



# Seventy-First School High Scholar Handbook & Expectations



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Collaborative ★ Competitive ★ Successful

Welcome



# This Year's Theme: “Together, We Win!”

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# This Year's 3 Big Rocks

1. Welcoming and Positive Environment
2. Communication
3. Accountability



Welcoming and  
Positive  
Environment



Communication



Accountability



# SFHS Vision Statement

The Seventy-First Community  
**strengthens the academic success**  
of scholars which enhances their  
ability to SOAR (**S**eeking  
**O**pportunities to **A**chieve and **R**ise) in  
**real-life experiences.**



# SFHS Mission Statement

The faculty and staff of Seventy-First High School are committed to providing a safe and caring school environment that **promotes high academic success**, prepares students for global competition and interaction with diverse groups, and provides a foundation for good citizenship.



# SFHS Scholars S.O.A.R

**Seek  
Opportunities to  
Achieve and  
Rise**



"Don't let what  
you cannot do  
interfere with  
what you can do."  
— John Wooden



# Administrative Team

Principal - Mrs. Niesha Witherspoon

Assistant Principal - Ms. Qusheba Collins

Assistant Principal - Mr. Eddie Ford

Assistant Principal - Mr. Travis Greene

Assistant Principal - Mrs. Quantisha Spencer



# Student Services

Lead Counselor - Mrs. Tiara Parker

School Counselor - Ms. Tisha Ray

School Counselor - Mrs. Danielle Willis

School Counselor - Ms. Natalie Haire

Social Worker - Mr. Khalil Shakeel

Social Worker - Mrs. Vylen Adams



# Attendance “Every Minute Counts”

- ★ Scholars are expected to attend school daily.
- ★ Scholars are expected to report school and to every class on time.
- ★ Scholars may enter the building at 8:00 a.m.
- ★ Scholars who arrive after 8:30 a.m. by car should sign in at the Main Office.
- ★ All written notes and doctor’s notes are to be taken to the Main Office at the beginning of the day. Absences will only be excused for illness, injury, medical appointments, death of an immediate family member, court, educational field trip (with principal approval), or religious observation. If you are absent from school, you only have three days to bring in written documentation to code your absence as an excused absence.
- ★ Check-out policy with your parent or guardian: A valid photo ID must be presented to the office staff. Only persons listed in Powerschool or on your contact card are authorized to check you out from school. **Notes or phone calls are not be allowed.**



# Dress Code

- ★ The SFHS Dress Code Policy will be enforced.
- ★ Click here to review the full Dress Code Policy.



# Daily Bell Schedule

<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>BELL</b>	<b>BELL</b>
<b>Bell to begin the day</b>	<b>8:20</b>	
<b>1st</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:05</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>10:11</b>	<b>11:46</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>11:52</b>	<b>1:59</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>2:05</b>	<b>3:40</b>



# Car Riders

- ★ All Car Riders should be dropped off and picked up in front of the school at the Main Entrance.
- ★ Car Riders should not be dropped off on the Bus Lot or Parking Lots.
- ★ Car Riders should be picked up at the front of the school near the Main Entrance.



# Code of Conduct

- ★ Scholars are responsible for helping to create and maintain an environment that is safe and caring.
- ★ Scholars are expected to behave in ways that contribute to academic achievement and school success.
- ★ Seventy-First is a place where scholars, staff, and parents are responsible and respectful.



# Cell Phone Policy

- ★ Cell phones and other electronic devices **will be** turned off and put away before crossing the threshold of any classroom or administrative offices.
- ★ Cell phones may be used **ONLY** while at breakfast or lunch.





# AirPods/Headphones

- ★ AirPods/Headphones shall not be worn in class or while transitioning to class. .
- ★ AirPods/Headphones may be used **ONLY** while at breakfast or lunch.



