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Silver Trail Middle School

“Home of the Mustangs”

Program Orientation 2023-2024 School Year

December 1, 2022

<https://www.browardschools.com/silvertrail>

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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE



Proud to be an “A” School

“One Family, One Team, One Goal.”



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STMS Administration



Dr. Leo Nesmith
Principal



Lynnette Lendick
Assistant Principal



Matthew Cordova
Assistant Principal



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Assistant Principal





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School Counselor



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School Counselor





STMS Information...

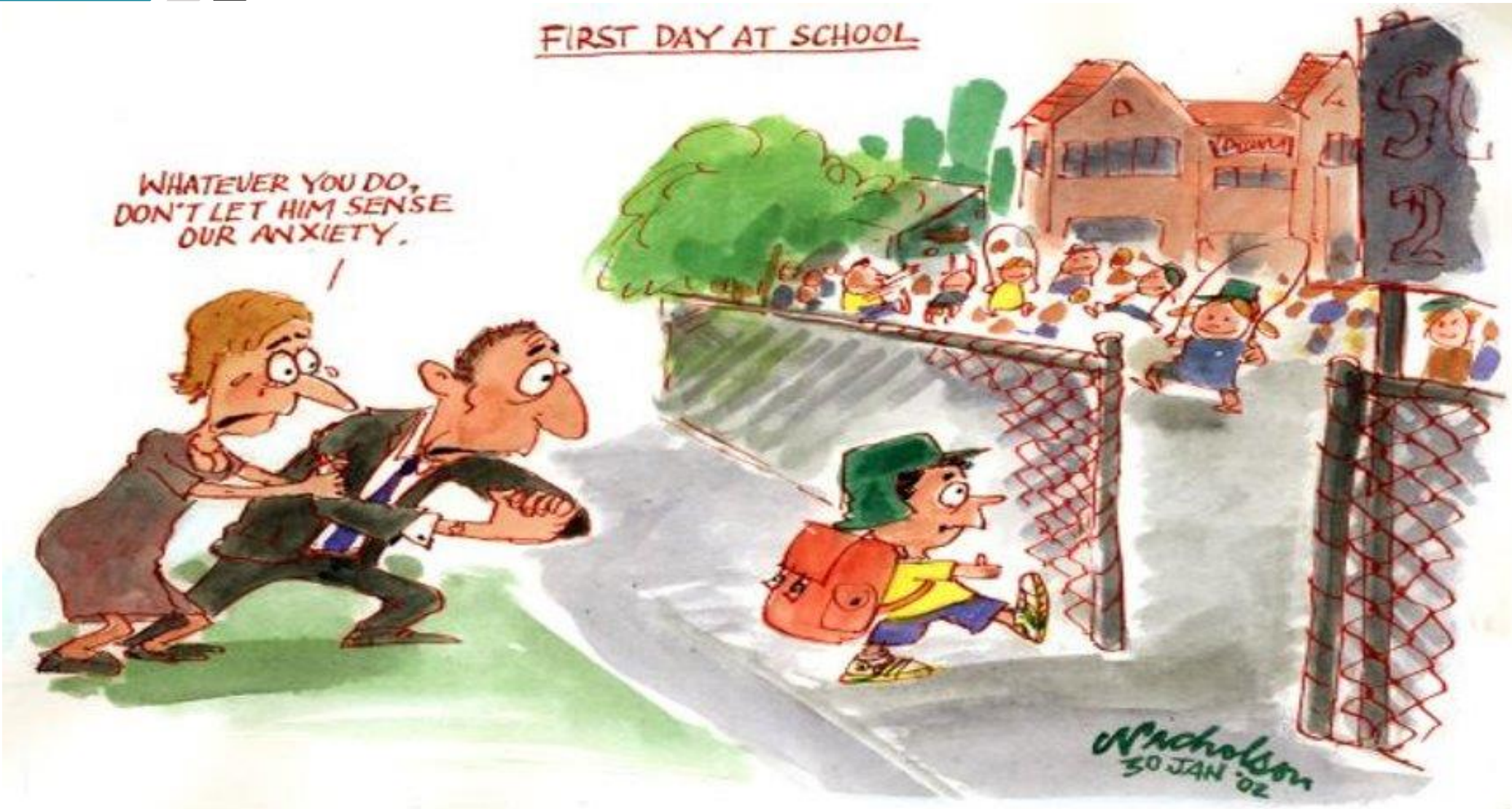
- School mascot is the “**Mustang**”
- School colors are **Teal**, **Black**, and **Silver**
- School hours are **9:00 AM – 3:40 PM**
- Student supervision will **ONLY** be provided from **8:40 AM to 4:00 PM**
- After school programs (**Campus Connections**) is available - visit the information table for more information





FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

WHATEVER YOU DO,
DON'T LET HIM SENSE
OUR ANXIETY.



Safety & Security



BROWARD
County Public Schools

See Something, Say Something

Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.

Anonymous Tip Submission Box
Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (no download required). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.

[BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips](https://www.browardschools.com/SecurityTips)

Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)
Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

754-321-3500

Send Us an Email
Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com

FortifyFL
Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (no download required) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.

[GetFortifyFL.com](https://www.getfortifyfl.com)

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION!

