

August 8, 2022



Dear Sunset Hills Families,

We are excited to welcome our students on the first day of school. The following information should answer many of your questions regarding the beginning of the school year. Our office and custodial staff have been very busy getting ready for the new school year, while welcoming some new staff to the Sunset Hills family. Teachers have been in and out all summer, creating a warm learning environment to greet your child with on opening day!

Please visit our [school website](#) to learn more about our campus and for upcoming information. As you begin to prepare for school, here are a few pieces of information I hope you find helpful. We look forward to seeing you on the first day of school!

With Seagull Smiles,
Jessica Pineda

#SeagullsSoarTogether

1st Day of School: August 17, 2022

The playground opens with supervision at 8:35 AM. There will be no adult supervision prior to 8:35 AM. As a reminder, the first day of school is a very busy day in our parking lot. Please plan for some extra time to either walk with your children to school, or find parking on the street. The first bell rings at 8:50 AM. You may walk with your child to the playground and to class on the first day of school.

Children will line up behind their room numbers located on the playground. Please join me for our first Principal's Coffee Talk in the Reading Garden at 9:00 AM on the first day of school. I look forward to meeting with parents for an informal talk while the teachers are getting our students off to a great start to the new school year. Coffee will be served, thanks to the generous donation of the PTA.

BELL SCHEDULES:

Grades 1-5 Schedule:

M, T, W, F: 8:50 am – 3:15 pm

Thursday (Time Banking Day): 8:50 am – 1:35 pm

TK Schedule: 8:50 am – 1:05 pm

Kindergarten Schedule: 8:50 am – 3:15 pm (Beginning September 26, 2022)

Kindergarten Transition Days: 8:50 am – 12:45 pm (August 17 - September 23, full day start September 26, 2022)

Playground After School:

Since there is no playground supervision after school dismissal for students, children are expected to go home immediately after dismissal unless they attend ESS.

Classroom Assignments:

Parents/Guardians will be able to access classroom assignments beginning August 16th at 12:01 AM. by visiting <https://MyPlan.powayusd.com>. Log in with your parent PUSD login, click on the Canvas icon, and you will see a tile for each class your student(s) are enrolled in. If you do not know or have forgotten your PUSD login information, please visit <https://password.powayusd.com>.

Student and Family Handbook:

This handbook has detailed information about our school, to include bell schedules, Back to School Night information, School policy and procedures and more! Please take time to discuss the contents of the Student/Family handbook, linked [here](#), with your child/ren.

Before School Supervision:

The playground will be open to students in the morning beginning at 8:35 AM. No supervision will be provided before 8:35 AM so students should not arrive at school before this time. Once students arrive, they may not leave unless a parent or other authorized person comes to the office to sign them out. To ensure the safety of our children, you will be required to show identification when you pick up your child.

School Breakfast/ Lunch:

PUSD provides breakfast and lunch to all students free of charge pursuant to the California Universal Meals Program. Free meals are available to all families, regardless of their free or reduced-price meal eligibility status. Breakfast service will begin at 8:25 AM and end at 8:45 AM. Students will report directly to the playground after eating breakfast. Students not eating breakfast need to arrive when the playground opens at 8:35 AM.

Meal program details are provided on the Food and Nutrition Department website at <https://powayusdnutrition.com/>. Families are still encouraged to submit a school meal application for free and reduced-priced meal benefits because this information may be used for other programs such as Federal and State funding for your school, reduced registration fees for academic tests, free or discounted fees for bus passes, ESS childcare, and athletic programs, discounted rates for internet service and many more! The application can be found online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>. Applications must be submitted on an annual basis.

Medication at School:

If your child requires medication at school, the “Authorization for Medication Administration” form must be completed and signed by a CA physician and parents. The form can be located per the link below. All medication must be provided in the original container along with the completed medical form by an adult to the school site on or after the first day of school. This form is required for all prescription and over the counter medications including but not limited to supplements, cough drops, inhalers, pain medications, etc. If your child needs to self-carry a medication, please contact the school site health technician for guidance.

[Authorization for Medication Administration](#)

[Authorization to Self-Carry Medication](#)

For children with allergies, please provide the Life-Threatening Allergy form signed by a CA physician and parents along with an epipen to the health office by the first day of school.

[Life Threatening Allergy Plan](#)

For additional information on student medication and medication administration, please visit the PUSD Health Services [webpage](#).

School Supplies:

Click [here](#) to view the TK-5 school supply list which is voluntary. All donations are appreciated.

Student Devices:

Students in grades 3 to 5 will need to bring a fully charged, PUSD issued chromebook each day. Chromebooks will travel back and forth each day. Third graders and students who are new to PUSD will receive their device when they arrive at school.

Bicycle Riding:

Only students in grades 3, 4, and 5 may ride a bicycle to school. Children must wear a helmet, provide a lock for the bicycle, and follow safety rules/laws. A permission form, obtained from the

office, must be completed and on file with the office for students who wish to ride their bikes to school. Bikes must be walked once on school grounds. No rollerblades, scooters of any kind or skateboards are allowed on campus.