# Outside Food

- ★ Commercial food delivery of any kind is prohibited.
- ★ Scholars are not to utilize food delivery service of any kind during the school day.
- ★ Scholars who bring lunch from home should take their lunch with them to their 3rd period class.



# Leaving Campus

- ★ Scholars should not leave campus for **any reason** during the school day without being properly checked out by a parent or guardian.
- ★ Leaving campus without permission will result in a disciplinary action.
- ★ Scholars who are checked out during the day should exit through the main entrance.



# During Lunch

- ★ All scholars are to report to the cafeteria during their assigned lunch period.
- ★ Scholars are not allowed to walk the halls, stay in the restroom, or take their lunch to a different location during lunch period.
- ★ Scholars should remain seated during lunch unless discarding trash.
- ★ Scholars are not allowed to sit in the lobby during lunch.



# Code of Conduct

- ★ Behaviors that do not exemplify a safe and caring environment will **not** be tolerated.
- ★ Disciplinary actions will be imposed for violations of the Cumberland County School's Code of Conduct.
- ★ Scholars are responsible for the content in the Code of Conduct linked above.



# Class I Violations

Dress Code

Gambling

Falsification of  
Information

Honor Code Violation

Insubordination

Inappropriate Item on  
School Property

Inappropriate  
Language/Disrespect

Truancy\*

Medication



# Class II Violations

Bullying	Communicating Threats (Student)	Cyberbullying	Disorderly Conduct
Disruptive Behavior	Extortion	Verbal Harassment	Hazing
Possession of Alcohol, Chemical, or Drug Paraphanelia	Possession of Counterfeit Items	Possession of Tobacco/Vaping	Theft
	Use of Counterfeit Item		



# Class III Violations

Affray

Aggressive  
Behavior

Assault

Communicating  
Threats (Adult &  
Mass Violence)

False Fire Alarm

Fighting

Gang Activity

Harassment

Off-Campus  
Consumption of  
Alcohol/Controlled  
Substance

Possession of a  
Weapon

Possession of a  
Controlled  
Substance

Use of Controlled  
Substance





"Teachers can open  
the door, but you  
must enter it  
yourself." –  
Chinese Proverb

# Academics & Grades

- ★ Scholars are encouraged to work hard and make smart choices.
- ★ It is important that scholars keep up with their grades and communicate with teachers when your grades begin to suffer.
- ★ Teachers will assign 2 - 3 grades weekly.



# Bookbags

- ★ This year, ALL scholars will be required to carry a clear or mesh bookbag. Clear or mesh bookbags are required even if a scholar chooses to use a locker to store his/her personal belongings.
- ★ Gym clothes must be carried in a mesh or clear bag.
- ★ No oversize purses, handbags, or carrying bags. Non-see-through purses should **not** exceed 8x8x3 inches in size.



# Cafeteria Expectations

- ❖ It is important to note that food should only be consumed in the cafeteria during breakfast and lunch. Food in classrooms and hallways creates additional messes that can cause unwelcome guests and other issues as it pertains to safety. No restaurant food can be brought into the school/ on campus during school hours.
  - **Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. until 8:25 a.m.**
- ❖ While in the cafeteria, scholars are expected to remain seated and refrain from “roaming” standing, or moving from table to table.
- ❖ Cutting the line will **not** be permitted or tolerated.
- ❖ Scholars are expected to clean up after themselves and use the trash receptacles to discard of lunch trays and other trash.



# Hall Pass

- ★ Scholars are not to leave class within the first 10 minutes and the last 10 minutes of the class.
- ★ Scholars out of class for any reason should secure a pass from their teacher listing the date, time, destination and teacher signature.



# Lockers

- ★ This year, lockers are optional and will be available upon request. All scholars will be required to carry a mesh or clear bookbag even if they choose not to use a locker.
- ★ Locks can be purchased for \$6.00 from ***School Cash Online***. You will receive your lock in homeroom once you bring proof of purchase.
- ★ If you purchased a lock from Seventy-First High previously, you may use it again.
- ★ Your homeroom teacher will designate your locker location once you have paid for your lock. Unauthorized locks on lockers will be cut off.
- ★ An announcement will be made when locks and locker assignments are scheduled to take place.



