The Silvia Spotlight

From the Principal:

Welcome back to school Silvia Community. For those of you who are new to our community you will soon find out (if you have not already) that you are now a part of a strong support system that values education. For those of you who are rejoining us for another school year, let me thank you for your continuing support and we wish all an amazing year ahead!

The first two days of school have been AWESOME! Thank you to our community members who joined us on Wednesday morning to welcome back our students. Thank you to our parents and guardians who supported their child(ren) as they headed into another year. Thank you to our Silvia staff for all the preparations that go into opening a classroom and school successfully!

Our students, even in this short period of time, have been working hard, learning many new things, and made what seems to be a seamless transition. I am always amazed by our young people here at Silvia and this year is no different. I know I can speak for all of the Silvia staff when I say there is nothing better than having them filling our hallways and classrooms - they are what makes Silvia so special!

As I have in the past, I will use The Silvia Spotlight as a weekly newsletter and as a part of our ongoing efforts to communicate effectively with our families. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions, feedback and/or concerns. We are glad to have you back and we look forward to another special year at Silvia!

Official FRPS School Calendar:

Please find a copy of the 2021 - 2022 school year’s official calendar for FRPS [HERE].

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- Please find our school calendar [HERE].

Important Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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COVID-19 Restrictions:
Masks are mandated inside all Massachusetts Public Schools per Commissioner Riley. This mandate is in place until at least October 1, 2021.

Dismissal Procedures:
- Students will be dismissed at 2:12 pm.
- Cars need to park in the main parking lot found at the end of the Silvia driveway. Once legally parked, one adult needs to go to the exit assigned to their child.
- If there are no parking spots, you must park on Meridian Street.
- Students will exit out the following doors:
  - K AND Siblings - Playground Doors (back of the school)
  - 1 - Music Room Doors (on the right side of Silvia as you face the school)
  - 2 - Double Doors by Music Room (double doors to the right of Main Office doors as you face Silvia. Same doors as drop off)
  - 3 - Main Office Doors
  - 4 - Gym Doors (on the right side of Silvia as you face the school)
  - 5 - Cafeteria Doors - on the right side of Silvia as you face the school

* For safety reasons, no students will be dismissed between 1:45 and 2:12 pm.

Arrival Procedures:
- The doors of Silvia will not open until 7:20 am every morning.
- Do NOT show up at Silvia prior to 7:10 am as it causes a back up and staff can be blocked from parking.
- Students may NOT be dropped off to wait at the front of the building for the doors to open.
- The line of cars needs to “snake up” around the back parking lot and stop at the stop sign at the back parking lot. Only pull past the back parking lot stop sign when waved up by a Silvia staff member.
- Cars need to pull up to the curb in the front of Silvia school. Please pull all the way up to the STOP sign to make room for as many cars as possible. Please do NOT park in the parking lot and walk your child to the building.
- We are asking that all students stay in their cars until signaled by a staff member to exit starting at 7:20 am. We will have 6 - 7 cars at one time having students exit their cars and head to the double doors by the music room (these doors are located to the right of the main office doors as you face Silvia school).
- Students need to use hand sanitizer before they enter the building (we will have this outside for the students) and head immediately to their classrooms (we will have plenty of staff members in hallways and outside to support students with getting to their classrooms).
- The doors by the music room will be closed at 7:40 am. After 7:40 am, students need to report to the main office doors. Before students enter they need to use hand sanitizer.
- As the students enter, there will be staff members marking students tardy and giving them tardy passes.

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Silvia Spirit Gear Information

All students in grades K-5 are required to wear Silvia School "spirit wear" every day.

Spirit Wear

Tops: White, Kelly Green or Royal Blue

Bottoms: Black, Navy Blue or Khaki (no yoga pants or leggings) Bottoms must be solid in color.

Please note that students are only permitted to wear sweaters/ sweatshirts in school that are white, royal blue, or kelly green. All sweaters and sweatshirts should be labeled with your child’s name.

Shoes: No heels or closed toe (no sandals)

Iron-on logos can be purchased in the main office for .50 each

Silvia Gear Available for Purchase in the main office (cash or check only)

T-Shirt Form

Sweatshirts and Sweatpants Form

Short sleeved t-shirts and zip-up sweatshirts can be purchased at the official uniform provider for the Fall River Public Schools:

J&B Hockey located at 162 President Ave Fall River, MA

It is the policy of the Frank M. Silvia School that all students in Kindergarten to grade 5 will wear School Spirit Wear. School Spirit Wear is limited to the required clothing, as adopted by the Fall River School Committee in 2009.

Parental Responsibility

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians of students in Kindergarten through grade 5 at the Frank M. Silvia School to ensure that their child dress in accordance with the School Spirit wear policy. This will ensure a conducive learning environment for all students as well as discourage competition of various styles and brands. Uniformity for all students will cause less distraction, keep a focus on learning, and establish a safe environment at the Silvia School.

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