



Sylvan Hills Middle School
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Golden Bear Family,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the 21-22 school year! After 17 months of virtual lessons and virtual hugs/high fives, I eagerly look forward to engaging with students, faculty and parents in the “normal” sense of school. As we count down to ***DAY ONE- Thursday, August 5th, 2021***, it is important that you are well-informed and welcomed into a space that is committed to safety and committed to overall excellence. As we embark on this journey together, I welcome you aboard **#Flight1461**, where **“You can go anywhere from here!”** Here are a few things you should know:

SHMS Open House

You are invited to attend ***Open House on Wednesday, August 4th from 1:00pm- 3:00pm***. Families will have the opportunity meet their teachers and receive information on supplies needed for students to be ***Sylvan Ready!***

Safety at Sylvan Hills Middle School

- **Golden Bears wear masks!** Students and Staff are ***required to wear masks*** throughout the day. Please ensure that your scholar understands the importance of social distancing and consider packing multiple masks in their backpack in case one breaks. Teachers will also have masks in their classrooms for scholars to use.
- All classrooms are equipped with hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies to ensure sanitation of desks and seating after student use.
- Students and Staff will engage in **Daily Health Check Screenings** upon entering the building. Please feel free to visit the school website to prepare your scholar for the questions they will engage in when coming to school.
- **Clear and Mesh Backpacks** are highly encouraged! It allows our staff to ensure that our check-in process is quick and students remain safe in the building.

Sylvan Ready Expectations

Being ***Sylvan Ready*** is a way of life at Sylvan Hills Middle School. Our students are immersed in the culture by being:

- Respectful
- Actively Engaged
- Prepared
- Punctual
- Presentable

It is important that you partner with us to ensure that scholars understand what it means to be Sylvan Ready! Our staff is committed to ensuring that scholars understand expectations and I encourage you to begin conversations with your child(ren) about what being Sylvan Ready actually means- in the classroom, on the bus, in the cafeteria, and in the hallways. I know that our students can commit to these norms and we look forward to cultivating these behaviors for students to be successful at Sylvan Hills Middle School and beyond!

Daily Bell Schedule

- **APS' Middle School hours are 9:15 AM to 4:15 PM.** Students are not allowed on campus before **8:45 AM** because of supervision.



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Golden Bear Uniforms & Dress Code Policy

Sylvan Hills Middle School is a **uniform** school!

Grade	Uniform Shirt	Bottoms
6 th	Yellow	Black/Khaki/Navy Bottoms
7 th	White	Black/Khaki/Navy Bottoms
8 th	Black	Black/Khaki/Navy Bottoms

Additionally, to ensure scholars are ready for learning, please remember to adhere to the following dress code policy:

- Denim **should not** have open holes or distressed marking above the knee.
- Leggings/Biking Shorts **are not** permissible.
- Shirts should be full length. Crop tops and bare midriffs **are not** permissible.
- Slides and open toe shoes present a safety hazard and **are not** permissible.

Furthermore, Atlanta Public Schools' **Code of Conduct** allows stakeholders to fully engage with requirements for student dress. Please visit **APS' Office of Discipline website** to ensure that your scholar is **SYLVAN READY!**

Technology at SHMS

Sylvan Hills Middle School has partnered with **Verizon Innovation Learning Solutions** to equip all students with their very own Chromebook. This **1:1 rollout** will ensure that *all* students have access to technology at school and at home. Until Chromebooks are distributed, we ask that students *bring any APS-issued device to school* to support student learning. More information about this roll-out will be communicated through parent letters and on our website.

I encourage you to visit our **school website** and **social media accounts** to remain fully engaged in our school happenings! We pride ourselves in communicating all school information quickly! See our school accounts below:

SHMS Website: <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/sylvan>

SHMS Twitter: <https://twitter.com/APSSylvanHills>

SHMS Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/apssylvanhills>

This school year will be a year of innovation, creativity, and bright horizons. I look forward to fostering student success in the 21-22 school year and I'm excited to know that with the best parental support in the district, this will happen! Thank you for your commitment to excellence. Thank you for your commitment to our scholars. Thank you for your commitment to Sylvan Hills Middle School!

Always Sylvan Ready,

M. Blasingame

Principal Monica Blasingame