

STRASBURG HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome to Strasburg High School

Dear Students,

Welcome back! The faculty, staff, and administration are excited that you are here and excited about the opportunities available to you at Strasburg High School. Our goal is to ensure that when you leave our doors as graduates of SHS you will be prepared for the future, whatever your future may hold. Inside this handbook you will find information that will help you to be successful. You will find information on academics, and why it is so important to stay on top of your attendance and grades. You will find information on clubs, sports, music programs and other extra-curricular activities that you can be a part of. Be a part of something! You will find information on the responsibilities you hold as students at Strasburg High School.

Making our school great starts with you; it starts with your leadership, your character, and your willingness to be responsible for the choices you make. As high school students, you have more choice in the classes you want to take, choice in when you eat lunch, choice in what activities you choose to participate in. With that choice comes responsibility. Students at Strasburg High School are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects core principles of leadership, courage, honor, responsibility, and perseverance. Most of these traits are relatively easy to live up to. If you do something wrong, own up to it, admit your mistake. Don't make issues bigger than they need to be. If you see classmates being disrespectful to another classmate, say something to them. If you see something that doesn't reflect well on your school, let someone know. If something at school becomes difficult, don't give up...overcome whatever stands in your way.

We all look forward to working with you this year to ensure your success. Remember, do what you know is right, treat those around you like you wish to be treated, and believe in yourself. Every day, the choice to make it a great day or not is always yours. Make the choice to have outstanding days...and an outstanding year.

Mr. Saeler

We Are RAMS



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A RAM?

*The **RAM** is a symbol of strength and adventure. At Strasburg High School, that standard can be summed up in 5 characteristics. All students are expected to conduct themselves as RAMS at all times.*

LEADERSHIP: Because we want to see you excel as a Strasburg Ram, we encourage and expect you to be a productive citizen and proud individual of the Strasburg High School Community. Each student needs to participate in extracurricular activities at Strasburg High School. Rams become productive citizens through participation in clubs, sports, school musical productions, academic teams, etc. **Be a leader in something!**

PERSEVERANCE: “When the going gets tough, the tough get going.” Ever heard that saying? There will be times in your tenure as a Ram when things get difficult; believe you can defeat whatever stands in your way. **Make a plan, seek help from staff, and don’t sell yourself short: you can persevere.**

COURAGE: Be strong enough to stand up when those around you are not acting in a manner in which they should. **Be the one to stop bullying or poor behavior by your peers.** Courage is the greatest form of strength.

HONOR: Remember that your actions always represent your school, your family, and most importantly, yourself! Be honest. Be fair. **Your reputation/honor is the one thing that is always within your ability to control.** Make sure it is a reputation you are proud of.

RESPONSIBILITY: Recognize that all the decisions you make have consequences, positive or negative. Accept the responsibility to make good choices, always keeping in mind the goals you have set for your present and for your future. Strasburg High School is an important phase in life. Prepare yourself to be an upstanding member of the student body in order to best prepare yourself for the next phase in your life!

Ram Pride

School spirit is one of the most important aspects of any educational program. We urge all students to take pride in our school and to support it with true sportsmanship, spirit, and loyalty. Strasburg High School students have earned many awards for outstanding sportsmanship. This positive behavior is part of our Ram PRIDE.

ALMA MATER

In the Valley Shenandoah, stands a structure ever
more. We are blessed with God's good grace, through
hallowed halls. Hail to our school, Strasburg; Alma mater
Dear, May our Memories be full, while we linger here.

~Harold Barber

SCHOOL COLORS

PURPLE and WHITE are our official colors.

FIGHT SONG

Strasburg Rams, Strasburg Rams Win this game tonight,
Victory for Varsity! We'll fight, fight, fight, fight, fight!
Strasburg Rams, Strasburg Rams Win this game tonight
We are the best, oh yes, we're S-H-S!

MISSION STATEMENT

At Strasburg High School, our mission is to send forth empowered, responsible lifelong learners capable of adapting to an ever-changing world.

2017 – 2018 DAILY SCHEDULES

BLOCK	REGULAR BELLS	ONE HOUR DELAY	TWO HOUR DELAY	1:00 P.M. RELEASE
First Bell	8:10	9:10	10:10	8:10
Block 1	8:15 – 9:37	9:15 – 10:22	10:15 – 11:12	8:15 – 9:08
Block 2	9:41– 11:03	10:26 - 11:33	11:16 - 12:13	9:12 - 10:05
AST/Sr Lunch A Lunch B Lunch	11:07 - 11:32 11:35 - 12:00 12:03 - 12:28	11:37 - 12:02 12:05 - 12:30 12:33 - 12:58	12:17 - 12:20 (AST) 12:22 - 12:47 12:50 - 1:15	10:09 - 10:12(AST) 10:15 - 10:39 10:42 - 11:06
Block 3	12:32 - 1:54	1:02 - 2:09	1:19 – 2:18	11:10 - 12:03
Block 4	1:58 - 3:20	2:13 - 3:20	2:22 – 3:20	12:07 - 1:00

