

Good Morning!

This email contains a LOT of information, so it might make sense to either print it out or save it somewhere you can reference it at a later time.

As I mentioned earlier, Mr. Bittner will be handling anything involving 9th and 10th grade while I will take 11th and 12th. He will be the “principal” on Mondays and Tuesdays while I will handle that role on Thursdays and Fridays. We will both be here on Wednesdays. You can email Mr. Bittner at bittners@santiam.org or myself at villersl@santiam.org.

We will be emphasizing three core values when we interact with your students during the school year. These are Godly Character, Christlike Leadership, and Christian Community. These topics will be covered at Pursuit as well as during the first chapels of the year. We would love it if you could have some conversations with your students around these areas as the school year progresses.

Additionally, we will be emphasizing student self-advocacy. We want students to become more fluent in actively engaging in finding solutions for problems they might encounter this year.

I have attached the bell schedules for the year and have also included a calendar showing what class periods will be on each day in order to help you plan. We have arranged all study halls during 8th period for several reasons: so that students can seek help from teachers, we can plan meetings for clubs or classes, college visits can occur then, and if students have to leave early for athletics they will miss study hall instead of an academic class. Chapel days are set up so that students will attend every class except study hall.

We will be focusing on what we are calling “reentry” at the beginning of the year. This will be our way of reacquainting students with what “regular” school should look like. As part of that reentry, please review the student handbook that is attached—especially the appearance policy. We will be paying more attention to these items (and others, such as attendance) than we did last year.

We will be returning to a closed campus for lunch, just in case anyone asks.

High school students will be parking in the west lot again, and not behind the gym. The only students allowed to park behind the gym are the seniors who have paid for those spots.

Several of you have asked about early release—please email me separately so that we can have that conversation.

You will be receiving more information about Pursuit from Laura Peterson later this week—be on the lookout for that.

Finally, we have had no applicants for the open cook position, so high school students will need to start the year by bringing their own lunch and snack for break time. Once school is underway we will offer options such as pizza or Togo's on certain days.

We are looking forward to getting to know your kids!

Dr. Lance Villers, Ed.D.

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