

SCCPSS Call Out on August 28, 2019

Hello Parents,

Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools continues to expand our security protocols and enhance safety initiatives across the district. In our work to continuously strengthen security, new screening procedures will be implemented for entry into district athletic events.

The new security protocols are being put in place for the benefit of our students, staff and all attendees, and to keep pace with evolving best practices at public gatherings around the country.

The new protocols mean screening areas will be set up outside stadium gates. Bags will be searched and those entering will be screened using metal detectors. If necessary, additional screening may be conducted. Clear bags will also be required at athletic events. Each person is allowed one (1) clear plastic bag and one (1) small clutch. Size requirements and exceptions will be posted to the District's website.

Our expanded security protocols will begin this weekend at certain games and will eventually be included at all District athletic events. We appreciate your cooperation and continued support in our work to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time at district athletic events.

For more information – including a list of items prohibited at SCCPSS athletic events and examples of the types of bags allowed into events – please visit our website: SCCPSS.com.

We thank you for your support of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools.

SCCPSS Call Out on August 27, 2019

Good afternoon parents, this is a reminder that PowerSchool Parent Access is now available to assist you in keeping up with your student's class assignments, grades, attendance and discipline.

If you haven't yet set up an account for Parent Access, simply let your school know you are interested in accessing your child's information online. Once you are properly identified, your student's access ID and password will be provided. If you have more than one child, each will have a separate access ID and you will need to link each student to your Parent Access account using the access ID. You can download the smartphone app or access the PowerSchool Parent Portal from the Family and Students page on www.SCCPSS.com under Student/Parent tools. It's a great way to become involved in your child's education!

As a reminder, Parent Access is not fully available until after the tenth day of each school year and will close five days before the end of the school year. During these windows, current schedules, grades, and attendance are not available for view.

Thank you for your support of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools!

Blast for week of August 26-30, 2019

Good evening, Ellis families!

This week, we begin our school-wide grace and courtesy emphasis on KINDNESS. In a world where we teach our children that they can be anything, let's, most importantly, teach them to be kind.

Girls on the Run for our 3rd-5th grade students will begin meeting this week at Ellis. Meetings will be every Tuesday and Friday from 3-4:30pm.

The Band Family Meeting will be this Tuesday at 6pm in the multi-purpose room. If you can, please sign up to bring a food or beverage at the link in your email (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EA9AC2EAAFC1-band2>)

Friday, August 30th, will be our first Donation Dress Down Day of the school year. This month, all funds raised will be supporting the Ellis S.T.E.A.M program. If your student wishes to dress out of uniform, please make sure they bring at least \$1 to donate.

Please be aware that there is no school on Monday, September 2nd, for the Labor Day holiday.

As always, check the district (sccps.com) and Ellis websites (ellis.sccps.com) for the latest information.

Have a great week, Bobcats!

Notification August 23, 2019

Today GMAS scores for 4th - 8th graders are going home in bookbags.

Blast for week of August 19-23, 2019

Good evening, Ellis families!

This week, we continue our school-wide grace and courtesy focus on RESPONSIBILITY.

Students in kindergarten through 8th grade need a set of inexpensive headphones or earbuds to use with technology in their classrooms and on Explorations days. Plan to keep these items at school for the remainder of the school year.

For all 7th grade parents/guardians: there are two informational meetings scheduled on Monday, August 19th, at 7am and 6pm about the 1:1 device initiative. Please plan to attend ONE of the meetings with your student. If you have questions, email Ms. Lisa

(lisa.odonnell@sccpss.com). Parents of 6th grade students may also attend if you wish to purchase insurance this year for your student's device.

Fall picture day is Tuesday, August 20th. This is a free, dress down day so please ensure that your child follows the District Non-Uniform Dress Code Guidelines. These guidelines can be found on page 39 of the SCCPSS Student Code of Conduct (<https://spwww.sccpss.com/District%20Public%20Forms/Student%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>).