TRIPLETT TECH SCHEDULE

A.M. Classes

	REGULAR BELLS	ONE HOUR DELAY	TWO HOUR DELAY	1:00 P.M. RELEASE
Bus leaves SHS	7:50	8:50	9:50	7:50
A.M. Classes	8:30 – 11:10	9:30 – 11:30	10:30 – 12:00	8:30 – 10:00
Bus leaves TT	11:15	11:35	12:05	10:05
Bus arrives SHS	11:53	12:15	12:50	10:45
Lunch	12:03 - 12:28	12:33 - 12:58	12:50 - 1:15	10:45 – 11:06

P.M. Classes

	REGULAR BELLS	ONE HOUR DELAY	TWO HOUR DELAY	1:00 P.M. RELEASE
Lunch	11:07 - 11:32	11:37 - 12:02	12:22 - 12:47	10:15 - 10:39
Bus leaves SHS	11:53	12:25	12:50	10:40
P.M. Classes	12:30 – 2:35	1:05 – 2:35	1:25 – 2:35	11:20 – 12:15
Bus leaves TT	2:40	2:40	2:40	12:20
Bus arrives SHS	3:10	3:10	3:10	1:00

AM Triplett Tech students will return to Strasburg High School at 11:50 a.m. and eat "B" lunch (12:03-12:28).

PM Triplett Tech students will eat lunch 11:07-11:32 a.m. and depart for TT at 11:55 a.m. Students will be required to be in an assigned area during A lunch until 11:50. P.M. TT students are not allowed to leave to get lunch and then return to school to ride the TT bus.

Academic Support Time (AST)/ Senior Lunch (11:07-11:32)

AST allows for extra opportunity for teachers to communicate academic needs and remind students of responsibilities that need to be taken care of during the day with the support of teachers. AST is scheduled for 25 minutes daily. **As a senior privilege, this time has been designated “Senior Lunch Time”, when only seniors may eat lunch.**

Following second block, students will report to Academic Support Time on the following schedule:

DAY OF THE WEEK	STUDENTS REPORT TO:
Monday	1st Block Class
Tuesday	Remain in 2nd Block
Wednesday	3rd Block Class
Thursday	4th Block Class
Friday	Remain in 2nd Block

What happens in Academic Support Time?

- Attendance will be taken when the tardy bell rings. Like all other classes, Academic Support Time is mandatory. **Any student who does not report to Academic Support Time will be referred to the office for skipping class. Students who skip class are assigned In School Suspension (ISS).**
- Teachers will inform students of any missing assignments or other responsibilities they may have to fulfill before allowing students to complete work for other classes.
- Teachers will inform students if they are required to attend a tutorial session following Academic Support Time during “A” Lunch (**teacher requested tutorials are mandatory**). Students may also request tutorial time if the teacher has not required them to stay.
- Teachers will also remind students of any responsibilities they have to fulfill before being allowed to attend lunchtime activities. This may include:
 - ★ Reminding students of meetings taking place during lunch
 - ★ Reminding students of Lunch Detention obligations
 - ★ Informing students of mandatory tutorials for other teachers

A Lunch (11:35-12:00) & B Lunch (12:03-12:28)

When the lunch bell rings after Academic Support Time, students who do not have any other obligations are dismissed to lunchtime activities in one of the following assigned areas:


- **Cafeteria-** to eat and socialize

- **Old Gym-** to relax, play basketball, and/or socialize
- **Library-** to study
- **Teacher's classroom.**

Once the tardy bell rings, students may not change locations without a hall pass until the next lunch begins.

Tutorials: Tutorials, if requested by the teacher, are mandatory at SHS. First priority for tutorial scheduling follows the Academic Support Time schedule (IE: On Mondays, the student's 1st Block teacher has priority to require tutorials).

However, a teacher may require tutorials on ANY day. Students who do not attend assigned tutorials will face disciplinary consequences.



RAM ADVICE

Tutorials are designed to help you better understand material you may be struggling with. If a teacher asks you to attend tutorials, you must go. Failure to attend will result in disciplinary action.

The following table denotes the difference of expectations and responsibilities between Academic Support Time and Tutorials:

ACADEMIC SUPPORT TIME (AST)	TUTORIALS ("A" LUNCH)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● all students in grades 9-11 are required to attend ● students complete missing assignments for current classes ● students make-up missing quizzes/tests ● students complete work for other classes ● students engage in SSR – Sustained Silent Reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● mandatory for students in grades 9-12 if a teacher requests their attendance ● teacher provides targeted interventions and remediation to assist students in learning content and academic skills ● students may request tutorial time for additional academic assistance

Starting Your Day as a RAM

Arrival Procedures

There are two entrances to Strasburg High School. Students who are arriving to school in a car (driving or being dropped off) must access Ram Drive and use the student parking lot walkway to enter the front of the building. **The drive that leads to the front of the school is for buses and faculty parking only from 7:30-8:15 and 3:00-3:30. No one should be picked up or dropped off in front of the school building during these times.**

Attendance

We welcome each and every Ram every day, and we look forward to seeing you. School begins at 8:15. **Responsible** Rams will arrive by 8:10 to ensure that they are in class on-time. Attendance at school is a key to success. It is quite difficult to progress in your learning if you are not here to have the guidance of your teachers through the learning process. **If you must be absent, your parent/guardian must contact the school by phone (465-3020) or through a signed note, indicating why you were absent.** You may be absent or leave school for one of the following reasons:

1. Personal Illness
2. Medical appointment
3. Death in the immediate family
4. Summons to appear in court
5. Religious holiday

If absences become excessive, or are not reported properly, we will seek to help you solve those attendance issues with the assistance of the school's truancy officer and/or the court system.