# Student Drop-off and Pick-up

- ★ Scholar Arrival procedures.
  - Scholars riding the bus must enter the building from the bus lot entrance, near the Main Gym. All other entrances will be locked. Scholars may begin entering the building at 8:00 am where they will report to breakfast or the Main Gym until 8:20 a.m.
  
- ★ Scholar Dismissal.
  - Scholars are expected to report directly to the bus lot and student parking lot at the end of the school day. The campus should be cleared by 3:50 p.m.
  - Busses depart campus at 3:48 daily.
  - Scholar pick up/drop off occur in the front of the school.



# Dismissal

- ★ All scholars are expected to leave campus at the end of the day unless you have practice, tutoring, or a club meeting.
- ★ Scholars staying after school for any of the abovementioned, should be with their coach, teacher, or club sponsor by 3:50 p.m.
- ★ Students who exit the building at the end of the school day will not be allowed to re-enter the building. You must leave campus.





# Bus Parking Lot

- ★ Only scholars riding the bus should be on the bus parking lot.
- ★ Car riders or walkers should not be on the bus lot for any reason.
- ★ Bus doors will close and depart from campus at 3:48 p.m. daily.
- ★ Buss riders should load their bus immediately after school.



# Class Dues

- ★ This year's class dues are as follows:
  - Freshmen/Sophomore dues: \$25.00 (class t-shirt)
  - Junior dues: \$25.00 plus prom fee (class t-shirt)
  - Senior dues: \$80.00 (this includes senior week activities, senior t-shirt and senior breakfast)



# Chromebooks

- ★ Chromebooks will be distributed to all scholars with a signed Chromebook Contract on file.
- ★ Scholars will need to bring his/her fully charged Chromebook to school daily.
- ★ Lost or damaged Chromebooks and chargers will be charged a repair or replacement fee.



# Tardies

- ★ All scholars are expected to arrive to school and each class on time.
- ★ Tardy Policy:
  - **1st Tardy:** Warning
  - **2nd Tardy:** Parent/Guardian Contact
  - **3rd Tardy:** After school detention
  - **4th Tardy:** Referral to administration



"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going." - Jim Ryun

# Bus Expectations

- ★ Riding a school bus is a privilege and not a right. Scholars who ride the bus are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner. The school principal, assistant principals, or principal's designee, have the authority to suspend scholars from riding the bus for behavior infractions that do not align with the school's behavioral expectations.



# Driving and Parking Expectations

- ★ The privilege of parking a personal vehicle on school grounds may be exercised only after the student has met all the established requirements. A **Student Parking Agreement** may be obtained from the Main Office.
- ★ Once processed and approved, the parking decal can be obtained at the cost of \$50.00 (**School Cash Online**) from the office before school from 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., during the scholar's lunch, or after school from 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Scholars must present a **VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE (NO LEARNERS PERMIT)**, current **VEHICLE REGISTRATION**, and current **STUDENT SCHOOL ID** to purchase a **DECAL**.
- ★ Parking is strictly limited to the **Student Parking Lot ONLY**, within the lines of the parking space, and in assigned parking space (**when applicable**). Scholars **may not** park in staff parking on either side of the school or in front of the school.
- ★ Scholars **are not** permitted to return to their car at any time during the school day.



# SFHS Communications

- ★ Scholar email - check your email daily
- ★ Official Social Media Platforms
- ★ ParentLink - weekly phone calls
- ★ Daily Announcements
- ★ Canvas Announcements





# Important Dates

- ★ **Holiday - No School:** Monday, September 4, 2023
- ★ **School Pictures:** Wednesday, September 6 & Thursday, September 7, 2023
- ★ **Senior Night:** Wednesday, September 27, 2023

