

SSMCS WELCOMES YOU TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



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Dates to Remember

2023

7/24	Admin/Office Return
7/31	Teachers Return
8/1	PTO Back to School Splash Pad Meetup 5-7pm
8/2	Support Staff Return
8/5	Pancake Breakfast/ Supply Drop-Off 8:30am-10:00 a.m.
8/7	First Day of School
8/22	PTO Meeting afterschool
8/31	Classroom Orientation
9/4	Labor Day (No School)
9/7	Picture Day
9/11	Prof. Dev. (No School)
9/21	Int'l Day of Peace
10/6	1st Qtr Ends (44 days)
10/9-10	Parent/Teacher Conf. (No School)
10/19	Picture Retakes
10/21	Trunk-Treat/Festival (tentative)
10/26	½ day Attendance
10/27	Nevada Day (No school)
11/9	Mid-term progress (MS)
11/10	Veterans Day (No School)
11/20-24	Thanksgiving/Family Days (No School)
12/14	Winter Festival (tentative)
12/15	Prof. Dev. (No School)
	2 nd Qtr Ends (43 days)
12/19	Winter Break No School 12/18 -1/2

*"Whoever touches the life of the child
touches the most sensitive point of a whole,
which has roots in the most distant past and
climbs toward the infinite future."*

-Dr. Maria Montessori

Message from Administration

Welcome to Silver Sands Montessori Charter School! We are delighted that you are a part of our community. From our kindergarteners to our eighth graders, SSMCS is committed to providing a positive environment for all children and their families. We can't wait to see our returning families, new families, and incoming Kindergarteners on August 7th.

Back to School time is always a time of excitement and change, yet with that comes anxiety and nervousness for many children. We will do our best to ensure the transition is as seamless as possible and to ensure that each child feels loved, respected and safe.

We are excited that you chose a Montessori education for your family. The Montessori Method serves as a guide to raising unselfish, self-regulated, caring human beings who are problem solvers and have the self-confidence to lead successful lives by their own efforts, rather than at the expense of their fellow citizens. The world needs as many people with these qualities as possible. The world needs Montessori.

Maria Montessori, founder of the Montessori school of thought, firmly believed that children have incredibly absorbent minds, assimilating all that they see, hear, and experience. By thoughtfully planning the environment in which children live and learn, the Montessori Method provides the positive experiences you as parents, and SSMCS want our children to have in order to grow up with healthy minds, healthy attitudes and healthy life strategies.

We strive to continue to provide a system of education that denotes itself to creating a safe, positive atmosphere in which children can learn, grow, achieve, succeed, and come to respect themselves, others, community, and the world.

We are so excited about this new school year and welcome your involvement. Please feel free to contact any of us by email, phone or in person.

Sincerely,

The Admin Team



SSMCS Mission Statement: To provide quality Montessori education in an environment that encourages a child's love of learning and respect for self, others, community and the world.

Happy New School Year Silver Sands Families!

I am so happy to welcome you to what I know will be a great school year. Our entire staff is excited to have students in our classrooms with their energy and enthusiasm for learning. We have been busy attending professional development training and getting our classrooms ready for their return. We are also hopeful that you will join us in welcoming new staff members to the SSMCS family.

I would like to share with you our school motto that we recite each day... "I will respect myself, others, the community and the world." Please help me make this motto one that your student practices at school and at home daily. Thank you!

It is an honor to be part of a school community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships. These relationships are the foundation for social and academic growth. I look forward to working with you and your children.

Ms. Sheila, Principal

Hello Silver Sands Families,

I am looking forward to my third year as assistant principal, my fourth year teaching middle science, and my seventh year as athletic director. Overall, this is my 14th year at SSMCS and I have enjoyed all of my time with my extended family.

We have been hard at work planning and scheduling popular family events, sporting events, and academic goals. The 2023-2024 school year will be filled with academic achievements and community growth. Thank you in advance for all of your support and dedication to Silver Sands. GO SIDEWINDERS!!!

Mr. Johnny, Assistant Principal

Join us for Breakfast as you drop off your school supplies



We hope you will join us on Saturday, August 5th at 8:30am-10am for a pancake breakfast. Breakfast will be served by the SSMCS staff and it will be your first opportunity to meet the staff and families that have made the commitment to be a part of this school community. Classroom assignments will be posted. This is a great opportunity to drop off your school supplies to your assigned classroom. There will be boxes/bins to help sort out the community supplies for each classroom. At this time you will also be picking up your back to school packet that will have required forms to complete and return on the first day.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: your child may be assigned to an allergy aware classroom. Should that occur the teacher assigned to your child's classroom will be providing you with additional information as to what families are strongly advised to refrain from bringing in that classroom.