Responsible Rams work with their teachers to come up with a plan to make up their work in a timely fashion. SCPS policy provides a minimum of one day per absence to make up missed assignments.



RAM ADVICE

Being on time to school and/or to class is important!. Four (4) or more tardies per semester to school or class will result in disciplinary actions ranging from detention to in-school suspension.

Moment of Silence

Strasburg High School begins its day with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. On days designated as dress-up days or hat days, students will remove hats during the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence.

Announcements

Critical information is provided to students and faculty during announcements. Students are expected to be attentive and remain silent during announcements.

Cafeteria

The cafeteria staff offers breakfast and lunch. Breakfast is available from 7:45 – 8:10. Lunch is served daily according to the schedule. Meals will not be served outside assigned times. Lunch may be purchased for \$2.15. Free and reduced lunch applications are distributed at the beginning of school and should be returned to the office or the cafeteria manager. Payment for lunches can be made at www.cafeprepay.com.

Lunch Delivery: SHS will not accept lunches delivered from outside

restaurants. Parents may, if they choose, bring lunches to the office for their student. Prior arrangements should be made. Announcements will not be made for students to pick up lunches. **Food and drinks will only be delivered to students during assigned lunch times (11:07-12:28).**

Cell phones/electronic devices

Personal cell phones may be used during non-instructional time (before school, after school, between classes and during lunch) or as designated by individual teachers. Students are permitted to text during non-instructional time; however, **ONCE STUDENTS ENTER THE SCHOOL BUILDING, THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED TO MAKE PHONE CALLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY** unless they have permission from a school administrator. Cell phones may be confiscated if the cell phone policy is violated.

As we continue to prepare students for careers in the 21st Century, we recognize the role of personal technology in student planning, student inquiry, access to information, enhancement of student learning, and in collaboration. The use of personal electronic devices as tools for learning continues to grow in college classrooms, and they are becoming a more integral part of many careers. Each instructor will establish clear, posted expectations for the use of electronic devices in their individual classrooms, including when it may be appropriate for students to use devices. **Be sure to use your cell phone in a responsible manner.**

Clinic

Students who become ill during the school day should request a pass to the Clinic. School personnel will be available to assist students on an as needed basis. No student may go home without parental notification.

MEDICATION

Shenandoah County Public School personnel may give prescription medication to students only with a physician's written order and signed request from the parent/guardian. **Prescription medicine MUST be taken to the nurse or other school official IMMEDIATELY upon entering building. Possession of prescription drugs in school can lead to expulsion.** Nonprescription medication may be administered to students with written permission from the parent/guardian. High School students may carry one dose of non-prescription medicine with the consent of their parent/guardian.

****Drug use, drug possession, being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol can lead to disciplinary consequences up to and including expulsion.****

Dress Regulations

Remember that your actions and decisions are a representation of yourself, your parents, and your school. Honor yourself through appropriate dress.

- Jewelry, clothing, or accessories that are inappropriate, unsafe, substantially disruptive, excessively revealing, imply vulgar language, or make reference to alcohol, an illegal substance, or contraband will not be allowed. Students violating the dress code will be required to remedy the issue.
- **Hats or other head coverings (including hoods) may not be worn in the building.** Those refusing to cooperate or who continue to violate dress regulations will be subject to disciplinary action.

Elevator

An elevator is available to students and staff who are injured or disabled. Students who need an elevator key should see the main office. It is the responsibility of the student to return the key promptly. There is a \$10.00 charge for keys that are not returned.

Field Trips

Field trips are planned by the various teachers to supplement their instructional program. Written parental permission is required for all students prior to participation in any field trip. Students should remember that they represent themselves and the student body of Strasburg High School. **All rules of conduct at school apply to all students on field trips.** Students are responsible for making up work they miss while participating on a field trip.

Food and Drink

It is the expectation that students at Strasburg High School be responsible for their actions. Should you spill food or drink in the hallway, please clean it up or immediately find a teacher who can get help from the custodian. No food is allowed in the gym during lunch time. Teachers may, at their discretion, prohibit food or drinks other than water in their classroom.

Hazing

There are to be no rights of initiation or hazing conducted by students at any time.

Hall Pass

No student should be in the hallway during class time or lunchtime without a hall pass that specifies time, classroom they are in, and their destination.

