

August 20, 2025

Paper Note Sent with every student on this day

Welcome Back!

Thank you for your attendance at our Back-to-School Night. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends supporting students. Here are a few very important pieces of information that may not have made it to your inbox.

**#1** We have a new school-wide parent messaging system. Attached to this note are the instructions of how you can opt in to receive emergency texts, our school-wide alert on Thursdays, and any other school communications. Due to the fact this messaging system is new, we are advising you to **PLEASE** check your Spam Inbox, so you don't miss the important information we send you. Once you discover emails in your Spam inbox, you can white list the email route to come to your regular inbox going forward.

**#2** Thank you to all who utilized the new drop-off and pick-up procedure on the first day of school. For your reference, we have attached a map to this note. Please notice that this procedure is now a **ONE-WAY ONLY** traffic pattern. Staff members will continue to guide and support as we adjust to the new way of picking up and dropping off students. Keep your speed below 5 miles/hour as we have many people walking through the parking lot to the crosswalk. For everyone's safety it is important to stay alert and limit distractions. Students should exit on the passenger side of your vehicle; as there will be passing cars on the driver's side.

**#3** Thank you for your patience as we adjust and work through busing concerns. If you have ANY questions and/or concerns for your students. Please contact the Bus Garage at (435)783-2373.

**#4** This year, you may access the Parent-Student Handbook via the school website. If you received an invitation to view the handbook via a Google Doc, it may not be accurate. Therefore, please refer to the school's website direct link. We have a new website and new Facebook/Instagram pages we'd love for you to follow.

New Website: <https://sses.ssummit.org/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574596654386>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/southsummites/>

Date: August 21, 2025

Text:

Email:

Important Dates

Sept. 1 – No School – Labor Day

- Thank you parents for your cooperation, patience and attentiveness to our new pick-up and drop-off procedure. We were 5 minutes faster today than the first day at our new procedure!

We learned a few things the last few days that might help move things along and keep everyone safe. Here are a few tips:

1. Make sure your child is exiting or entering from the passenger side of your car to ensure their safety
2. Keep the pick-up line flowing by pulling ahead as far as possible and not leaving any gaps except at the crosswalk
3. Help model safety with your child by walking in the Crosswalk area, not between cars
4. If you are parking and walking with your child, please wait by the bike racks on the grass. Keep the sidewalk clear so teachers can walk their classes to the buses.
5. If you need to call the office to change or adjust your child's pick-up schedule, please note the following when you speak to the secretaries or teacher:

Pick-up Line: Drive through only (Child will wait by the kindergarten playground area for adult help to their parents car)

Walking: Parent will park the car and walk child to the car (meet by the bike rack)

Bike rider: Meet by the bike rack

Bus: Teacher will escort child to the bus

We appreciate your patience as we all are learning!

- Just a reminder tomorrow is Friday, wear your green spirit shirts and it is also an early out. Students will be dismissed at 2:20 pm.
- **Annual School Forms**-PLEASE log in and complete/update the Annual School Forms by 15. (This is necessary because these forms allow computer use, busing information, field trip permission, etc...) This form needs to be completed for all students in the school district. Even if your student has attended the district their entire school career, the annual school form still needs to be completed. Please use the following link: <https://ps.ssummit.org> It gives instructions and information on how to complete the forms.
- PTO Involvement: Our Parent Teacher Organization had a great year last year. We are hoping for even more parent involvement this year. If you would like to sign up to help click on the link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A4AA2AA0FAC43-57958037-ptovolunteers>
- Just a reminder any school activity "field trips, working one on one with students or small groups, class parties, volunteering in a specific classroom" requires a background check and fingerprinting from our District. There will be no One time

exceptions. Please call or email Lucinda Josie at our District. You can call her at 435-783-4301 or email at [ljocie@ssummit.org](mailto:ljocie@ssummit.org) to schedule an appointment.

- New Website and Parent Communication: We have a new website beginning this year. You can click on the following link to access it <https://sses.ssummit.org/> We also have a new way of communicating with our parents. We will continue to send out text and emails each Thursday afternoon, in order to receive these alerts, you will need to opt-in by texting Yes to 67587. If you have any questions regarding the new messenger or the new website feel free to call the school (435) 783-4318.