Please call the school at 702-522-6220 if you have any questions.

School Shirts/Tote Bags

As you know we did not assess a \$100 Special Programs and Materials Fee which would typically cover the cost of folder, shirts, tote bags and other Montessori and school related special programs.

This year you will need to purchase a school shirt if you don't already have one for use on field trips/walking field trips, events off campus, etc. The cost for a youth shirt is \$10 and adult sizes are \$12. There is an additional fee for oversize shirts.

Our elementary students will need to purchase a tote bag (no backpacks allowed), the dimensions of the tote bag should not exceed:

K-3 grades 15"x15"x3" (solid color, or you may purchase a SSMCS tote bag for \$8

4-5 grades 18"x16"x4.5" (solid color), or you may purchase a SSMCS tote bag for \$10

Our middle school students will need to purchase a tote bag or backpack (solid colors only), the dimension of the tote bag/backpack should not exceed: 12w" x 5" x 14h"

We will send a google form out so that you can pre-order your school shirt, if you do not already have one and a tote bag if you would prefer an SSMCS tote bag.

Just a reminder that the supply lists are posted to the school's website: <https://www.silversandsmcs.org/school-supply-lists>

PTO Update

Splash pad August 1, 5pm-7pm

Join us for a back-to-school splash pad event! Catch up with some old friends or meet some new ones. Tuesday, August 1 5-7pm (note time) at Reunion Trails Park, 44 Chapata Dr, Henderson. It's off 215 and Stephanie. Bring a swim suit, towel and some food or drink to share. Sign up here for the potluck: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d49a8aa2fa3fd0-splash1#/>

Find out what's going on!

Join the Silver Sands PTO Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ptosilversands> to find out about upcoming events and ask questions! Also join our Remind group for reminders about upcoming activities. You can choose if you want app, email or text reminders through Remind: <https://www.remind.com/join/ssmcspto> or Send a text to 81010 and text this message @ssmcspto

Join the PTO!

The PTO will be at the back to school event on August 5 and you can join the PTO then! only \$10 per person (cash or check). Help support your school and raise funds for events and activities like splash pads, ornament painting, Winter festival and teacher appreciation week.

First PTO meeting Aug. 22 after school

Join us for upstairs for the first PTO meeting of the year, after school on Tuesday, Aug 22. Social hour will be 2:50-3:10pm and then the meeting at 3:10pm. Meet your 2023-2024 PTO board, and find out what activities are planned for the fall, like Ornament painting on Wed., Nov. 29!

Questions? Join the facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ptosilversands> or email Megan at meganhubble@gmail.com



Students will eat lunch in their classroom. All students will need to bring a lunch from home. Look for lunch opportunities (profits go to grade milestones) and other possible lunch programs.

Please send a well-balanced, nutritional lunch (with ice pack if needed) each day. We encourage you to use reusable containers, utensils, and napkins as much as possible. **Please send a second cloth napkin in your child's lunchbox every day to serve as a placemat.**

Good lunches can be simple. A sandwich, an apple, and milk or water is a very well balanced lunch. Good lunch choices may include: chicken, turkey or cheese sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs, peanut butter, leftovers from dinner in a thermos, string cheese, whole wheat crackers, vegetables, cottage cheese, yogurt, celery with peanut butter, rice cakes, nuts, fresh fruit, and milk or water.

Please **do not** send the following items in the lunch: sodas, candy, high sugar beverages or other treats with excessive amounts of refined sugar, salts, and fat. Research indicates that consumption of high sugar items results in poor concentration, difficulty in retention, and overactive or overtired children. Please help us encourage good, wholesome eating habits that last a lifetime.

The following is an excerpt from our student handbook. Specific prohibitions and limitations include (but are not limited to) the following:



Tops/Skirts/Dresses/Pants/Shorts

- Tops must cover the upper and middle torso at all times
- Skirts must cover the lower torso with no skin showing between top and skirt
- Skirts/shorts and dresses must be at least mid-thigh in length; no mini-skirts/shorts; no spandex shorts
- No exposed undergarments
- No halter, tank or tube tops; no transparent, half, or muscle shirts
- No exposed shoulders
- No pajamas, lounge wear, or bath robes
- No sagging pants or shorts
- No cut-offs or ripped jeans

Head Coverings

No head coverings, hoods or sunglasses worn in the building during school hours (exceptions are made for religious or medical reasons).

