# SOUTHSIDE JUNIOR HIGH

# 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION!

Monday, August 5th @ 1:00 PM in SJHS Gym

\*Turn in South Entrance of school and park in Gym Parking

- \*Get Schedules
- \*Meet 6th grade Teachers
- \*Bus / Carpool Information
- \*Purchase Spirit Shirts / Sweatshirts
- \*Band and Instrument Information



### SOUTHSIDE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

www.southsidejuniorhigh.org

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School Hours: 7:20 AM to 2:20 PM

**Student Fees:** \$30.00 student fee, \$20.00 PE uniform fee. There are also fees included for band, athletics, field trips, and other extra-curricular activities.

**Spirit Shirts:** Spirit shirts can be purchased and may be worn every Friday for that calendar school year (\$15). School approved crew neck. ¼ zips, and hoodie sweatshirts will also be sold (\$25-\$40). We will have those available to buy at orientation.

Supply List: The supply list will be on the school website and app by July 1.

Sports: Football, Basketball, Cheer, Dance, Swimming, Track and Field, Cross Country

\*\*Physical Form is attached in this packet. You must have a physical to participate in middle school athletics. A suggestion would be to complete this in the summer and it will be good for one calendar year as the student competes. It can be turned into coaches as they tryout for their sports and will be filed so all sports can see the current form.

<u>Cafeteria:</u> Each grade eats lunch at a different time. You may bring your lunch or eat hot lunch. No canned drinks, fast food, etc. allowed in the cafeteria.

<u>Transportation:</u> Students are not allowed on campus until 6:50 AM. A map of carpool drop off and pick up is attached. Buses will dismiss in the afternoon at 2:20. Carpool will begin at 2:25.

**Buses:** Parents can visit our app / website to find bus pick up and drop off times, locations and bus numbers. Please wait for the transportation department to make these updates around the 1st of August

<u>Cell Phone Policy</u>: Students may be in possession of a cell phone. The devices should be out of sight and turned to the "off" position during school hours unless authorized by administration. Students are NOT allowed to bring wireless earbuds (air pods) or wear smartwatches (apple watch, etc.)

**Dress Code:** Solid color white or navy polo or button-up shirts. Solid color khaki pants, shorts, skirts, etc. Shirts will be tucked in and a belt worn at all times. Hair should be neat, clean, and out of the student's eyes. Hair should be natural color. Please refer to the Livingston Parish Public Schools website and student planner for a complete list of dress code rules for the 2024-2025 year.

### Discipline:

- Respect for adults and other students is #1. When you are told to do something, you are expected to do it. There will be consequences if you choose to disabey rules/procedures, are disrespectful, or don't listen to instructions.
- Consequences could be: punish work, parent conference, morning detention, after-school behavior clinic, Saturday clinic, suspension, and expulsion.
- When you attend assemblies/functions in the gym or cafeteria, you are expected to behave appropriately and be respectful of the speaker and each other.
- There will be no physical contact, neither aggressive nor affectionate.

Subjects you will take: Math, ELA (English Language Arts), Social Studies, Science, PE, and your choice of either Exploratory (Spanish) or Band. Each student will also rotate through enrichments classes 1st hour that will include Art, STEM, Math Remediation and other electives.

stAs students continue through middle school you will have the opportunity to earn High School credit early. This includes: LSU STEM, Keyboarding, Health, Spanish I, Algebra I, Quest, Agriculture, Basic Woods, etc.

Grading: As students transition to middle school, we do have weighted grades. Some elementary schools have implemented this. Assignments graded for accuracy count for 80% and assignments for completion will count for 10%. Common Summative Assessments (Unit Tests) count for another 10% of grade. Weighted grades give us a true picture of what that student knows and understands.

Student Laptops: Each student will receive a loaner laptop that they will take to and from school. This computer will be responsibility of the student. Insurance is available to purchase for \$25 in case of accidental damage. Each parent will receive a Loaner Agreement form that must be signed before the student is issued a computer. —

Clubs and Activities: Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), 4-H Club, SADD, Field Trips, Homecoming

Dance and more.

### Transition to Middle School:

- You will have 8 classes at SJHS with different teachers for each subject.
- Your job is to do your homework, your classwork, follow rules, and behave respectfully toward teachers and students.
- Meet new kids from other schools (Southside, Lewis Vincent, Seventh Ward, and Denham Springs Elementary).
- Changing from a child to a young adult.
- More responsibility and more expected from you.
- Behaviors are different at Middle School...no playground, recess is different.
- Playing organized sports at a more competitive level.

### 6th Grade Orientation:

- \*\*\*\*\*\*\*There will be a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the SJHS Gym.
- An email will be sent to all parents in July to update all information for PowerSchool. All student
  information forms will be completed online using the link sent. Please make sure your email in
  PowerSchool is up to date.
- Please download our App (flyer included in this packet). This is our main line of communication by the school and teachers. You can sign up for push notifications in settings.
- Schedules will be given to students during Orientation. They will also get one the first day of school.
   Teachers will distribute schedules by last name. (Very easy process)

Thank you and we look forward to an incredible 2024-2025 school year. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions that you may have.

