

STONE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Hello Stone Valley Families,

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Welcome to the 2025-26 School Year!

We are excited to welcome our students and work together with them and their families for another outstanding school year. Along with academics, SVMS values relationships, meaningful connections, and memorable experiences. In middle school, students should feel comfortable making mistakes as they learn how to problem solve and develop essential soft skills that will benefit them in their continued education and beyond. We will continue to focus on the importance of **community** at Stone Valley, as this is foundational in so much of what we do as a school.

Please take some time to go through the information below, as it will undoubtedly answer many questions you may have right now.

Annual Update and SVMS Registration - Opens 7/30/25

Every year, parents need to go through the [Parent Portal](#) to ensure that all information is correct, including contact information and emergency contacts. In addition, please complete the annual release acknowledgement and permission requirements.

Once you log into your account, click on the “more” button, and you should see the Annual Update option. Here are a couple of links to help you out if needed:

- [Link to Annual Update Information](#)
- [Annual Update FAQ link](#)

An additional Stone Valley-specific step includes our online registration process. Don't forget to take advantage of the chance to buy PE clothes and yearbooks, join our PTA, and make direct contributions to our Stone Valley Education Fund and Stone Valley programs. **Thanks to the generous donations from our parent community, we were able to fully fund 12 additional class sections this year.** We were also able to show our appreciation to our amazing staff, ensure that we have the resources necessary to offer a top-notch educational experience for our students, and provide significantly more personalized support due to smaller class sizes. [Link to Stone Valley Online Registration.](#)

WEB Day

Incoming 6th grade students are invited to join us for our WEB Day on Thursday, August 7th, from 8:00-12:00 pm (more information to come). With genuine enthusiasm and open arms, our dedicated WEB leaders greet students, creating an atmosphere filled with warmth and encouragement. Their mission is to ensure that every student steps into the school on the first day feeling confident and optimistic, ready to embrace the exciting journey ahead. New 7th/8th grade students are invited to their own WEB Day on Friday, August 8th, from 9:30-11:00.

Devices and Supplies

The school district will continue with our 1:1 Chromebook/device program. Students new to the district will receive a district-issued Chromebook at the beginning of the school year. They are expected to bring their devices to and from school daily to access online materials. Last semester, we introduced a **Responsible Use Plan (RUP)** for student Chromebooks. This plan is designed to help students develop responsible digital habits, ensure online safety, and minimize distractions during the school day. The development of this plan was informed by input from both students and staff and will be an extension of SRVUSD's [Middle School Responsible Use Agreement](#) that is part of the Annual Update. Please follow this link for the [SVMS Student Chromebook Responsible Use Policy](#) to review the policy. We encourage you to discuss these expectations with your child and support them in developing responsible technology habits.

Student Course Schedules

Student schedules are still being worked on. Districtwide, student class schedules will be released on 8/11 at 4pm. We have worked diligently to ensure that students are placed in their requested classes. Sometimes there are mistakes, and once schedules are released, please be patient as we work to fix any issues. We aim for 100% accuracy, but also know that unforeseeable issues might arise in the scheduling process. There will be a schedule change request form that students can access from the front office should there be an issue with their schedule. Please note that students with a missing course or a duplicated course will receive prioritized support.

Bell Schedules and Calendar

Here is the link to our [bell schedule](#). Please note that SVMS begins late on Wednesdays as the morning is staff collaboration time.

Here is a link to the [district's 2025-26 instructional calendar](#). Please also keep an eye on our school website, as new Stone Valley-specific events/activities are added to our school calendar throughout the year.

You will notice that we have two "Access" periods scheduled during each week. This time is incredibly beneficial for our staff to address both academic and social/emotional learning needs of our students. We will continue to utilize Responsive Scheduling, which **requires** students to sign up (or be pulled in) for the areas in which they need specific support on essential learning skills.

PTA Information

I'd like to take a moment to introduce you to the **Stone Valley PTA** and let you know about the work PTA does to support our students, staff, and families.

PTA's primary goal is to build community. Some current and former PTA initiatives include:

- Purchasing lunchtime activities and equipment for our students, including a new ping pong table and foosball table, as well as portable speakers
- Sponsoring student assemblies and parent education events
- Supporting community events like Warriors Game Family Night and Open House Family Fun Night
- Funding teacher grants, including purchasing classroom sets of headphones and items to make the counselors' office an inviting and relaxing space
- Spearheading inclusivity and DEI activities
- Supporting Riverview Middle School, our sister school in Bay Point
- Hosting staff appreciation events, including the holiday bake and luncheons

I encourage you to support PTA's 2025-2026 initiatives by purchasing a \$26 membership during online registration. Your membership dues, along with optional (and very much appreciated!) donations, will help PTA continue its important work. Being a PTA member is also the only way to get access to the Stone Valley **online directory**. Please [check out this infographic](#) that shows all of the ways your donations support our PTA and its endeavors.

Whether you're a PTA member or not, don't forget to sign up for the weekly ROAR email newsletter. This is the best source of information for what's going on at Stone Valley, and it's put together by PTA as a service to our community. Receiving the ROAR isn't automatic, so make sure you [sign up here](#). If you were receiving the ROAR last year, you do not need to sign up again this year.

Also, mark your calendar for the **annual PTA Coffee with the Principal** on 9/17 at 9am in the Stone Valley library.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, August 7th: 8 am-12 pm: WEB DAY for incoming 6th graders

Friday, August 8th: 9:30am - 11am: WEB day for new 7th and 8th grade Stone Valley students

Monday, August 11th: No School/Staff Development Day; 12:30pm-2:30pm Chromebook distribution (**6th grade ONLY**). See separate email to 6th grade families with specific information on this.

Tuesday, August 12th: No School/Staff Development Day

Wednesday, August 13th: First Day Of School - Minimum Day 8:15 - 11:45

Thursday, August 14th: Periods 1-7 (Mon/Tues Schedule) 8:15 - 2:45

Friday, August 15th: Periods 1-7 & Access schedule

Thursday, August 21st: Back To School Night at 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Tuesday, September 9th: Picture Day during PE classes ([Order pictures here](#))

Wednesday, September 17th: PTA Coffee with the Principal 9:30-11:00

Thursday, October 21st: Make-up / Retake Picture Day

It's going to be a great year, Stone Valley. I can feel it!

Justin White, Principal