

8/7/2022

Dear Crusader Families and students,

We welcome our returning families and are excited to welcome our new families to Scecina Memorial High School! With the 2022-2023 school year just around the corner, it is our sincere hope that this summer has provided you and your family the opportunity to relax and spend some quality time together before the school year begins. We had a great week of New Student and Parent Orientation events, getting our incoming students ready for the school year.

We are looking forward to seeing all students in the building very soon, on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 for the first day of academic classes. Scecina Memorial has a rich tradition of academic excellence. As we approach our 70<sup>th</sup> year of providing quality Catholic education, we recognize that our students have the potential and opportunity to “go anywhere from here”! We appreciate the partnership with our families to provide educational opportunities to our students for their success. Our administration, faculty, and staff are excited for the new school year! As we are inspired by Fr. Thomas Scecina, we encourage high expectations and hard work - and to give that little extra in our work and in service to one another and to our greater community.

There are many reasons to be excited about the upcoming year! We have a growing student population and several achievements to celebrate from last year moving into this year, a fantastic faculty and staff, and many campus improvements underway! We are excited about the progress being made on our new chapel that will provide our students with the space and opportunity to participate in prayer and liturgy.

It is important that students and families be well prepared on the very first day of school. Scecina Memorial will work hard to establish good habits from the start, and we ask all students and families for support and cooperation as we strengthen our resolve and focus to provide a safe and nurturing environment in which our students can continue to be successful.

Important updates and reminders concerning various aspects and expectations for the 2022-2023 school year are below. Please read the information thoroughly and do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Therber if you have any questions.

#### Yearly Calendar and Daily Bell Schedule:

To stay updated on school events, visit the website ([www.scecina.org](http://www.scecina.org)) regularly. Key academic dates and events are found [here](#) on the 2022-2023 school calendar.

For the 22-23 school year, Scecina has adopted an updated daily bell schedule. Our official school day start time is 8:05am and our dismissal time is 2:40pm. Doors 1 and 3 unlock at 7:30am for student arrival and entrance.

[Click here](#) to view the new daily Bell Schedule. Please note that after the school day ends, we offer tutoring from teachers until 3:30pm. If students are needing to wait after school for a ride home or for a scheduled practice, competition, or event to begin, students are permitted to wait in study hall in the cafeteria until 5:00pm. In study hall, students can work on homework or relax quietly.

#### Cafeteria

The federal program initiated during the pandemic that provided free breakfast and lunch to all students has expired. If your child needs to purchase a meal, the costs for meals are as follows:

- Student Breakfast \$2.00
- Student Lunch \$3.25.

Information on depositing funds electronically, instead of a student providing cash to the cashier to pay or to add money to a student’s account, is found on the Scecina website: [Crusader Cafe \(Breakfast and lunch\)](#). Students will receive more information on the first day of school as well.

If your family qualifies for free or reduced meal pricing, please use the information below or contact our business office (Mrs. Ivette Clinger ([iclinger@scecina.org](mailto:iclinger@scecina.org) / 317-352-3224) or Mrs. Angela Weliever ([aweliever@scecina.org](mailto:aweliever@scecina.org) / 317- 352-3262)) to apply to the National School Lunch Program for providing your child access to free or reduced lunch cost food at school. This step needs to be completed every school year.

English: <https://scecina.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/22-23-Instructions-and-application-English.pdf>

Spanish: <https://scecina.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/22-23-Instrucciones-y-aplicacion-Espanol.pdf>

### Cell Phones, Smart Watches, and Wireless Earbuds

Student cell phones, smart watches, and wireless earbuds are to be stored in a student's locker during the school day. These items are not to be removed from the locker during the school day. Students are not to be going to their locker to use these devices during the school day. These items are to be set to silent mode or turned off during the school day. These items may be confiscated for the day if found to be making noise while being stored in the locker or found on the student during the school day (8:05am to 2:40pm).

### Backpacks and purses

For the safety of our students and staff, students are not to carry backpacks or purses from the time the school day begins until after school day dismissal. Backpacks and purses are to be stored in a student's locker during the school day. Clear backpacks will be allowed only in extraordinary circumstances. Please contact Mr. Andrew Clark, Dean of Students, via email at [aclark@scecina.org](mailto:aclark@scecina.org) or call at the office to speak with him at 317-356-6377 with any questions.

### Outside Food

Commercially prepared foods, coffees, and other beverages are not to be delivered to students during the school day. Students will not be able to consume these items during the school day while on campus.

### Dress Code

The dress code, as with all school expectations and rules, is designed to protect and promote the dignity and safety of all persons and the orderliness of our teaching and learning environment:

#### Student Uniform

- Scecina uniform polo shirts or sweatshirts are required to be worn daily and are not to be altered. When students are wearing an approved Scecina uniform sweatshirt (crew neck or quarter-zip) a polo is not required to be worn under the sweatshirt, but this is recommended in case the student becomes warm during the school day. The [online Spirit Shop](#) and in-person Spirit Shop identifies which polos and sweatshirts are approved as uniform clothing. T-shirts and shorts worn for PE and Weightlifting classes are to be school-appropriate (no profanity, brands supporting drugs or alcohol, etc.). Students are to wear athletic footwear for these classes.
- Hoodie sweatshirts of any type (Scecina or non-Scecina) are not permitted to be worn while in the school buildings on school days from 7:30am until 5:00pm.
- Khaki-, blue-, and black-colored dress pants or shorts are allowed to be worn during the school day. Shorts are to be of modest length (closer to the knee in length than the top of the thigh). Jeans, cargo pants, yoga pants, or leggings during the school day are not permitted.
- Closed-toe and hard sole shoes are allowed to be worn during the school day. Slippers and Crocs (or Croc-like shoes) are not permitted to be worn during the school day.

#### Hair, Tattoos, and Piercings

- Males are to have hair length that does not touch their shoulders.
- Males are to be clean shaven.
- Hair color is to be of natural origin. Coloring such as hot pink and neon anything are not permitted during the school day.

- A student possessing a visible tattoo shall have the tattoo always covered by clothing or an adhesive covering of some sort during the school day and at all school-sponsored events. This means that a student must continue to cover a visible tattoo while participating in a school event/contest/practice and while as a spectator.
- All students may have up to two piercings per ear. Please avoid long, dangling earrings that could easily get snagged on clothing or other items during the school day. Mouth, nose, eyebrow, or other such publicly visible, non-ear piercings are not permitted. Clear inserts/spacers are permitted to be worn. While participating in athletic activities and events, all jewelry must be removed.

Thank you for your review of these important topics for the safety of our school and encouraging great teaching and learning environments for all.

We look forward to seeing all students back on campus on Tuesday, August 9 with classes beginning at 8:05am. Many blessings.

In Christ,

David Dellacca  
Principal  
Seccina Memorial High School