



A School for Arts and Innovative Learning

SAIL High School

"Where the Individual Counts!"

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Welcome Back to School!

Message from Principal Tiffany Williams

Dear SAIL Families,

Welcome back! I hope you are enjoying the last days of summer and are gearing up for the new school year. We look forward to welcoming new and returning students on Monday, August 12th. I am so excited that you have chosen to be a part of the SAIL learning community, which has provided a unique educational choice for students in Tallahassee for over 40 years.

The summer staff have been working hard preparing for students and teachers to return. We are happy to welcome a new guidance counselor, Mr. Justin Gonner to our team. We are also pleased to introduce Mrs. Jessica Chapman as our second Assistant Principal. They are both excited to join the SAIL community and look forward to meeting everyone. Another exciting update includes our upper field construction project that has been underway all summer and will be completed in August. Students will finally have a safe recreational field to play on.

School grades were released this summer and SAIL increased to a "B"! We are very proud of our students, teachers, and staff for their hard work and dedication. Thank you parents and community partners for your support. See school grade highlights on page 2. This year we will continue to focus on a relevant and rigorous curriculum infused with literacy, STEAM, and the arts. As a school community we are dedicated to maintaining a positive learning environment that is safe, caring and values respectful relationships.

Parents, we value your partnership and appreciate all of your contributions. Getting involved in your child's education is a huge investment toward their future. Don't hesitate to reach out to me or my team if you have any questions, concerns or ideas.

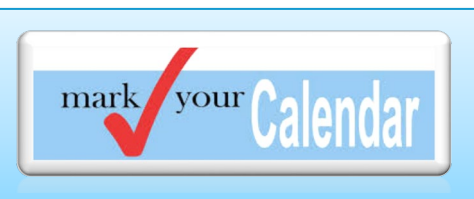
We look forward to meeting you at Open House on September 17, 2019! Please review this newsletter for pertinent back to school information. Looking forward to an amazing school year!

Sincerely,
Tiffany Williams

"Education in the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" -Nelson Mandela

Upcoming Events

- August 12
First Day of School
- August 16
Ice Cream Social (Sponsored by PTSO)
- August 23
Summer Reading Symposium
- September 2
Labor Day Holiday (No School)
- September 9
School Pictures
- September 11
Progress Report (First 9-Weeks)
- September 16
Open House @ 6:15 pm
(Dinner @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm)
- September 30
Fall Holiday (No School)
- September 27
Wakulla Springs Field Trip
- October 11
End of First 9-weeks



Bell Schedule

7:50	Warning
7:55 – 8:45	1 st Period
8:50 – 10:45	2 nd /3 rd Period
10:50 – 12:30	4 th /5 th Period
12:30 - 1:10	Lunch
1:10 - 2:50	6 th /7 th Period

Info for Students...

On Monday 8/12, you will meet, greet, get your schedule at the Bandshell, and engage in orientation activities throughout the day. Be sure to arrive before 7:50 a.m. We will do some schedule changes during the first two weeks, starting with seniors. **(Not the 1st day!)** Attending school the first week is vital for students to have a great start.

New students should come to early orientation on Thursday, August 8, 2019 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Everyone will participate in a full day of orientation activities the first day of school. Teachers will hand out supply lists and lab fee requests during the orientation for new students.

Additional orientation activities will take place the first week of school. To get an early start, please read this newsletter carefully (particularly the information about attendance). This is valuable information! We look forward to an awesome year!

Remember your Summer Reading! Check the website www.leonschools.net/sail for a list of book suggestions and projects. Read the guidelines before doing your project. They are due the 1st week of school. We will host a Summer Reading Symposium on 8/23.

SAIL's Mission and Goals

Our Mission is to provide an educational choice for high school students in Leon County. By way of an innovative, high quality, respectful, and caring environment, SAIL seeks to provide a diverse student population with the foundation necessary to become responsible citizens in a global community.

School Goals

- Maintain a Community of Respect
- Promote Literacy-Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking
- Encourage Wellness
- Prepare students for College and/or Career
- Celebrate Diversity
- Participate in Community Outreach
- Nurture the Arts- Performing & Visual
- Support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math)
- Go Greener-Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The Florida Department of Education has just published 18-19 school grades this summer, and we are happy to announce that SAIL has improved to a "B"! We are proud of our students and staff for their hard work and dedication.

School Grade Highlights:

- ELA learning gains, lowest 25% level 1's had a 26% increase.
- Math gains in proficiency and learning gains had a 15% increase.
- U.S. History and Biology students continue to maintain high levels of achievement, with 85% and 76% respectively scoring a level 3 or higher.
- 97% of our seniors graduated on time. An increase of 3% from the previous year.

We will continue to strive for continuous improvement by increasing proficiency and learning gains for all students in English Language Arts and Math.

Thank you for all of your support, as we are so grateful for the support we receive from parents and community partners. Everyone plays a role in our school's success. We will prove that school can be fun, engaging, and produce excellent academic results!!



SAIL STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Welcome to our new Faculty and Staff!

Jessica Chapman
Assistant Principal

Justin Gonner
Guidance Counselor

Farewell to Barry Taylor, Erica Page, Klee Williams and Shareese Brown. We wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors.



Because of you, we make a difference!

Please support our community by joining us and signing up as a volunteer. If you are interesting in participating as a volunteer, mentor and/or business partner, please let us know.

Info for Parents...