Leaving the Building

No student is to leave the school building without permission from the main office, this includes during lunch. Students who wish to leave early shall bring a note from a parent to the main office. Students who leave without permission or without properly signing out of the office will be assigned disciplinary consequences, usually including a day of in-school suspension. Parents must

enter the building, show proper ID, and sign out their child with the attendance officer. Students attending Triplett Tech are excused from school following the end of second block (unless they have been assigned a tutorial by their teacher). Once they leave the building, they may not return until the end of the day. Students returning from A.M. Triplett Tech who are drivers are required to be on time for third block.

Library/Media Center

The Library Media Center is open from 8:00 – 3:30. Books and other materials may be checked out and renewed as needed. Each student is responsible for those materials and will need to pay a replacement cost if lost or damaged.

Locker Rooms

Students taking physical education classes and athletes are assigned lockers in the locker room. Locks are assigned to each student for the safety of their belongings. Only physical education students or other students under teacher supervision are permitted in the locker rooms during the school day. **When in PE., students are encouraged to secure their belongings in their lockers. Strasburg High School will not be responsible for lost or stolen items that are not properly and securely stored.**

Lockers

Every student is issued a locker. Students are responsible for the locker assigned to them and its contents. The administration, in accordance with School Board Policy JFG, retains the right to open and search lockers. **Anything left in the locker after the last day of school will be discarded.** The school assumes no responsibility for any loss or theft.

Lost and Found

The lost and found is located in the main office. Lost or found items should be reported to the main office as soon as possible. Students are asked not to bring valuables to school; the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Unclaimed items are donated to charity at the end of the year.

School Resource Officer (SRO)

The purpose of the SRO is to build positive rapport with students and to provide security for the school. The SRO will perform duties that include:

- Frequent security checks of hallways, doorway, and the SHS grounds
- Monitor visitors to the school and provide screening if necessary
- Monitor students at arrival, during class changes, in the cafeteria and gymnasium at lunch, and at departure
- Interact with students on a regular basis to build rapport, to be a resource for students in need, and a confidential source to report illegal activity within the school and elsewhere
- Conduct/assist in teaching classes that will be beneficial to the student

body

- Assist in emergency preparedness drills
- Ensuring that traffic moves safely around campus
- Be a liaison between school administration and local law enforcement regarding issues affecting Strasburg High School, its students, or its staff.

Search and Seizure (SB Policy JFG)

To maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the health, safety and welfare of students and school personnel, school authorities may search a student, student locker, desk, a student's cell phone, or student automobile and may seize any illegal, unauthorized, or contraband materials discovered in the search under the circumstances outlined in the School Board policy JFG.

Textbooks/Calculators

Be **responsible** for the textbooks and calculators Shenandoah County Public Schools lends you. You will have to pay for any damage or for lost textbooks or calculators. They are not cheap, so keep good care of the things that are lent to you.

Technology Use

The privilege of Internet access and computer technology is available to all **responsible** Rams. Inappropriate use on any computer in the school will cause you to lose this privilege. All students and their parents will be required to sign a statement of understanding regarding the Internet Acceptable Use Agreement before students are permitted to use the Internet in school.



SCPS INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

FOUND IN SCPS PARENT/STUDENTS HANDBOOK 2016-2017

Tobacco Free School (SB Policy JFCH)

Smoking, chewing or any other use of any tobacco and/or vapor product by staff or students shall be prohibited on school property as defined in the Shenandoah County School Board policy. "Tobacco" shall include cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, vapor devices, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both. Students may not be in possession of tobacco products on school grounds, including the parking areas. Three days out-of-school suspension is the minimum consequence for this infraction. **This includes students over the age of 18.**

Visitors

We welcome parents/guardians of students and other visitors as guests in our building to conduct official school business. All visitors must report to the main

office when entering the building to sign in and receive a visitor's badge. Students from other schools or graduates are allowed to visit only with prior administrative approval. Visitors are not permitted to eat in the cafeteria during regularly scheduled lunch times. Visitors must sign out and return all badges before leaving.

Weapons

Carrying, bringing, using, or possessing any firearm, dangerous device, or dangerous or deadly weapon in any school building, on school grounds, in any school vehicle or at any school-sponsored activity without the authorization of the school division is prohibited and grounds for disciplinary action. Such weapons include, but are not limited to, pistol, shotgun, stun gun, taser, revolver, or other firearm listed in the Code of Virginia, designed or intended to propel a projectile of any kind, including a rifle; toy guns and look-alike guns; any dirk, knife, or razor; slingshots; spring sticks; brass or metal knuckles; blackjacks; any flailing instrument which may be known as a nunchahka, nuynchuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain; any disc of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blade, and which is designed to be thrown known as a throwing star or oriental dart; explosives; and destructive devices as defined in the Code of Virginia. Students who do not do so may face expulsion from school and/or criminal charges.

Your Extracurricular Activities as a Ram

Assemblies and Dances

Assemblies are opportunities for Rams to celebrate the accomplishments of their classmates, listen to guest speakers, or experience learning outside of the classroom.

