 48178

***I wish to receive a prior notice by first-class mail of any pesticide application to the school or day care center.***

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Attending School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

- I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide application inside of the school building
- I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide application on the outside grounds of the school building
- Both of the above

---

## HEAD LICE ADVISORY

As you may be aware, in recent years the number of head lice cases has been on the rise across the country. Outbreaks are common in schools, especially in elementaries.

Head lice are insects which are easily transmitted either by direct contact or sharing clothing or personal items (e.g., combs). They are 1/8" long and light to dark tan in color. The eggs, which are commonly called "nits", are smooth, plump and grayish white in color. They usually attach to the hair shaft and are hard to see and remove. Newly-laid eggs are found within 1/4" from the scalp and are often found around the nape of the neck and behind the ears.

It is the district practice that a child with head lice must be excluded from school until one treatment at home has occurred. A student may come back to school provided the parent/guardian documents the treatment and upon examination by the school's designee that any remaining nits are farther away than ¼" from the scalp. It is recommended that all nits be removed. There is information in the office on procedures for ridding a child of lice. The Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Department of Health, Oakland County Health Division, and the American Academy of Pediatrics support these practices.

If your child contracts head lice, your doctor or pharmacist can help as well as Oakland County Health Division at (248) 926-3300. Parents and guardians needing additional information may call our school nurse at the County Health Department (248) 926-3321.





## South Lyon High School Personal Electronic Devices Policy

South Lyon Community Schools recognizes that Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) serve several important functions in our society and in ways that support student learning, organization, communication and instruction. However, these devices can also be a distraction to the learning environment. In consideration of the beneficial value and also the potential for misuse of these devices, this procedure has been developed to balance the integrity and instructional quality of our programs with the age and maturity levels of our students. This shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Students will be allowed to use PEDs during passing and lunch periods.
- B. Students will be considered "in-class" once the bell rings. A student who has permission to leave the class (going to office or restroom) is still considered "in class" and use of the PED is not acceptable.
- C. At no time is PED use permitted in bathrooms or locker rooms.
- D. PEDs are the responsibility of the student. It is in the student's best interest to treat his or her belongings with respect and to protect them from damage and theft.
- E. Each individual classroom teacher will establish expectations for PED use in their classroom. Expectations for proper use, and consequences for misuse, will be communicated to all students.
- F. Misuse of PED will result in verbal warning, parent contact, and/or referral to the assistant principal. Chronic misuse of PED will result in administrative disciplinary action. Failure to turn over the device to the teacher or administrator when requested will be considered insubordination resulting in disciplinary action.
- G. Etiquette/Acceptable Use:  
The following basic etiquette rules are based on the following premises:
  1. Respect should be shown to the people immediately in front of you.
  2. There are many ways to gather information. Strategies taught in the classroom will range in practice and procedure. It is the expectation of South Lyon Community Schools that students will be exposed to various educational techniques and that some of these practices will include the use of technology to improve and enhance learning, and provide the necessary skills to be successful at a collegiate level as well as in the workplace.
  3. Security and safety for each and for all will take precedence over individual needs. Therefore, students must be respectful to the larger group in managing technology and its uses.

### Cell Phones

1. Students will have their cell phones silenced during instructional time (no sound or vibration).
2. If using PEDs during passing and lunch periods, students will excuse themselves from phone calls (hang up) and/or put away their phone when addressed by an adult.
3. Students will not take pictures or videos of any person without that person's expressed permission.
4. Cell phone and texting conversations should be school-appropriate at all times.

### Listening to Music

1. Music should be listened to with head phones and only the wearer should be able to hear the music, out of respect for those individuals around them. Content should not be considered private if you are listening during school time.
2. Both ear buds should come out of the ears when a student is in conversation with adults.
3. Ear buds should be removed in any and all emergency situations so as to be able to hear directions.



# 2023-24 SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL

August 22	Senior Student Registration	8:00-10:00am
August 22	Junior Student Registration	10:30am-12:30pm
August 23	Sophomore Student Registration	8:00-10:00am
August 24	Freshman Student Orientation	8:00am-1:30pm
August 25	Make-Up Student Registration	9:00-11:00am
September 5	First Day of School (1/2 day-am)	Dismissal @10:34 am
September 6	First Full Day of School	
September 20	Curriculum Night	6:30pm
TBA	Financial Aid Night (held at SLEHS)	
TBA	Picture Retake Day	
September 25	Academic Awards	
October 13	Homecoming Tailgate and Football Game	7:00pm
October 14	Homecoming Dance	
October 20	11th Annual <b>Red Out</b> Football Game	7:00pm
November 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences	2:30-8:30pm

**The complete calendar for  
the 2023-24 school year can be found at:  
[www.slcs.us](http://www.slcs.us)**

## South Lyon High School Mission Statement

*In support of our community, the mission of South Lyon Community Schools is to provide the highest quality educational process, so that all students can excel as individuals, and become productive and contributing members of society.*

*The South Lyon Community School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, weight, religion, or marital status in its programs and activities.*

*The following person has been designated to handle inquiries  
Regarding nondiscrimination policies:*

**Brian Toth, Title IX Coordinator**  
Email: [tothb@slcs.us](mailto:tothb@slcs.us)