### From the Principal:

Short weeks always seem the busiest - the same amount of work to be done with one less day. However, like usual, the Silvia students and staff handled that this week very well! We are about half-way through October and it seems like we started the school year yesterday. There have been so many successes and a million examples of growth that we should all be proud of.

I have been having many conversations with parents and staff over the last few days connecting to our transition back to full in person learning this school year. I have been able to give the time needed to reflect on this unique time period we have just transitioned through. This reflection has led me to some conclusions and opinions about how we, as a school, have handled this transition back to full time. What I can say, with 100% certainty, and with a lot of pride, is that the Silvia staff and its community made decisions and acted on those decisions always with the students’ best interest in mind. We pride ourselves at Silvia for putting the social and emotional needs of our students at the forefront of all we do.

I encourage this community to continue to reflect on how we can better support our young people through this unique time. I encourage us to continue to empathize with each other. Parents and educators, maybe more than any other group of people, have had some of the greatest struggles over the last few years, and we need to continue to lean on each other and hold each other up. Proud to be a part of this amazing community that continues to act in the best interests of our children.

### Open House Presentations:

This school year, instead of having in person Open House, we invited our educators to create Open House Presentations. You can find the presentations [HERE](#). Once you are at the link, choose a grade or content area to find the Silvia educator you are looking for. Each presentation has valuable information that pertains to school and classroom topics.

In November, we will be inviting families into Silvia for a night to highlight and celebrate student success and growth. Stay Tuned….

### Automated Tardy/Absent Calls:

If your child is absent please call the school 508-675-9811 and select 4 to leave a message on our absentee line.

The district has started to send automated calls to every student who is absent or late to school. If you have already informed the school of your child’s absence, there is nothing else to do. The automated calls are being placed to all students on the absentee/tardy list, even if a reason is listed. You do not need to call the school more than once.

Thank you.

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Arrival Procedures:

All in all, arrival is going very well. A few reminders to help with safety and efficiency.
- **Drop off doors close at 7:40 as school starts at that time.**
- **DO NOT pull into the small parking lot to drop off students.**
- **STAY IN LINE all the way around the back parking lot. Do not cut people off.**
- **Pull all the way up to the stop sign at the very end of the building to drop off.**
- **Only students need to exit cars.**

Thank you!

School Start Time:

School starts at 7:40 every morning. That means we want students in their seats when the 7:40 bell rings. We open doors at 7:20 and there is minimal traffic from 7:20 through 7:35. Recently, at 7:40 the traffic has backed up causing students to be late. We will not continue to keep the door open past 7:40 and students who are not in the building at 7:40 will be marked tardy. Students are losing learning time when they arrive past 7:40. Please take traffic into consideration when getting students to school on time. Thank you!

Calendar:

- November 2, 2021 is NO SCHOOL for students
- Find Silvia’s calendar [HERE](#)

"Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant?"

- Henry David Thoreau

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