



# Sisters High School

“Home of the Outlaws”

Joseph Hosang  
Principal

Dear Sisters Families:

As the principal of Sisters High School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2019-20 school year. We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. I realize we have a few weeks left of summer but I wanted to give everyone plenty of notice in regards to some changes that are taking place and information you'll need to start the school year.

I am truly honored to serve as the principal of Sisters High School. I love being part of the community where teachers, parents and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth.

**Proud to be an Outlaw!!**

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## Key Information to Begin the School Year

### Important Dates

August 20-23	Schedule Changes (see below)
Tuesday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Freshman and New Student Orientation (see below)
Wednesday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of school for All High School Students <i>No late start on the first Wednesday of the school year</i>
Wednesday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Freshman Parent Meeting @ 5:30 in High School Lecture Room

### Welcome New Staff or New Assignment

Lindy Weddel	Counselor
Jana Barraclough	High School Administrative Assistant and Receptionist
Tim Roth	High School & Middle School Assistant Principal
TBD	Health and Physical Education Teacher
Mark Lamont	Life Skills Para Professional
Anne Christmas	Special Education Para Professional
TBD	Chinese Language Arts Business Coordinator
Angela Fricilone	District School Psychologist
Dawna Spencer	District English Language Learners Teacher
Susie Seaney	Sisters Educational Options and Yearbook Director
Neil Fendall	High School Student Success Coordinator

### 2019-20 Calendar and NEW Daily Schedule Starting at 8:30 am

We are pushing back our start time from 8:06 to 8:30 this year on regular school days. On Wednesdays, Outlaw Time is changed from 9:00 to 9:15. Outlaw Time is for students to meet with teachers and to work with other students within the school day. We enclosed the daily time schedule and the 2019-20 student calendar that explains which days we are meeting for the ABC schedule. Please go to our website [www.shs.ssd6.org](http://www.shs.ssd6.org) for the complete and most up to date calendar and our daily time schedule. Go to the “Parents” tab and then click on “Student Calendar” at the bottom of the page. Another great option to help you remember our daily schedule is to add the “What Day is It?” app to your home page on your phone: <http://ssdstudent.net/SHS/abc/?site=shs>. This site will inform you of the daily schedule as well as the calendar for the year.

## **NEW TEAM Approach to Supporting the Social, Emotional and Academic needs of our students**

### **Counselors' Responsibilities**

**Lindy Weddel**, will be the primary scheduling counselor for students with the last names that begin with A-L. Lindy will specialize in all social and emotional needs for the entire student body and manage all student 504 accommodations. She will also leading the freshman success team. The freshman success team is a group of staff members who meet regularly to ensure every freshman is supported academically, socially, and emotionally in their transition to high school and to be on-track for graduation by the end of their first year.

**Rick Kroytz**, will be the primary scheduling counselor for students with the last names that begin with M-Z. He will continue his work as our ASPIRE coordinator and supporting students for life after high school by providing guidance around college readiness, career readiness, and internship experiences. Rick will also lead the junior success team. The junior success team is a group of staff members who meet regularly to ensure the students are supported academically, socially and helping them prepare for graduation.

### **Class Advocates & Student Success Teams**

We are adding second layer of academic and emotional support to ensure students graduate on time by adding **class advocates** and **student success teams**. The primary responsibility of the class advocates is to monitor students' paths to graduation as it pertains to their current grade. In doing so they will conduct regular grade checks, facilitate meetings with grade level teachers, and meet individually with students and families when necessary. The class advocates will also facilitate regular meetings with the student success teams. The student success teams are a group of staff members who have direct connections with the students. The student success team could include the nurse, resource officer, teachers, psychologist, secretaries and administrators, depending on the need. They will discuss academic, social and emotional needs for all the students in the class and offer creative supportive solutions when students are struggling.

The following class advocates would be a great person to contact first when you have questions about your student but you are not sure where to go. The class advocates would also be your first contact with questions about credits and being on-track for graduation. We hope this approach improves our ability to respond quickly to parent and student questions.

Freshman Class Advocate	Lindy Weddel
Sophomore Class Advocate	Neil Fendall
Junior Class Advocate	Rick Kroytz
Senior Class Advocate	Joe Hosang

### **New Assistant Principal and High School Student Success Coordinator**

A third layer of academic and social support we are adding to our team are the District and High School Student Success Coordinators:

**Neil Fendall** will be our High School Student Success Coordinator. His primary focus will be creating alternative paths to graduation, connecting with and monitoring the fully in home students, as well as the sophomore class advocate. His secondary duties will be to assist Tim Roth in working with students through collaborative conversations and corrective actions when they are struggling to maintain appropriate behavior.

**Tim Roth** will be the Assistant Principal for the Middle School and High School. He will work with both the high school and the middle school. His primary responsibilities will be to enhance our school community by working with students to solve problems when students struggle to maintain appropriate behavior. Instead of simply administering a consequence, our goal will be to diagnose the root of the problem and construct an authentic solution. His other primary responsibility will be to support families and students who are chronically absent from school. Lastly, his other primary responsibility is to help students transition from the middle school to the high school.

### Moving to Google as our Primary Method of Communication

Sisters School District has changed its email communications to use shorter and friendlier email addresses for students and staff. The new email address domain (the part after the @ sign) is **ssd6.org**. The following examples show the changes. Please use the new email address format as you communicate with staff and students for the 2019-2020 school year.

