



Good Day SCPA Staff & Families,

It was great seeing families who participated in Open House this week with our wonderful teaching staff. If you were not able to attend there will be opportunities throughout the year to engage. Speaking of school engagement, the Parent-Teacher Conference dates are below. Conference requests can either be virtual or in person. Please contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference. **If you desire a conference on a different date, it must be agreed upon by all parties.**

### **2023-2024 Parent Teacher Conference Nights**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Type of Meeting</b>
9/26/2023	Parent Teacher Conference Night
11/16/2023	Parent Teacher Conference Night
2/15/2024	Parent Teacher Conference Night
4/18/2024	Parent Teacher Conference Night

**Conference Times: 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (7-12)  
4:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (K-6)**

#### **YMCA Before and After-school Program @SCPA**

I would like to thank parents and interested parties for reaching out to me regarding the YMCA Before and After-school Program site at SCPA. I met with YMCA representatives this week to learn more about the challenges facing staffing. It was quite eye opening to say the least. We brainstormed and thought outside of the box to come up with possible solutions.

I am sharing the direct link for families to share with your network of family and friends who might be interested. Share the link below if someone you know is interested.

**YMCA @ SCPA** There are both the Site Administrator position and the School Age Child Care positions that are open at this time. We are asking that all interested parties take a look at the job descriptions on our website and fill out an application and we can start the interview process from that point.

Both positions can be found here: <https://myy.org/jobs-list/> Scroll down under Youth Development and Education and you can click on the position that interests you.

### **Arrival (Parent Drop-off Procedures)**

A huge thank you to families who are dropping off students during morning arrival. I have been present each morning to support and efficient car flow. Just a few reminders to help everyone just in case you do not see my presence.

- In my absence, there will be a security staff member assisting with morning arrival.
- Parents are asked to pull as far up to Central Parkway and Elm St. to let their student out of their vehicle.
- Avoid dropping off close to Race St. and Central Parkway if a clear lane is open in front of you.
- Students should be prepared with their backpacks and other materials before pulling up to ensure a quick transition from the car into the school building.
- We only release students on the curb and not in the traffic lane.
- Please do not leave your vehicle or taxi on Central Parkway. This causes delays and interferes with the flow of traffic for cars and yellow buses.
- HS (grades 7-12) begin their instructional day at 8:50 a.m. Please plan to arrive no later than 8:40 a.m. There are consequences for students who are late. Consequences begin when a student is late 3 times or more. This applies for students K-12.
- Patience is always appreciated!
- K-6 students are permitted into the building at 9:00 a.m. Their instructional day begins at 9:30 a.m. Students dropped off early will remain outside until 9:00 a.m.
- **Parents of K-6 students who arrive late must sign their student in at the security desk.**

### **Dismissal (Parent Pick-up K-6 & 7-12) Reminders**

- K-6 parent pick-up is on 12th street only. Students must be picked up by 4:30 p.m.
- HS students who ride the metro should depart school grounds by 4:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to review the metro schedule with their student to choose a time between dismissal (3:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m)
- HS parent pick-ups on Central Parkway should occur by 4:00 p.m. to support our need to get K-6 yellow bus riders on their various buses.
- Students who have after-school activities are given extra-curricular passes to re-enter the building. Passes are picked up from the staff member in charge of the activity. The pass must be presented to our security personnel upon re-entering the school building.
- The CPS Code of Conduct is still enforced after-school. Behavior that isn't in support of our school and district expectations will not be tolerated.

**SCPA Standards of Dress Reminder** - Please review the document in support of expectations of student dress K-12. [SCPA Standards of Dress Expectations](#)

In closing, it is my desire that at the start of the school year, clear expectations are communicated to students and parents. This understanding will pave the way for a thriving school culture. Our collective responsibility is needed to ensure SCPA remains a beacon of light within CPS. **One Band One Sound!**

Respectfully,

Principal Michael D. Owens