Erdkinder (7th/8th Grade) Chorus will be meeting every Tuesday at 7am in room 14 starting this Tuesday, August 20th. Upper El (4th/5th/6th Grade) Chorus will be meeting every Wednesday at 7am in room 14 starting this Wednesday, August 21st.

Please support our Ellis family by joining the PTA! All are welcome at the first meeting on August 22 at 6:30 pm in the MPR. Prowl food truck will arrive at 6 pm and will donate 7% of sales back to the PTA. For more information or to join, visit <https://www.ellismontessoripta.org>.

The PTA is hosting a Parent Advocacy Workshop to talk about IEPs and 504s on Saturday, August 24th, from 9-11am. Please email Kelly Pack (kelly.ellispta@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

That is all for now. Visit the Ellis website for the latest information.

Have a good week, Bobcats! See you tomorrow.

[Blast for week of August 12-16, 2019](#)

Good evening, Ellis families!

This week, our school-wide grace and courtesy emphasis is on RESPONSIBILITY. I can work on being a responsible person by holding myself accountable for what I say and do.

Attention parents of 5th graders. You should have received a letter from the Band Director, Mr. Tyler concerning the start of 5th grade band. All interested families should plan to be at Ellis this Friday night at 6pm to learn about securing an instrument for your child. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Tyler.

Parents, we have several SCCPSS/Ellis policy reminders for you:

1. The dress code is as follows: Navy or white tops; navy or khaki bottom; navy, grey, or white jackets/sweaters with zippers or buttons. No hoodies are allowed.

2. Backpacks must be clear or mesh.

3. No student will be allowed to be dismissed early from school after 2pm. Also, if you are visiting your child at school for any reason you must present a picture ID (Driver's License), to the office staff upon arrival at the school.

4. If your child is a car rider at dismissal, please help us speed up the process by placing a sign in your front passenger window with your child's first and last name clearly printed on it. A big thank you to those who have already thought to do this.

Finally, in compliance with the requirements of Every Student Succeeds Act, SCCPSS would like to inform you that you may request information about the qualifications of your student's teacher(s) and/or paraprofessional(s). Visit the Ellis website (ellis.sccpss.com) for more information.

As always, visit the Ellis website regularly for the latest information and announcements.

Have a great week, Bobcats!

[SCCPSS Call Out on August 8, 2019](#)

Good evening parents – We are mid-way through the first week of school and we want to remind families who utilize SCCPSS transportation services that routes should be checked regularly during the first few weeks of school for adjusted times.

Transportation works diligently to adjust routes as new students register at the beginning of the school year. Updated route times are posted to our website and available for review each week on Wednesday evening. Simply go to the Family and Students page on SCCPSS.com and click on “School Bus Schedules” under resources.

Please be aware that if you have registered a new student and requested transportation, it can take 3-5 days to set up a route for your student. Call our Transportation Customer Service Line at 912-395-5591 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools and helping to make the 2019-20 School Year great!

[Blast for week of August 5-9, 2019](#)

Good evening, Ellis families!

We are excited to see you all and are looking forward to a great first week of school at Charles Ellis Montessori Academy.

Just a reminder for walkers and car riders...school drop off begins at 7:25am and school starts promptly at 7:50am.

For parents of car riders, please enter E. 49th from Reynolds St. and drop off your child in front of the school. This will help keep all our children safe and will aid the flow of traffic around our campus.

If you have not already filled out the online student verification form for your RETURNING student(s), the deadline for doing so is August 9th. Information about this process is on the homepage of the Ellis website (ellis.sccps.com). If you do not remember your PowerSchool password or need assistance, call our information specialist, Ms. Jade, at (912) 395-5470 Ext. 71241.

As always, please check the district website (sccps.com) and the Ellis website regularly for the latest news, resources, and information.

Have a great first week of school, Bobcats! See you tomorrow!