

## Freshmen

Good evening students and parents of the Class of 2023 and welcome to South-Doyle high School!

This is Tim Berry, Executive Principal of South-Doyle High School with an important message. We hope everyone had a great summer break and an opportunity to rest and have a little fun! This will be a lengthy message, so please refer to the South-Doyle Website for a hard copy of this message and more details.

As we prepare for the start of school next week, we would like to outline the schedule for Freshmen.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** – Student schedules will be available online via the Aspen Portal. Please review your schedule and make sure it is correct. As a reminder, no AP courses will be dropped for schedule change requests, unless the course was not requested and no signature was secured at sign-ups. If you need help logging into the portal or updating your phone numbers, home address or email addresses, please contact the front office during regular business hours at 577-4475. This will ensure you are receiving all of the important information.

**August 1st** - Freshmen Orientation will take place starting at 8:30 AM and will continue until noon. School buses will run for our freshmen and we will have a morning packed with activities to acclimate them to their new campus, classrooms, teachers, and high school life. Parents who drive their students to school may drop them off on the main campus starting at 8:00 AM. Our school officers and faculty will assist you getting them to the right location. Our upperclassman do not arrive until the afternoon, so we will have the entire morning to invest in your freshmen student, where we hope they will gain confidence in their new school before the first day of school. More details will be outlined on the South-Doyle Website next week.

Finally, Device Deployment for your student laptops will be on Friday, **August 2nd** and will offer four different time slots. The first two sessions will be advanced reservations and will begin at 3:30 and 4:30. There will be additional open door sessions at 5:30, and 6:15. Advance sign-ups on our web-site guarantee a spot and no one will be allowed to enter a session once it has begun. Because of our enrollment numbers and past unpaid damages to devices, the first 900 students will receive Macbook Pro laptops and the remaining students will receive Google Chromebooks. Upperclassman will have first shot at MacBooks at the first night of their deployment on Thursday evening, and then freshmen will be eligible on Friday afternoon. The process begins with a brief meeting with the principal to discuss expectations and important information (30 min), then rotations through stations to complete the necessary paperwork and security setups. A parent or legal guardian and student, must be present to receive a device. Please see the school website for more details concerning advanced reservations, payment plans and multiple children enrolled across grade levels.

The first day of classes will begin on Monday, **August 5<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a very important half day of school. Buses will run and attendance will be taken. This will be an important day to work out all schedule changes and familiarize themselves with their teachers and class locations before the first full day on August 6<sup>th</sup>. All students will be expected to report to class prepared, on time and ready for instruction.

If you have questions about dress code, discipline rules, drop off, and other expectations, please see the modified student handbook on the school website for more details.

We look forward to an outstanding four years and a positive, supportive relationship with you at South-Doyle High School!