Footwear

- Proper footwear at all times (no flip-flops)
- No house slippers

Language/Illustrations on Clothing

No obscene, vulgar, profane, or derogatory language or illustrations on clothing or anything that promotes alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gang membership, or violence.

Field trip clothing

As a matter of safety and for ease of identification of students, staff, and teachers, those persons attending a school-sponsored field trip will wear a Silver Sands Montessori t-shirt. School shirts are sold at SSMCS.

TV and Movie Characters

In addition to our school dress code, we ask that students do not wear or bring any items to school with cartoon, TV, or movie characters. This includes: clothing, shoes, lunch boxes, and hats. We also ask that your child does not wear “light up” shoes. Characters and/or lights can be distracting.

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

To ensure the safety of the children during drop off and pick up, please follow these procedures.

Elementary & Middle School Times

Drop off All Grades 8:00-8:15 Pick up All Grades 2:45

Elementary & Middle School Parents: We encourage parents to use the YELLOW CURB drop-off area. However, if you feel strongly that you need to escort your child to his/her classroom, **please park on Whitney Mesa Dr.**, since no parking will be allowed in the parking lot during drop off and pickup times. Please do not park in the covered parking spots, those are reserved for the staff at SSMCS. Walk your child directly to the outer classroom door and the staff will direct you. Please make the transfer of your child to the teacher brief so the class can get started.

Yellow Curb Area:

Drop off: Follow the flow of traffic in the circle until you arrive at the yellow curb. Place the name card provided by the office on the dash of your car so the designated staff member(s) can see the names and greet the children. Do not allow your children to exit the car until you arrive at the drop-off area (yellow curb).

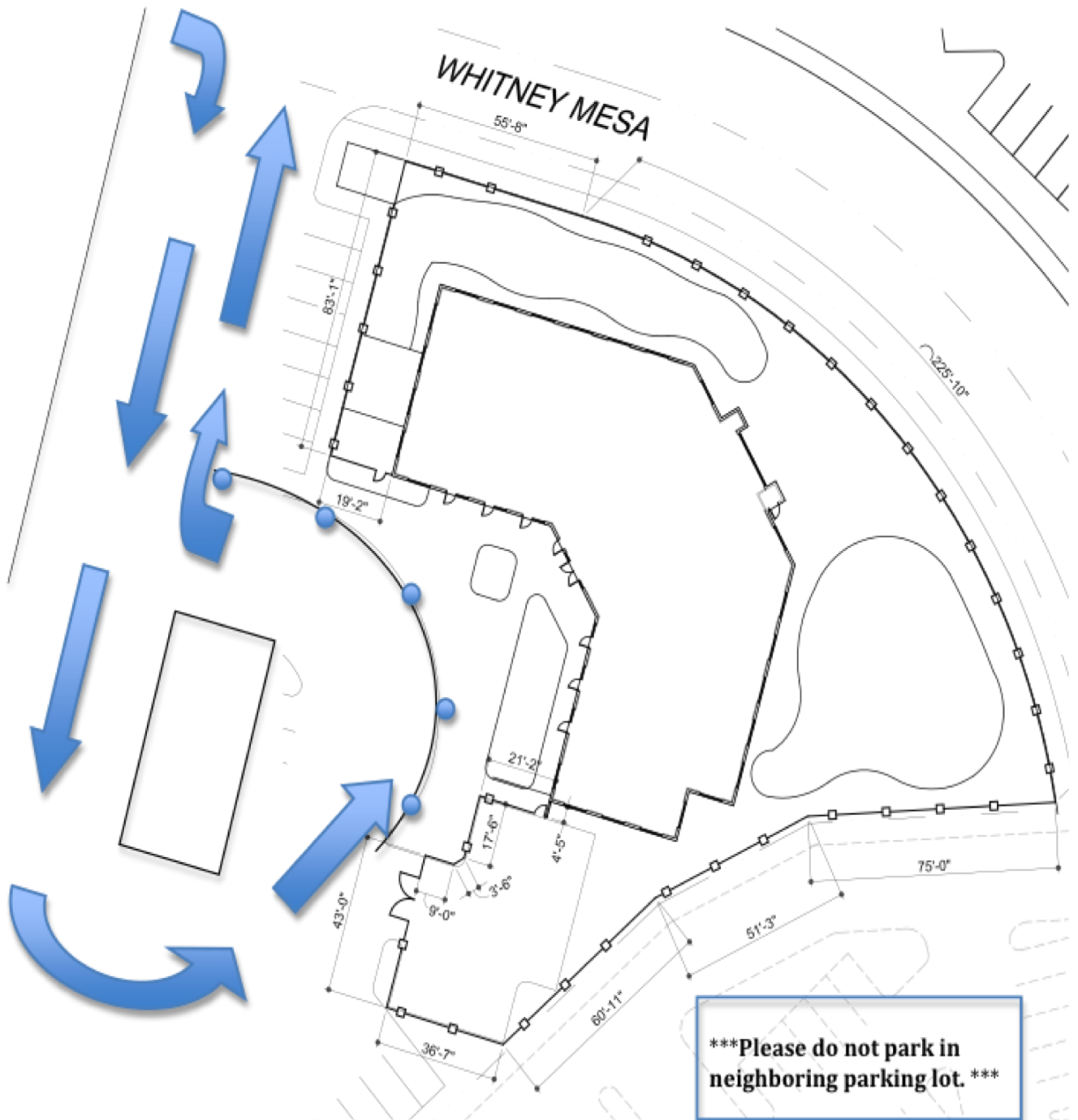
Pick Up: Place the name card on the dash of your car so the staff can see it easily. Wait in the circle of traffic until you get to the pick-up area (yellow-curb). At that time, a staff member will radio the teacher to release your child(ren). Children will not be released until staff members have matched them to a pick up vehicle.

