



Salisbury Central School

A to Z's of 2020-2021

The first day of the school year is

Tuesday, September 8th.

This will be a **1:10pm dismissal.**

Asynchronous Learning - Learning that occurs when students learn the same thing at different times and from different places.

Attendance - It is extremely important for your children to be in school on time when they are healthy. For the health and safety of all of our students, tracking daily attendance is important. Attendance will be recorded for in person attendees and remote learning students. Mrs. Magyar is required to intervene or call for State/public agency intervention when the number of absences exceeds what the State has deemed acceptable. Please review the absence and tardy guidelines in the student handbook

After School - At this time, we do not anticipate having any Fall sports. Our homework club will not run in-person this year. We will explore virtual options later in the Fall.

Breakfast - Breakfast will be delivered to classrooms between 8:45 and 9:15. Remote Learning students will have the opportunity to pick up food for breakfast at the school as needed.

Bus - Busses will run at full capacity while we are in the "Minimal Spread" phase. Students will be required to wear a mask while riding the bus. Seats will be assigned. When at school, busses will unload one at a time.

Cafeteria - Elementary school students will eat lunch in their classrooms, and the food will be delivered to each room. Middle school students will eat lunch in the cafeteria in two separate lunch waves. All students will wear a mask until they are seated at their table. Traffic patterns will be established to avoid congestion, and students will have designated entrances and exits.

Students in the food service line and at tables will practice social distancing. The cafeteria will be cleaned and disinfected between each lunch wave. We will continue to have a hot lunch, sandwich, yogurt plate, and salad option each day. The menu for August/September will be posted on the school's website and shared with families before the first day of school. There is also information available on the website about our online payment portal option for parents to use to make deposits into their child's cafeteria account. We encourage everyone to consider this convenient way to ensure that your child doesn't run low on funds.

Cohort - Students will maintain stable cohorts by homeroom in grades K-5. In middle school, students will be in cohorts with teachers rotating classrooms while students stay in the same room.

Compliance Liaison - Mrs. Magyar will serve as compliance liaison for Salisbury Central School. Any questions or concerns about health and safety requirements regarding COVID-19 from staff, students, and parents should be directed to Mrs. Magyar.

Drop-Off - Students who are dropped off at school must enter their assigned door. Staff members will be placed at each door to monitor social distancing and stagger entrance into the building. Please see all of the guidance on our transportation document.

Dismissal - Busses will be called one at a time to avoid gathering of large groups. Pickup students will wait under the overhang in designated spots to maintain social distancing.

Electronic Devices - All students will have access to a device for transition to remote learning, if needed.

EXTRAS - EXTRAS is an independent fee-for-service after school program that is housed at SCS and available to EK-6 students. The school will provide space for EXTRAS to run their before/after school program. EXTRAS hopes to open by October 5th. Please see the EXTRAS website at www.extrasprogram.org for more information.

Face Coverings - All students will be required to wear face coverings that cover their nose and mouth. Extra masks will be available on the bus and in the school building for students who need them. Mask breaks will be given throughout the day for all students.

Food - Snacks and lunch materials should be in containers that students can open independently.

Guidance - Guidance from CDC and Department of Public Health, along with other organizations can be found on our COVID-19 landing page on the school website.

Hallway Travel - Students will move through hallways following the appropriate traffic pattern as marked on the floors with arrows. Social distancing will be monitored in all hallways.

Hybrid Model - In the case of a switch to the hybrid model, there will be 50% of the students in the building. Each grade level will only have one class in the building at a time. If possible, all children in one family will be in Cohort A (Monday/Tuesday) or B (Thursday/Friday). You will know your child's cohort assignment at the start of the school year. Wednesdays will be distance learning for all, so the school can be cleaned.

Individual Student Materials - Materials will not be shared between students. Individual student containers will be utilized in classrooms to store materials.

Isolation Rooms - There will be a monitored isolation room near the nurse's office for students showing symptoms. There will be an outside door where parents can pick up the student. A temporary isolation space will also be available in the middle school.

Interventions - Interventions will meet as small groups or individuals in their designated rooms. Supports and IEP implementation will be addressed on an individual basis to best address each student's needs.

Lunch – Lunches will be eaten in the classroom (elementary) or cafeteria (middle school). In the elementary classes, lunch will be delivered to each room. Students will be socially distanced at each table. Students must wear face masks until seated and will maintain social distancing in the food service line. Remote Learning students will have the opportunity to pick up food for lunch at the school as needed.

There are no price changes for 2020-2021.

Breakfast:

Full Price \$1.75

Reduced Price \$0.30

Lunch:

Full Price \$3.00

Reduced Price \$0.40

Other:

Milk \$0.50

Mitigation Strategies – Our priority practices include, but are not limited to: social distancing, frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer, use of face coverings that completely cover the nose and mouth, respiratory and cough etiquette, and enhanced cleaning/disinfecting of all surfaces.