Parking Lot Drop Off & Pick Up:

When dropping off and picking up students in the parking circle please drive all the way to the end of the designated unloading zone. Do not let your child out of the car until you are stopped at the edge of the curb. Never leave your car unattended in the loading zone. If you need to enter the school campus for any reason, please park your car in a designated space in the lot or on the street. For more detailed information regarding Drop off and Pick up, please click [here](#) and refer to the Student/Family Handbook linked above.

Extended Student Services (ESS):

Sunset Hills provides an ESS program, which is a fee-based before and after school childcare program.

A student's enrollment at an elementary school does not guarantee them ESS enrollment. All students wishing to participate in ESS **must** be registered through the PUSD ESS department. Please access the [Sunset Hills ESS website](#) for enrollment instructions and fees.

Back to School Night:

TK and Kindergarten Back to School Night will be held on August 16th.

-4:00-4:20 - Begin in classrooms

-4:20-4:30 - Students dismiss to the playground (supervision provided)

-4:30-5:00 - Teachers give classroom presentation to parents

1st to 5th Grade Back to School Night will be held on August 25th.

-This is a time when teachers will explain their programs and expectations. This is an **adult only** event.

5:00-5:45 Grades 1-3

5:50-6:20 PTA/Foundation

6:30-7:15 Grades 4-5

Stay Connected:

In an effort to reduce costs and to reduce our school's carbon footprint, we have moved away

from paper flyers as much as possible. As a result, there are several different ways to receive information from our school. Online flyers: peachjar.com/index.php?a=28&b=138®ion=52519

- Check your email inbox for the Weekly Seagull Update Message from Principal Pineda
- Follow us on Twitter: @SunsetHillsES
- Follow us on Instagram: @sunsethills74
- Visit our Website @ <https://www.powayusd.com/en-US/Schools/ES/SHES/Home>
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/pusdshes

Principal Coffee Chats:

Principal Coffee Chats gives our parents an opportunity to hear about and discuss various school topics, in an open forum with our principal. The first one is August 17th at 9:00 AM in the reading garden. I will also hold a virtual PM meeting at 6:30 PM. The same agenda items will be covered at the PM Coffee Chat. These meetings will occur monthly and follow the same format. We will hold a 9:00 AM session, in person at the school. We will also hold a 6:30 PM virtual session to accommodate families who were unable to attend in person.

PTA/FOUNDATION:

Our PTA and Educational Foundation are two very important organizations at Sunset Hills. They support many activities and programs that directly impact student learning and our positive school environment. I urge you to join me in becoming a member. Your participation in one of these two organizations will allow you to support our school in a way that best fits your lifestyle. Many parents want to help in classrooms. Many want to help with special events. Others want to contribute financially to enhance programs for our children. Look for additional information from our PTA and Educational Foundation on the school website or in the first day packet of information that your child will bring home. Thank you in advance to those of you who become a part of these outstanding organizations. Your support is truly appreciated!

Calendars:

-Click [here](#) to view a calendar of Sunset Hill events/important dates.

-Click [here](#) to view the PUSD calendar site.

Important Dates in August: (please check our [school website](#) for more information).

Aug 11: PTA Reflections begin ([Reflections Theme](#) and [Reflections Form](#))

Aug 16: Class placement available to view in Synergy ParentVue

Aug 16: TK and K Back-To-School-Night (parents/guardians and students)

-4:00-4:20 - Begin in classrooms

-4:20-4:30 - Students dismiss to the playground (supervision provided)

-4:30-5:00 - Teachers give classroom presentation to parents

Aug 16: New to Sunset Hills Students/Family Tours (5:20 PM - parents/guardians and students)

Aug 17: 1st Day of School (Minimum Day - dismissal at 12:55 PM)

Aug 17: Principal Coffee Chat (9:00 AM in the Reading Garden)

Aug 17: Virtual Principal Coffee Chat (6:00 PM - I will cover the same agenda as the 9:00 AM Coffee Chat.)

-Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/join>

-Meeting ID: 916 6204 1203

-Password: 952915

Aug 17: Blue Envelope Campaign Begins ([click here for more info](#))

Aug 17: Ice Cream Social (12:55 PM - parents welcome to join us on the blacktop)

Aug 22: PTA Meeting (7:00 PM - virtual)

-Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/join>

-Meeting ID: 946 892 1079

-Password: shesPTA

Aug 25: Grades 1-5 Back to School Night (parents only)

-5:00-5:45 Grades 1-3

-5:50-6:20 PTA/Foundation Information

-6:30-7:15 Grades 4-5

Aug 26: X-ploration Day (Students have P.E., please be sure your child dresses in comfortable clothes and shoes).

Aug 29: Foundation Meeting (7:00 PM - virtual)

-Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2385571234?pwd=T0R3OW5lbVNmU0FQZnoxagJrUis4Zz09>

-Meeting ID: 238 557 1234

-Password: SHEF2223