Please do not park in the neighboring parking lots. We have received notice that “Unauthorized parking signs have been installed and the rules of towing will be enforced to remove unauthorized vehicles at the owners’ expense effective immediately.” Also, when exiting the parking lot - NO LEFT TURNS.



Silver Sands Montessori Charter School

Drop-Off and Pick-up





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- 4 Independence Day**
- 24 Admin/Office Return
- 31 Teachers Return

- 1 Winter Break**
- 2 Prof. Dev. (No School)**
- 15 M.L. King Holiday**
- 22 Prof. Dev. (No School)**
- TBD Parent/Child Night

JANUARY '24						
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- 2 Support Teachers Return
- 7 1st Day of School**
- 31 Dr. Maria Montessori B-day Classroom Orientation

- 2 Mid-Term Progress (MS)
- 16 ½ day for students**
- 19 Presidents' Day**
- 24 Montessori Peace Walk (tentative)
- 26-3/1 Peace/NV Reading Week/Scholastic Book Fair

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- 04 Labor Day**
- 8 Mid-term Progress (MS)
- 11 Prof. Dev. (No School)**
- 21 Int'l Day of Peace

- 8 3rd Qtr Ends (47 days)
- 11-15 Spring Break**
- 21-22 Parent/Teacher Conf. (No School)**
- 29 Charter Holiday (No School)**

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- 6 1st Qtr Ends (44 days)
- 9-10 Parent/Teacher Conf. (No School)**
- 21 Harvest Festival (tentative)
- 26 ½ day for students**
- 27 Nevada Day Holiday**

- 1 Charter Holiday (No School)**
- 2nd Contingency Day (if needed)
- 19** Mid-Term Progress (MS)
- 3rd grade milestone (tentative)
- 25 ½ day for students**
- Int'l Children's Day
- 26 Prof. Dev. (No School)**

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- 9 Mid-term Progress (MS)
- 10 Veterans Day**
- 20-24 Family/Thanksgiving wk**
- 20 1st Contingency Day (if needed)

- 1-3 5th grade milestone (tentative)
- 10 Parent Appreciation
- 15-17 8th gr. milestone (tentative)
- 21 Field Day (Tentative)
- 22 Last Day of School – ½ day**
- 4th Qtr Ends (44 days)
- Sem. 2 Ends (91 days)
- 23 3rd Contingency day (if needed)
- 24 Last Day for Teachers
- 27 Memorial's Day**

MAY '24						
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- TBD Winter Festival
- 15 Prof. Dev. (no school)**
- 2nd Qtr Ends (41 days)
- Sem 1 Ends (85 days)
- 18-29 Winter Break**

- 18 Last day for Admin/Office
- 19 Juneteenth Holiday**

JUNE '24						
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