- **Responsible** Rams sit attentively during assemblies, clap/cheer at appropriate times, listening attentively to our guests and allowing them to feel welcome in our school.
- **Honorable** Rams stand when Seniors enter the gym, to honor their accomplishments thus far.

Homecoming and Prom are the only dances approved to be held at Strasburg High School. Dances are held for the entertainment and recreation of those Strasburg High School students who have shown the traits of responsible Rams. **Students not in good standing may not be afforded the privilege of attendance at dances.** Middle school students are prohibited from attending. No guests over the age of 21 will be permitted to attend any school dance.

Any student bringing an out-of-school guest must have a guest slip signed by an administrator prior to the dance. The student presents the guest slip at the door the night of the event. At all dances, students are expected to maintain themselves with **honor**. All school rules remain in effect, including dress code, appropriate displays of affection, and appropriate manner of dancing. Once students leave

from an activity, they will not be readmitted.

Prom is a dance in which the privilege of attendance is extended only to Juniors, Seniors, and their guests.

Clubs/Athletics

All Rams are expected to be involved in their school. Clubs and athletics are an exciting way to do that. Clubs meet on the third Wednesday of each month during school. Committee/leadership meetings may also be called during lunch.

2016-2017 SCA AND CLASS OFFICERS

President: Nathan McDonald

Vice President: Amelia Guthrie

Secretary: Ryan Davis

Treasurer: Breana Alsworth

Historian: Morgan Knave

Social Chairs: Caitlin Hart and Cassie Cooper

Committee Members:

Hannah Orndorff, Brooke Callaway, Michaela Amari, Alli Ritenour, Alexis Lamica, Eric Steacy, Kyle Tiemeyer, Joy Cantrell, Devon Eyring

Class Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Sophomores</u>	<u>Freshman</u>
President	Jesse Boyce	Grace Davis	Kiana Carter	Colgan Embrey
Vice President	Amelia Guthrie	Lane Ferguson	Sianna Cervantes	Shelbi Putman
Secretary	Joe Whiteman	Brianna Alsworth	Jimmy Jenkins	Abigail Davis
Treasurer	Hannah Orndorff	Garrett Jenkins	Shelby Smith	Kairyn Coles

Strasburg High School offers a variety of school-sponsored athletic teams, clubs, and other extra-curricular events. Take advantage of these opportunities. Go Rams!



CLUBS

Student organizations have an integral place in the total school program. They supplement and facilitate the formal education programs by providing a wide

variety of activities to meet the needs and special interests for most students. All clubs are under the sponsorship of a faculty member. A sponsor must be present at all meetings, social functions, and practice sessions. Students must be on the active roster and meet all requirements of membership in order to attend meetings. Below are a list of clubs at Strasburg High School and a brief overview of each.

Art Club - The Art Club is organized to increase the interest of art within the school, aid teachers in art displays, do art work for the school in general, and increase the member's appreciation of art. It is open to all art students.

Athletic Leadership Council (ALC) – This club is comprised of 20-25 athletes that are selected by coaches to serve as a leader in the building and in athletics; to promote a closer relationship between the school, community, student body, faculty, and athletes.

BASS Club - The Bass Fishing Club was designed to hone the skills needed to catch bass, a common trophy fish in the Shenandoah Valley. We will practice basic and advanced techniques for catching fish, as well as possibly compete against other schools in tournaments and competitions. This club welcomes anyone interested in becoming a better fisherman.

DECA Club - DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools around the globe.

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) - is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education. Nationally, there are over 220,000 members in 53 state associations. Chapter projects focus on a variety of youth concerns, including school violence, teen pregnancy, parenting, family relations, community service, substance abuse, peer pressure, leadership, nutrition and fitness, and career exploration.

Fellowship Of Christian Athletes (FCA) - The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a student led group that uses athletics to reach out to the students of SHS. Students dig into the Word of God and apply it to their lives. The FCA participates in various service projects throughout the year. Come grow in your faith with your friends!

Fiber Arts Club - Students interested in learning how to knit or crochet meet in the library to learn a new craft and share ideas. Students share patterns and trade yarn while having fun talking and sharing new project ideas!

FIDM Club - FIDM Fashion Club is a club that provides opportunities to explore career opportunities in the fashion industry. Students will learn basic sewing skills, learn about unethical fashion houses, and have an opportunity to connect with one another and learn more about themselves.

Green Team – This team is an organization for those students interested in the environment, animal rights, & human rights, both locally & globally.

Interact Club – The Interact Club is an organization centered around local and international community service. Each club is sponsored by a nearby Rotary Club, who help support and guide their Interact club. Interact is internationally recognized with clubs in over 120 countries. Interact international and local service projects benefit both those receiving and giving service.

National FFA Organization - The FFA strives to promote interest in agriculture in our community. The primary goal is to develop agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship. This club is open for membership to all students enrolled in agriculture.

National Honor Society (NHS) - Juniors and Seniors who have maintained a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and are enrolled in advanced studies or advanced placement classes are considered for membership into the NHS. Membership, which is by invitation only, is based upon scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Spanish Club - This club is organized to give students insight into Spanish speaking culture and customs. It is open to any student currently or previously enrolled in a Spanish class.