	Previous Email Address	New Email Address
Staff Email Example	<a href="mailto:first.last@sisters.k12.or.us">first.last@sisters.k12.or.us</a>	<a href="mailto:first.last@ssd6.org">first.last@ssd6.org</a>
Staff Email Example	<a href="mailto:first.last@sistersk-12.org">first.last@sistersk-12.org</a>	<a href="mailto:first.last@ssd6.org">first.last@ssd6.org</a>
Student Email Example	<a href="mailto:2020.last.first@sistersk-12.org">2020.last.first@sistersk-12.org</a>	<a href="mailto:2020.last.first@ssd6.org">2020.last.first@ssd6.org</a>

### Making Schedule Changes?

Schedules will be available on TylerSIS by August 16. We will send you an email explaining how to access your schedule prior to August 16<sup>th</sup>. Students needing to make schedule changes before school starts may drop in during their specified time below. With our new counseling team, we are dividing the alphabet.

Last names starting with A-L will see Lindy Weddell

Last names starting with M-Z will see Rick Kroytz

Seniors:	Tuesday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 – 11:30
Juniors:	Wednesday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 – 11:30
Sophomores	Thursday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30 – 11:30
Freshman	Friday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 – 11:30

The other option is to make an appointment with your counselor between 12:30 – 3:30, Tuesday through Thursday.

If Ms. Soloff is doing your schedule, you can come see her any time Tuesday through Friday from 8:30-11:30, regardless of your class or the schedule above.

Please note that you will need to pick up a fresh copy of your schedule in the commons on the **first day of school**. Sometimes we have to make small adjustments to balance class sizes that can lead changes to the order of your classes.

### Sports News

Online fall sports registration is now open! If your student-athlete is interested in participating in a fall sport at Sisters High School please log into Family ID and complete the online sports registration with your student athlete <https://www.familyid.com/sisters-school-district>. Then you will need to come visit us at the high school for payment, this cannot be done on-line. If the payment is too much of a burden, please come see us as we do have scholarships available for families. We will be open from Monday August 12 to Friday Aug 16 from 8:00am-3:00pm. Sports Registration Night Wednesday, August 14th from 6:00-7:00pm. Our mandatory parent/ player/coach meeting is the same night on Wednesday, Aug 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm. **ALL SHS STUDENT ATHLETES MUST HAVE A CLEARED SPORTS PHYSICAL PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE.** First day of practice is Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact SHS Athletic Office at 541-549-4050 ext. 5760 for any questions.

### Freshman and New Student Orientation

Incoming freshman and all transfer students are invited to come to Sisters High School on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> for new student orientation. The orientation for freshman will run from 8:30 to 3:20. If you are transferring from another school as an upper classmen we invite you to join us from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition to high school a positive one. Our LINK Crew will be serving as leaders and mentors to address students' needs, conduct team building activities, and conduct school tours. Bus routes will run in the morning and the routes can be found on the district web site and school loop.

Freshman will only need to bring your lunch, or money to purchase lunch and to wear comfortable clothes and come with a smile, everything else should be left at home. If you have any questions please contact

Kristy Rawls ([kristy.rawls@ssd6.org](mailto:kristy.rawls@ssd6.org))

### **Free and Reduced Lunch: EVERYONE should fill out an application!!!**

We all understand and believe that students need healthy meals to learn. Sisters offers healthy meals every school day for breakfast and lunch at the high school. While we still face a challenging economy, industry cutbacks and salary reductions, paying for these meals causes some degree of additional financial strain for all of us. We strongly encourage everyone to apply for the free and reduced meal program. One never knows if your student may qualify for free meals or meals at a reduced price of \$.40. The federal government has an income chart they use to determine the amount your child may qualify for. If you are interested, the process is very simple. We encourage EVERYONE, regardless of financial situation, to fill out the Free and Reduced application that is included in this packet and return the completed application to Terri Rood, Nutrition Services Operations Assistant, in the kitchen at the high school. It's that easy and all information will be confidential. If you have any questions or need help you may call 541.549.4057.

### **Bus Routes**

Please go to our district home page [www.ssd6.org](http://www.ssd6.org), click on Parents, then hover over on Transportation, then click on Bus Routes to obtain the bus schedule.

### **Student Handbook**

Please visit our website to become familiar with Student Handbook <http://shs.ssd6.org/parents/studenthandbook/>. It has a ton of valuable information regarding everything from general building procedures and information to graduation requirements.

### **Vehicle Registration & Student Drivers**

The control and supervision of the parking areas at Sisters High School are difficult. There is a need to strictly regulate these areas, the going to and coming from, so that undesirable and unauthorized persons can be kept off campus, student and staff property can be made more secure, and other violations of school rules in the parking areas can be kept to a minimum. It is easier for the school authorities to meet those needs properly when we have the cooperation of the students. It is important that each student observe the rules which are in the student code of conduct. Here is a summary of the rules:

1. Students have the responsibility to register all vehicles driven to school. All students must be licensed and covered by insurance. The Sisters School District is responsible for neither the vehicle nor its contents.
2. Dangerous driving of any kind and with any type of vehicle will be referred to the police and loss of driving privileges.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us. I look forward to another outstanding year in Outlaw Country. We have a strong senior group that will lead the way and I'm excited to see how they will impact our school and community.

### **Painting Senior Parking Spots**

We are currently planning our Third Annual painting of senior parking spots on **Thursday, August 29th from 8:00 to 1:00** and a tentative make-up day on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Seniors wishing to secure their own parking spot and paint an appropriate picture for the school setting that represents their individuality may do so for \$35.00 that include your registration and painting materials. It is on a first come first serve basis. Lola Green will send more information in the coming weeks.