Wes Partin, Principal email: wes.partin@lpsb.org

Terry Griffin, Asst. Principal email: terry.griffin@lpsb.org

Ashton Bordelon, Administrative Asst. email: ashton.bordelon@lpsb.org

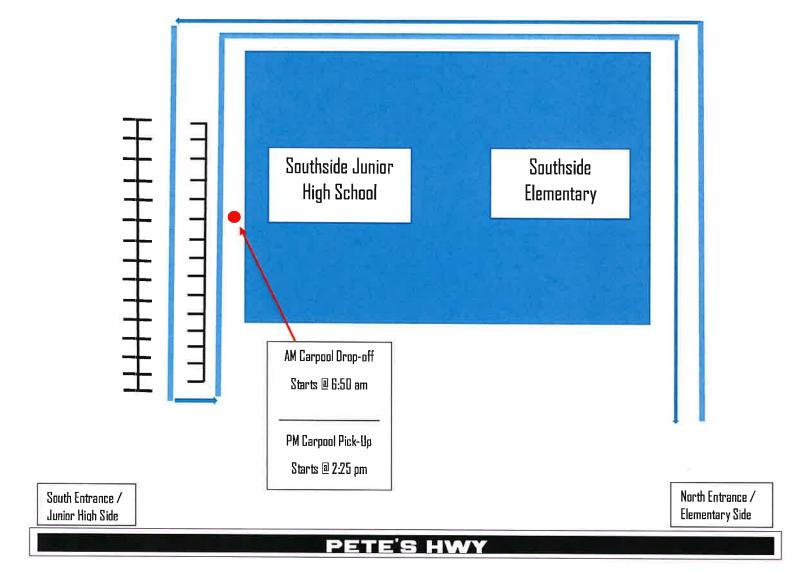
Shelli DuRousseau, Instructional Coach email: shelli.durousseau@lpsb.org

#### Parents:

This is our updated carpool drop-off for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Morning:** Drop-off will start at 6:50 am. Please pull up as far as you can under the canopy to allow multiple vehicles to exit simultaneously.

**Afternoon:** The carpool bell will ring at 2:25 pm each day. We will pull up under the canopy. Please pull up as far as you can under the canopy to allow multiple vehicles to pick up simultaneously.





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### STAY INFORMED

Notifications from administrators and teachers make it easy to stay on top of what's going on at school and in the classroom.

### **QUICK AND EASY ACCESS TO GRADES, MENUS & MORE**

Quick access to everything school-related including calendars, directions to events, important documents, menus, grade systems, sports scores, school resources and more!

#### **@** EASY SCHOOL CONTACT

One click to call, email and submit important forms directly to us. Subscribe to receive important notifications from groups that are important to you.

### **EASY TEACHER CONTACT**

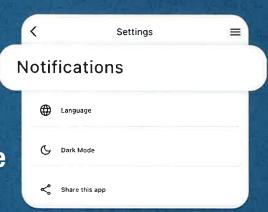
One click to call, email and visit teacher websites and class resources. Subscribe to receive important notifications from teachers.

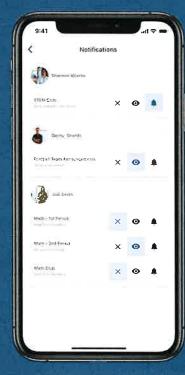


# How To Opt-in for Teacher Notifications



Open your personal settings and navigate to the Notifications feature





# **Turn on Notifications**

- 1. Find your teacher by scrolling down the list.
  \*If you don't see your teacher, they haven't set up any feeds yet. Once they do, they will appear here.
- 2. Select your class
- 3. Choose between three notification options:
- Hide from newsfeed
- Show on newsfeed
- · Show and get push notifications



Never miss an important message from your teacher again.

# STHS BAND

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to know how to play an instrument or read music to join?

NO, most students who join beginning band do not know how to play an instrument and have little to no musical experience. We will teach you!

Can I participate in sports or YES!! Students in band also other activities.

Softball, soccer, cheerleading, activities.

Other activities.

# Do I have to pay for my instrument?

In most cases you will have to purchase or rent an instrument to be in band. We work closely with the local music stores to make sure rental prices are affordable for everyone. We will do everything possible to accommodate every student that wishes to be in the band. If you have financial concerns please contact Mrs. Gambino

# Will my friends be

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There are many
students in band at
SJHS. Chances are you
will have several friends
in band and make tons
of new ones!

Do I get to pick my instrument? YES! We will do mouthpiece testing the first week of school to help determine the best instrument choice for your success!

## Are instruments hard to play?

NO, but like most things, it does take hard work and practice to be good. EVERYONE can learn to play an instrument.

### How Do I Join?

Fill out the Sign up form that was sent home with this flyer and return to school by March 30th!

