

Dear Shadowbriar Students, Parents and Guardians,

I am very excited to **welcome** you and your family to the 2017-18 school year. Our theme for the new school year is *"Excellence Through Equity."* This is going to be an amazing school year, and I am looking forward to working with each of you to create a positive school environment with high expectations for all students.

This year's theme speaks to our commitment to developing the whole child with the enhancement of our school academic programming through our STEAM Magnet program and Leader In Me. Our team is committed to learning with excellence, no excuses! All decisions made will be in the best interest of learning, equity in student achievement and safety. We will work tirelessly to ensure that our children are prepared for the next grade-level, middle school, high school, college, careers and beyond.

Collectively as a team-we will prepare our children to become productive citizens and global graduates. With your dedication and commitment to active engagement-We WILL positively impact the lives of our students. You are our partners and together we will lead our students into a world of infinite possibilities through education.

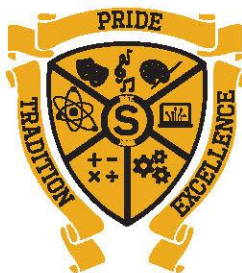
As a Professional Learning Community, our team will:

- Create a classroom environment, culture and climate that supports and develops ALL Learners.
- Use data to inform planning and instructional decisions.
- Engage ALL students with literacy in every academic area.
- Provide equity for ALL learners through relationships and differentiation.
- Actively engage our parents and community members.

Welcome back again Shadowbriar families, and we look forward to partnering with each of you to ensure your students' academic success. Have a great week.

Bulldogs Rising-Bulldog Strong!

Mark Samuel
Principal



School Updates for the 2017-18 School Year

Dress Code Update

Shorts, slacks, pants, skorts, skirts and dresses:

Bottoms should be Khaki, blue or black. If falling around hips, students must wear a belt. Skirts, dresses and skorts must be at least fingertip length. Jeans with Shadowbriar Bulldog spirit t-shirts or Shadowbriar club shirts can be worn on Friday. Jeans must be one solid blue color without holes.

Earrings and hair:

Children wearing earrings are allowed stud earrings only but nose piercings are not allowed. Hair color must be of natural tones, rainbow colors are not allowed. No distracting hair color.

Shoes and socks:

Closed-toed flat shoes with short socks should be worn every day. Tights can be worn but must be a solid color. Shoes must have a non-slip sole (no Crocs). Shoes or boots with heels or wheels are not allowed.

Shirts:

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN **NAVY/DARK BLUE** polo/shirt with collar

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE **RED** polo/shirt with collar

THIRD GRADE **YELLOW/GOLD** polo/shirt with collar

FOURTH GRADE **DARK GREEN/HUNTER** polo/shirt with collar

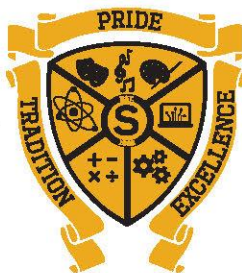
FIFTH GRADE **WHITE** polo/shirt with collar

Students may purchase Shadowbriar bulldog spirit t-shirts for \$10. Shadowbriar spirit t-shirts may be worn any day of the week. Jackets must be a solid color.

We are a community focused on learning. Any piece of clothing, shoes, accessories, makeup or hair design that is observed to distract/detract from that focus can be a violation of school dress code and may be addressed by administration.

School Hours

8:00 am – 3:20 pm Students will be allowed to enter the building at 7:30 am. Students need to arrive to school before 8:00 am and students arriving after 8:00 am will be counted tardy. Breakfast will end each morning at 8:10 am. Students will not be released after 2:45 pm in an effort to support student learning and maintain a smooth dismissal. Do not drop your students off before 7:30 am. This is a safety concern as our doors do not open until 7:30 am each morning. Students must be picked up each day by 3:40 pm.



Important Information and Updates

---Every Shadowbriar student will receive a *Wednesday folder*, which will go home each Wednesday with important information from the teacher to the parents such as student behavior and academics. This is a great resource that supports communication between students, parents and the teacher.

---On the first Wednesday of every month a school-wide communication entitled the *Bulldog News* goes out to every parent in addition to a grade-level newsletter. These two items will be included in the Wednesday folder the first Wednesday of every month and provides parents/guardians with additional information at the school-level and for the specific grade-level. The first editions of these two communications will go out Wednesday, September 6th.

---Parent and Student Handbooks will be sent home the first week of school. This will provide parents/guardians with important information regarding our school and policies.

---Each student in grades 3-5 will receive a Leader In Me agenda that will assist them with organizing their school day and making good choices.

---Each teacher will provide parents with a Year-At-A-Glance document that outlines big academic goals for the campus and the content to be covered in each academic area. The teachers also outline other helpful information for parents/guardians in this document as well.

---Parents can eat lunch with their child **ONLY** on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week beginning Tuesday, September 19, 2017.