Student Council Association (SCA) - The purpose of the Strasburg High School SCA is to develop a form of student self-government through representation: to promote a closer relationship between the faculty and students; to serve as a unifying agent in student activities. ALL students enrolled at Strasburg High School are members. Representatives shall be elected from each first block class each semester, but any student is eligible to attend regularly scheduled meetings.

Tolerance Club - This club was established to acknowledge diversity and promote tolerance within the Strasburg High School community. We aim to create an atmosphere free of discrimination and harassment based on ethnic origin, race, citizenship, disability, religion, political affiliation, family and economic status.

VHSL Athletics

Strasburg High School is a member of Group 2A Bull Run District, of the Virginia High School League and must conform to their policies and regulations. Other members of the Bull Run District are Clarke County, Central, George Mason, Madison County, William Monroe, Rappahannock County and Warren County. Any student is welcome to try out for an inter-scholastic team if he/she meets the following standards (1) is eligible under school, county, district and Virginia High

School League requirements and (2) follows the guidelines set forth in the Athletic Handbook.

The SHS athletic program includes the following:

<u>Fall Sports</u>	<u>Winter Sports</u>	<u>Spring Sports</u>
Volleyball	Basketball (Boys)	Baseball
Cheerleading	Basketball (Girls)	Softball
Cross Country	Cheerleading	Track
Football	Swimming	Soccer (Boys)
Golf	Wrestling	Soccer (Girls)

VHSL Forensics/One-Act Play:

Forensics is an activity in which students may compete in district, regional, and state contests in the following areas: spelling, poetry, interpretation, prose interpretation, serious dramatic interpretation, original oratory, and extemporaneous speaking. A one-act play is also produced for district, regional and state contests. Tryouts will be announced.

VHSL Scholastic Bowl

Strasburg High School's academic team competitions are open to students ready to sharpen their intellectual skills. Using a timed buzzer set-up, the students must answer questions covering sports trivia to ancient history, from geometry to current events. The matches are fast-paced and full of excitement as the teams try to be the first to buzz in with the correct answer. The season runs from December through March, with the level of participation extending all the way to state competition.

VHSL Participation

Students may participate in VHSL sponsored events under the following provisions:

- The student is enrolled in at least three block courses offered for credit toward graduation requirements.
- The student has successfully completed three courses in the previous semester.

Sportsmanship at ALL School Activities

Strasburg High School is a member of the Virginia High School League. Unsportsmanlike acts of any kind are prohibited at any activity. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations pertaining to sportsmanship at activities involving participation or spectators of our school could lead to our school being placed on probation by the Virginia High School League.

Discipline consequences, including losing the privilege of attending school activities, may be assigned for unsportsmanlike conduct of athletes or fans.

Your Academics as a Ram

Philosophy and Objectives

The faculty, staff, and administration of Strasburg High School seek to provide a positive learning environment for all students by providing a positive atmosphere full of academic and extracurricular activities. We believe in empowering and supporting students in developing their leadership skills, demonstrating courage, demonstrating honor, being responsible, and persevering through obstacles.

Strasburg High School will be operating with the following beliefs as the core of our decision making:

- Decisions about learning and the operation of SHS will be made based on what best supports student learning. All decisions are based on the best interest of our students. The main thing is to keep the “main thing” the main thing.
- Positive relationships, based on mutual respect, create an environment in which learning thrives, leading to educational success for all our kids. It is the responsibility of all staff members to actively seek ways to reach kids, to give them a “hand up” when they need assistance in reaching their goals, and to invest in student success even when a student may seem less invested than we hope for. Good educators care more about how kids leave their classroom than they do about how kids come into their classroom.
- The most effective learning takes place when students are engaged in learning activities with relevant learning outcomes. Teaching a student how to think is more important than what to think.
- Once relationships are forged and students are presented with relevant learning experiences, the rigor required by state standards, industry standards, and by career and college readiness is attainable. Relationships + Relevance allow achievement at appropriate levels of Rigor.
- Teaching content and teaching 21st century learning skills is not an “OR” statement, it is an “AND” paradigm.
- Education is the foundation for success in life. It is our goal for students to be globally competitive and locally relevant in the job force.
- A safe, comfortable environment is essential to student learning and success. Each student is a valued individual with unique characteristics that are to be embraced by all.
- School leadership will invest in teachers personally and professionally in order to support them more effectively.
- It takes a team effort of students, teachers, counselors, staff members, administrators, parents/guardians, and community members to achieve the goals of the school. Hard work, dedication, reflection, consistency, and a

drive to “be better” are characteristics that the educational community at SHS will strive for and model.

Course Load

Strasburg High School operates under a 4x4 Block Schedule model. There are four class periods per day, per semester. All students are required to take a minimum of four courses per semester unless they are in an approved cooperative program. Administrative approval is required for extenuating circumstances. Students are encouraged to take a course load commensurate to their ability.