Forms:

We're enclosing a Student Information/Activity Permission Form, Emergency & Medical Information Form, and PTSO Forms. Please fill these out **NEATLY AND COMPLETELY** 😊 and **return them** (along w/ PTSO checks) **on Monday, August 12th.**

Food:

Due to the Federal Community Eligibility Program, both breakfast and lunch will be provided to all students at no charge! However, a la carte items will still be for sale if a student wishes to purchase additional food. Please help us move the cafeteria line quickly by setting up a pre-paid account @ PayPams.com or sending in a check on 8/12/19 payable to "SAIL Cafeteria." Students' PIN # will be provided on their schedules. No food is allowed in classes to maintain a safe learning environment for students with food allergies.

Bus Transportation Update:



If you requested a bus stop for this year, refer to the Leon County Schools **District website www.leonschools.net** for your **route number, stop times and location.** The routes should be available online and also published in the *Tallahassee Democrat*. **If your transportation needs have changed and you would like to ride the bus, please contact Jessica at 488-2468 for the required form.* Students who ride the bus in the morning will be picked up at their "home" bus stop and transported directly to SAIL. Students who ride the bus in the afternoon will depart from SAIL at 2:50 p.m. and be transported directly to a "home" stop. This may be a different bus stop from the morning one.

Important Policies & Procedures

Attendance Policy:

Parents, we need your help with making sure students are at school, prepared, and on time every day. Attendance and punctuality are a critical component of our hands-on approach to learning. We want all our students to succeed and we cannot teach them if they are not present. If your child is absent, **please notify the school within 24 hours.**

RESPONSIBILITIES/PROCEDURES FOR CLEARING AN ABSENCE

PARENTS – All absences must be reported to the 24-hours attendance line 850-617-5929 on a daily basis. Please **don't** leave messages for tardies and/or early release information. In order to clear a prior day's absences, a note signed by parent/guardian is required to be turned into the office.

STUDENTS – It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to check your attendance daily with your teacher or the Focus Portal. Check in with the office to clear up absences and submit written documentation, etc. before school, during lunch or after school. **Also, please remember to sign in and out at the office when you arrive late or leave school early.**

PRE-APPROVED ABSENCE - Students may have absences approved in advance (at least 5 days) by completing the Pre-Approved Absence Form - signed by their teachers and turned in to the front office prior to the absence. Forms are available in the front office or on our webpage.

Arriving/Leaving Class/Campus: Supervision starts at 7:30 a.m. The gates at parent pick-up will be locked until 7:15 a.m. Once students arrive at SAIL (student parking lot, bus zone, etc.), they must immediately come on to the campus. They may sit quietly outside or go to class, the Media Center, or the cafeteria. **Palmer-Munroe Pavilion is off-limits before school, at lunch, and throughout the school day.** Students arriving at school by bus before 7:30 a.m. will be directed to the cafeteria where free breakfast is available. After 3:15 p.m., no supervision is provided. Students must leave campus by 4:00 p.m. unless participating in a teacher-sponsored activity. **Students arriving late must check in at the office before going to class.** *Breakfast is served from 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. and it is free!

In order to leave campus for any reason (other than a class field trip) students must gain **parental permission** and **sign out at the front office**. Students must wait in class or in the office until their approved ride arrives. Students are not allowed to hang out in the parking lot.

Important: *For safety reasons, please DO NOT use the visitor parking lot to drop off and pick up students. This interferes with school bus traffic flow and is a serious safety issue.*



Cell Phones/Messages to Students: Please **DO NOT** call/text your child during class times. If you need to contact your child at school, please call the office (488-2468). We will deliver a message.

Cell phones and all electronic devices must be OFF and out of sight during class time. This includes in the hallway. Paybacks may be issued and phones confiscated if they are seen during class. **After three (3) cell phone policy violations, parents will be required to pick up confiscated phones at the office.**

Dress Code: Students may express their individuality in their dress but must come to school clean and be respectful of others' rights and beliefs. Student attire must be "school appropriate" and should not disrupt the learning environment. Clothing should not promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang affiliation, sexual behavior, and/or display hate symbols. Clothing should not be "excessively revealing". This means do not show butts, bellies, breasts, bras, or boxers. **Students must wear shoes at all times.** If in doubt, ask. The "final call" of "school appropriate" is at administration's discretion. Students will receive a warning and be asked to change. Repeat offenders will receive ISO, ASD then Saturday school.

Medications: School Board policy forbids prescription medications (except for inhalers) at school. If a prescription medication must absolutely be taken during the school day, the parent needs to check it in to the office with a signed permission form and doctor's prescription.



School Communications... Get in Touch, Stay in Touch!

- The SAIL website www.leonschools.net/sail is your first stop as a parent for information including the student handbook, a master calendar, teacher e-mail addresses, and Newsletters.
- To make sure that you receive email notices from the school and the PTSO, **please go to the Parents tab on the website, choose PTSO from the drop down menu and request to be added to the Email ListServ.**
- **You can now follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!** Please follow us on our Facebook A School for Arts Innovative Learning SAIL High School, Instagram page at SAIL High School and Twitter @SAILPirates. It is a great way you can find the latest news, updates, and upcoming events.
- **Focus Parent Portal** - Focus Parent Portal allows parents to access their child's academic, attendance, and discipline records from the teacher via the Internet (password required). Please visit <https://www.leonschools.net/parentportal> for more information.