# I have more questions, who

Rebecca Gambino is the band director, email her at rebecca.gambino@lpsb.org



#### Hello Parents!

I hope that all of you and your families have had a wonderful school year! I am so excited that your child is coming to Southside Jr. High next year. Signing up for band is such a great opportunity for your child to learn how to learn many new skills. They will learn how to read music, work as a team, and of course play their new instrument! Learning how to play an instrument can be so beneficial. It can increase self-esteem, relieve stress, teach discipline, and even make you smarter! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:rebecca.gambino@lpsb.org">rebecca.gambino@lpsb.org</a>.

See you next year! Mrs. Gambino

### SJHS Band Sign Up Form

Please fill out the following form. This will ensure that your child will have Band on their schedule for the 2024-2025 school year. We will be choosing instruments within the first few weeks of school in the fall. **PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE ANY INSTRUMENTS AT THIS TIME**. We will have an instrument rental night in August.

Student Name:	
Elementary School:	
Parent Name:	
Parent Email Address:	
Parent Phone Number:	
Have you ever played an instrument before?	
Instrument choices for Beginning Band: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone,	Trumpet, Trombone
List your instrument choice in order of 1st choice, 2nd choice and 3rd	
List your instrument choice in order of 1st choice, 2nd choice and 3rd	

Please turn this form into your school's front office by March 30th!

### LHSAA MEDICAL HISTORY EVALUATION

IMPORTANT: This form must be completed <u>annually</u>, kept on file with the school, & is subject to Inspection by the Rules Compliance Team.

Please Print

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### SJHS Cross Country 2024-2025 Information Sheet

What is Cross Country? A team sport where runners race one to two miles over grass (not on a track). Junior High races are usually two miles while high schoolers race three miles.

Do you need any running experience to try running cross country? Nope! Few elementary schools have track or cross country, so most kids' first running experience will be in junior high.

When/where are races or meets? Most of the races will be on Saturday mornings at city or state parks around the Baton Rouge metro area. There may be one or two meets on a weekday here in Denham Springs but all other races will be on Saturday mornings. There will likely be 5-6 meets. The season runs from August to the end of October. We may occasionally have optional practices on Saturday mornings in late July/early August. You will be notified of this through the school app, see below. You must have an up-to-date physical to participate in any practices, including summer.

Where do we practice? We will practice at both Southside Junior High and South Park on Vincent Road, after school until 4pm, or before school as needed due to extreme heat.

What equipment will my child need? The good news is you will not have to buy much equipment! All your child needs is a comfortable pair of sneakers to run in and shorts/t-shirts for practice. SJHS will provide uniforms to race in for the duration of the season. The uniforms will be returned to the school after the season.

**Is there a fee?** Yes, there is a \$25 fee. This includes a t-shirt for students to keep. Students will be able to wear them to school on meet days with their regular uniform bottoms. This fee also helps pay for our entrance costs to compete in meets/races and other team equipment costs.

Parents/families may also choose to purchase a cross country t-shirt for \$12. We will set that up as an additional payment online. There will be an additional \$2.5 surcharge for 2xl + sizes.

If you have any additional questions about running cross country, you can email me at @brooke.swain@lpsb.org.

Download Southside Junior High School APP (QR CODE Below)-

- 1. Click the three bars in the top right hand corner
- 2. Scroll down to settings and click on My Alerts
- 3. Click on the Personal and scroll down Find my name, Brooke Swain (may also be in directory under PE/Health
- 4. Click on the slide option next to the eye and add Cross Country

Use QR code to download the school app

- Football tryouts for all new students (6th, 7th, and 8th graders) will occur during the first two weeks of school. You will need a current up-to-date physical in order to tryout. Listen for announcements next August for the exact dates of tryouts.
- There is a \$100 football fee. The player will be equipped with a helmet, mouthpiece, shoulder pads, girdle, knee pads, practice pants and jersey. All equipment, minus the mouthpiece, will need to be returned at the end of the season. The player will be required to purchase his own cleats. If you own your own WHITE helmet and would like to use it instead of the issued one (Schutt Vengeance Pro) then you may do so.
- Please join the school app and join my Football Group for updates on practice/game times. ALL FOOTBALL ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE THROUGH THE APP.

Download School APP

- 1. Click the three bars in the top right hand corner
- 2. Scroll down to Directory PE/Health and click Josh Neal
- 3. Click on the bell icon next to Football
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email.
  - o josh.neal@lpsb.org

### SJHS Swim Team 2024 - 2025 Information Sheet

Southside Jr High's swim program enters its 8th year in the fall of 2024. In 2018, SJH won the Middle School Division 3 Parish Champs.

**The Swim Team Goal** is to teach all 4 strokes and build healthy lifestyle choices. No experiences needed, you just need to be able to swim 1 lap and float on your back. We will teach the rest.

**Sportsmanship is Key!** Swimmers are expected to respect their teammates, coaches, competing swimmers and officials.

**Daily Swim Gear.** Swimmers are expected to have their swimsuit, goggles, fins, towels and water at practice.

Practice Schedule. 2:40 - 3:35pm at Greystone Days to Be Determined.

Swim Team Fee - \$90 - Shirt and Swim Cap Included



**Summer Swim Opportunities** 

- Scan and Fill out if interested.

It's a Great Day to be a Buccaneer!

If you have any other questions about swimming, you can email me at margot.may@lpsb.org