Guidance/School Counseling Center

The school counseling department is available for academic, career, and personal/social counseling. No student will be required to participate in any counseling program to which the student’s parents object. The guidance department has extensive career, college, and scholarship information and resources available.

- ❖ Dawn Green: Freshman/Sophomore Counselor; School Testing Coordinator
- ❖ Sorayda Shields: Junior/Senior Counselor
- ❖ Sarah Swartz: School Registrar/Guidance Administrative Assistant
- ❖ Kathleen Roberts: College & Career coach

Grade Level Placement

A student’s grade level is determined by the number of credits earned from successful completion of high school courses.

Freshman: Successful completion of 8th Grade

Sophomore: 6 credits

Junior: 11 credits

Senior: 16 credits

Grading Policy

Teachers are charged with determining the level of performance of a student in a specific course. They should use a variety of assessments in making this determination: tests, quizzes, class work, homework, projects, papers, final examinations, etc. The grading scale is:

A 93 – 100

B 85 - 92

C 77 – 84

D 69 - 76

F 68 and below

Parent Portal and Student Portal

Parents of students 5-12 and students in grades 5-12 can access grades through the use of the Powerschool Parent or Student Portal. If you have already acquired

your log-in information from a previous year, it will still work. In case you have forgotten your password you will have to call the main office to have it reset. To sign up for an account or if you need help with your existing account, please email jmholliday@shenandoah.k12.va.us any time during the school year. This is the most efficient way to track your student's progress.

Schedule Changes

Careful attention to the course offerings booklet and registration procedures will ensure successful class scheduling. Schedule changes can be made in Guidance only during the add/drop period. **A student has six days at the beginning of each semester to complete a schedule change.** Only one set of changes may be made during this time.

Diplomas and Graduation Requirements

Information regarding graduation requirements and specific diploma course requirements is available through the Guidance Office and the Virginia Department of Education web site: www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/graduation/index.shtml

Computation of Grade Point Average (GPA)

The Grade Point Average (GPA) will be used to determine class rank, valedictorian, salutatorian, honor graduates and membership in the National Honor Society. A student's overall GPA is computed by totaling all grade points earned and dividing by the total number of credits attempted. Courses offered as AP classes and certain Honors classes will be weighted when figuring the GPA because they are more academically rigorous and require a greater amount of work for course completion than other courses. Class grades will be weighted at the end of each marking period. A 69% or greater is required for a student to earn credit.

Numerical Average	Letter Grade	Grade Points -Regular Classes	Grade Points-Honors Classes	Grade Points-AP Classes
98-100	A+	4.2	4.7	5.2
93-97	A	4.0	4.5	5.0
90-92	B+	3.2	3.7	4.2
85-89	B	3.0	3.5	4.0
82-84	C+	2.2	2.7	3.2
77-81	C	2.0	2.5	3.0
74-76	D+	1.2	1.7	2.2
69-73	D	1.0	1.5	2.0
0-68	F	0.0	0.0	0.0

Commencement (Graduation) Participation Requirements

Graduation is the culminating event for the students of the Shenandoah County Public Schools and is a treasured moment for all students meeting the

requirements for their diplomas. In order to preserve the **HONOR** of participation in the commencement ceremony, only those students meeting the requirements for graduation prior to the ceremony will be allowed to fully participate in graduation.

Academic Honors

Honor Roll

To be named to the “A” honor roll for a particular grading period, a student must have earned a 93 or above average in each course. To be named to the “A-B” honor roll for a particular grading period, a student must have earned an 85 or above average in each course.

Academic Letters

Academic Letters will be awarded to students who earn no grades lower than an 85% for 2 consecutive semesters, and who maintain a 3.5 GPA.

Honor Graduate

To earn the distinction of Magna Cum Laude Honor Graduate, a student must have an overall GPA of at least 4.0 in all credit bearing courses attempted by the student and appearing on the official SCPS transcript. To earn the distinction of Cum Laude Honor Graduate, a student must have an overall GPA of at least 3.75 in all credit bearing classes attempted by the student and appearing on the official SCPS transcript. Each honor graduate will receive a senior plaque presented at the Academic Honors Reception and be given a gold tassel to be worn at graduation ceremonies.

Valedictorian

The valedictorian of a graduating class will be the student with the highest grade point average (GPA) who has earned at least fourteen credits from the school from which he/she is receiving this honor. A student who accelerates his/her program of study and graduates in less than four years is not eligible for this honor. The calculation for valedictorian will be calculated at the end of the last semester and will be announced at graduation.

Salutarian

The salutarian of a graduating class will be the student with the second highest grade point average (GPA) who has earned at least fourteen credits from the school from which he/she is receiving this honor. A student who accelerates his/her program of study and graduates in less than four years is not eligible for this honor. The calculation for salutarian will be calculated at the end of the last semester and will be announced at graduation.