Nurse – Mary Cadman is the school nurse and her office is located in the upper building next to the main office. This year we will also have a designated isolation room (“Nurse’s Station 2”) located next to the nurse’s office. The nurse will be available to manage suspected cases, including overseeing testing results and tracing.

Office Staff – For those of you who are new to Salisbury Central School this year, our administrative support team is made up of Patti Stevens and Sue Bucceri in the upper building and Kirtsen Durbrow in the lower building.

Phases – Students will return to school in the Phase 1 model which includes full time in-person instruction. We are prepared to modify planning to support a partial reopening (Hybrid Model) or to allow for scaling back even further to a full closure at a future date if the public health data changes.

PTO– As parents, you are important members of the SCS community! The SCS PTO is the parent organization that supports the school. The meetings are a good forum for discussion among parents and teachers. Kim Downey and Cynthia Walley are the current PTO co-chairs. Please help support their efforts by attending meetings (schedule will be sent at the beginning of the school year) and/or volunteering for PTO-sponsored activities. You may contact them at SCSPTO1@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

Powerschool – For those of you who are new to the middle school, you will have access to the PowerSchool parent portal. Parents of students in grades 6–8 are able to have access to their children’s assignments and academic progress on a regular basis simply by logging into PowerSchool. We will be sending further instructions once school begins.

Recess – Students will have recess with their cohort in an assigned space outdoors with structured activities. Students will receive a mask break while maintaining social distancing. Students will not be able to use the playground equipment at this time.

Remote Learning Students – Parents/Guardians can opt to keep their child at home and participate in remote learning. These students may be assigned to a regional remote learning teacher.

Restrooms – Students will be made aware of which restrooms to use. The restrooms will be determined by zones and closest proximity to their cohort classroom area. Maximum capacity and social distancing markers will be posted for larger restrooms.

School Messenger – Parents and guardians are notified of school closings and/or emergencies via the School Messenger program. Thus, the accuracy of your contact information is essential in order for this system to work successfully. **Please be sure that we have all relevant contact information** and that you let us know of any changes throughout the year.

School supplies – A list of school supplies needed for each grade is listed on our website. Please email your child’s classroom teacher with any questions about the supply list. If you need assistance with getting school supplies, please contact Patti Stevens at 860-435-9871 Ex: 100 or pstevens@salisburycentral.org.

Shared Leadership – When Mrs. Magyar is out of the building, we have four highly qualified individuals with their 092 Administrator certificate who cover. Rebecca Gaschel-Clark, Larissa Morby, John Conklin, and Tracy Dowd are designated as the acting administrators. The goal is to have timely feedback

for students and staff when issues arise. Donna Begley will continue to assist all of us in her counseling role as well.

Self-Assessment – All staff and students or parents and guardians must perform a self-assessment prior to leaving for school, to identify fever and other possible Covid-19 symptoms. Mary Cadman will communicate this expectation and provide parents with a checklist or a web-based application to screen for the symptoms consistent with Covid-19 that require keeping their students at home.

SOAR–SOAR is a fee-for-service after-school enrichment program that takes place during the fall and winter/spring seasons. This program will offer a number of exciting virtual classes for grades 1-8 in the fall. Classes appeal to a wide variety of interests. A schedule of classes will be sent home to families September 1st. Please contact the SOAR director, Linda Sloane at soarenrichment@gmail.com with any questions.

Social Distancing – All spaces within the school are being designed to maximize social distancing.

Synchronous Learning – Learning that occurs at the same time but not in the same place (i.e. live virtual teaching).

Specials – Specials classes, Spanish, and EXCEL-Plex will take place in each cohort's homeroom class, with the exception of Physical Education. PE classes will utilize outdoor spaces whenever possible, and modify instruction to maximize social distancing when in the gym or classroom. Specials classes will meet four days a time, and PE every week. Due to small, grade-specific classes, enrichment such as LAE and MASE can take place in their designated rooms.

Travel Advisory List for CT – Families and staff will need to self-quarantine for 14 days who travel to any of the states identified as part of the travel restrictions noted on the Ct.gov website.

Visitors – There will be no visitors allowed in the school building. Exceptions will be made for emergency services such as plumbing, heating/cooling, etc.

Parents/guardians should stay in their cars as much as possible. If parents/guardians need to drop off or pick up materials, they should use the intercom system to talk to the main office to arrange it. It is always helpful to call or email the school so they know you are coming.

Washing Hands - Signs will be posted by sinks in restrooms, and students will be reminded to wash hands frequently.

Water Bottles - Students should bring their own water bottles (preferably labeled with their name). Bottle fillers will be open, but not the traditional fountains.