Scholastic Records

Shenandoah County Public Schools maintain scholastic records on all students enrolled. These records are developed, maintained, and stored in a confidential

manner in a secure location. Parents or eligible students who wish to review their records shall make a request to the principal. Information will be released without parental consent when the student transfers to another school division unless prohibited by applicable law. Scholastic records may be released to state or local law enforcement officers and agencies responsible for protective services to children or students who are involved with these agencies. Parents, guardians, and eligible students may request that directory information not be made public or released to others. A document entitled, "Management of the Student's Scholastic Record" and School Board Policy File: JO "Student Records", explains the collection, maintenance, security, use, disclosure, and content of scholastic records.

Honor Code

At Strasburg High School, all students are expected to be honest in the performance of assignments. Student will not provide, receive, or facilitate any unauthorized assistance on assigned activities. In addition, students will not represent the work of another as their own, thus participating in plagiarism. Plagiarism is defined as using the ideas, wording, or information of another without properly giving credit to that person creating the impression that it is their own work. Violations of the Honor Code will result in the contact of the parent/guardian and disciplinary actions.

Consequences for Honor Code violations (following due process procedures) are as follows:

First Offense

- The student will conference with teacher and school administrator. The teacher may assign a "0" for an assignment; if a "0" is not assigned the teacher may choose to grade the portion of the assignment believed not to have been plagiarized or cheated on, or the teacher may assign an alternative assignment.
- ISS will be assigned to the student.
- The National Honor Society will be notified by administration, and the student will be placed on academic probation within NHS.
- If appropriate, LFCC or other cooperating college will be contacted.

Subsequent Offense

- The student will conference with teacher and school administrator. The student will receive a "0" on the assignment.
- ISS will be assigned.
- The student will be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for 7 school days.
- Student will be dismissed from NHS
- If appropriate, LFCC or other cooperating college will be contacted.

All Honor Code violations are cumulative and carry from one school year to another.

Discipline

If you would happen to fail to live up to the standards of being a Ram, you will face disciplinary consequences. We will assist you in identifying the inappropriate behavior and to come up with a plan of action to solve the problem. That plan of action may include actions such as an RC referral, lunch detention, and morning or after school detention, ISS, or OSS. Parents will be contacted by phone and/or letter identifying the infraction and the consequence if the infraction results in ISS or OSS. Mistakes happen. It is important to own your mistake and work hard not to turn minor issues into major issues by being defiant or disrespectful.

RC - Restricted Classroom

No student has the right to disrupt the learning process of others. Should a student become disruptive, the teacher may require him/her to report to the Restricted Classroom. This is a designated time-out site with adult supervision. Student will be given work to complete; it is the expectation for students to do what is asked of them in this classroom as in any other classroom. **Disruptive behavior, being disrespectful, or acting in a defiant manner in the Restricted Classroom will result in ISS or OSS.**

Detention

Students with less serious violations of school rules may be assigned before-school, lunch, or after-school detention. It is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to make arrangements for transportation when necessary. Students are required to bring work assignments to be completed during this time. Lunch detention is held daily during A and B lunch. Morning Detention (7:30-8:10) and After School detention (3:20-4:00) may be assigned by a school administrator and will be served in the Main Office, or if space is needed, in a classroom assigned by the assistant principal. It will be supervised by those assigned by school administration. Failure to serve assigned detentions will result in further disciplinary actions.

In-School Suspension (ISS)

A student may be assigned to ISS by a school administrator. ISS will be served in the Restricted Classroom (RC) and will be monitored by the RC Supervisor. Teachers will provide assignments for students to work on during their time in ISS. Parents shall be notified by a school administrator if their student is assigned ISS. The following general rules apply to ISS, though additional rules may be supplemented by the RC Supervisor:

- ISS begins at 8:15 and ends with the final dismissal bell.
- Cell phone use is prohibited. All cell phones are to be turned over to the

RC Supervisor prior to serving ISS.

- Students are to use the restroom in the RC. The RC supervisor will schedule two 5 minute breaks throughout the day to walk students to the water fountain.
- Students are permitted to have water in the room; however, no other food or beverages will be permitted.
- Students are not permitted to talk.
- No Senior Privileges will be afforded during ISS, including leaving early at the end of the day.
- No students, except those assigned to ISS or RC, are allowed in the RC except to communicate with the RC Supervisor.
- Any student assigned ISS may not participate in any after school activities on the days of suspension.

Out of School Suspension (OSS)

A student may be assigned OSS by a school administrator for up to 10 consecutive days. OSS shall be assigned for serious infractions of the student code of conduct, or for students who have multiple disciplinary infractions. Students who are assigned OSS are not permitted to be on school property and may not be present at any after-school activities on school-owned property, or at school-sponsored events for the duration of the suspension. When assigned OSS, student suspension from after school activities and prohibition of being on school grounds begin the moment the school administrator sends the student home and ends at 7:30 AM on the day the student is to return to school.

There is no academic penalty for being assigned OSS. Students will be given one day for every day of assigned OSS to make up assignments (the classroom teacher has the option to create a plan for making up missed assignments that is greater than the minimum number of days required).

Days on which school is cancelled will not be considered days served for a suspension.



Have A Great Year!