HOLD! *In your room, office or area. Clear the halls.*

OCCUPANTS	STAFF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close and lock door Account for occupants and staff Do business as usual

SECURE! *Get inside. Lock outside doors.*

OCCUPANTS	STAFF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return inside Do business as usual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring everyone indoors Lock outside doors Lock and turn lights Account for occupants and staff Do business as usual

LOCKDOWN! *Locks, lights, out of sight.*

OCCUPANTS	STAFF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move away from sight Remain silent Do not open the door Prepare to evade or defend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lock interior doors Turn out the lights Move away from sight Do not open the door. Maintain silence Account for occupants Prepare to evade or defend Activate Alyssa's Alert/Call 911

EVACUATE! *(A location may be specified)*

OCCUPANTS	STAFF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evacuate to specified location Bring your phone Instructions may be provided about retaining or leaving belongings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead evacuation to specified location Account for occupants and staff Notify if missing, extra or injured people

SHELTER! *Hazard and safety strategy.*

OCCUPANTS	STAFF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HAZARD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Threats: Prepare to shelter area Fire: Leave the room Explosions: Drop, cover and hold Shooting: Get to high ground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead safety strategy Account for occupants and staff Notify if missing, extra or injured people

BROWARD

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PERSONS ENTERING THIS PROPERTY ARE SUBJECT TO SCREENING BY METAL DETECTORS FOR WEAPONS AND OTHER DANGEROUS OBJECTS. SCREENING IS NOT A PROMISE OF SAFETY - SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 2010.

AVISO IMPORTANTE

LAS PERSONAS QUE INGRESAN A ESTE ESTABLECIMIENTO DEBERÁN PASAR POR UNA INSPECCIÓN CON DETECTORES DE METALES EN BUSCA DE ARMAS Y OTROS OBJETOS PELIGROSOS. LA INSPECCIÓN NO ES UNA GARANTÍA DE SEGURIDAD - NORMA DE LA JUNTA ESCOLAR 2010

AVI ENPÒTAN

MOUN KAP ANTRE SOU PWOPRIYETE SA POU KONTWÒL OBLIJE PASE ANBA APARÈY POU DETEKTE METAL AK LÒT OBJÈ DANJERE. BON KONTWÒL PA GARANTI SEKIRITE - POLICY 2010 KONSÈY ESKOLÈ.

AVISO IMPORTANTE

AS PESSOAS QUE ENTRAM NESTE ESTABELECIMENTO ESTÃO SUJEITAS À TRIAGEM POR DETECTORES DE METAL EM BUSCA DE ARMAS E OUTROS OBJETOS PERIGOSOS. A TRIAGEM NÃO É UMA GARANTIA DE SEGURANÇA - POLÍTICA 2010 DO CONSELHO ESCOLAR.



STMS Unified Dress

STMS has a Unified Dress Policy for all students attending our school. We believe unified dress policy promotes safety, improves behavior and enhances the learning environment.



SILVER TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

UNIFIED DRESS CODE

STMS HAS A MANDATORY UNIFIED DRESS CODE POLICY FOR ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING OUR SCHOOL. WE BELIEVE THIS DRESS CODE POLICY PROMOTES SAFETY, IMPROVES BEHAVIOR AND ENHANCES THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

TOPS: OXFORD OR POLO STYLE SHIRTS WITH COLLARS OR STMS BRANDED FIELD TRIP, PTSA OR CLUB SHORT/LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS
COLORS: BLACK, WHITE, GRAY, OR ANY SHADE OF TEAL
SOLID COLORS ONLY

JACKETS/SWEATSHIRTS: SOLID WHITE, BLACK, GREY, NAVY BLUE OR TEAL (ANY BRANDING MUST BE TWO INCHES OR SMALLER)

BOTTOMS: KHAKI, BLACK OR GRAY DOCKER STYLE SHORTS, PANTS, CAPRI'S AND SKORTS
*BLUE, BLACK OR GRAY DENIM JEANS MAY BE WORN
*NO SWEAT PANTS OR SWEAT PANT MATERIAL
*NO ATHLETIC PANTS OR SHORTS, CARGO PANTS OR SHORTS, LEGGINGS, JEGGINGS OR DANCEWEAR
*SHORTS AND SKORTS MUST BE FINGERTIP LENGTH OR LONGER
*JEANS MAY NOT HAVE CUTS, RIPS, TEARS OR DESIGNS

****CROCS ARE NOT ALLOWED****




Schedule Options for 2023 - 2024



Scheduling Method Change

CURRENT STRAIGHT 6 SCHEDULE

 STMS Grade Bell Schedule	
1 st Period	9:10 – 10:02
2 nd Period	10:05 – 10:57
3 rd Period	11:00 – 11:52
4 th Period	11:55 – 12:47
LUNCH 12:50 – 1:35	
5 th Period	1:38 – 2:30
6 th Period	2:33 – 3:40

2023-24 BLOCK SCHEDULE

	A Day	B Day
Block 1	Class 1	Class 2
Block 2	Class 3	Class 4
Block 3	Class 5	Class 6
Block 4	Class 7	Class 8



SAMPLE BELL & BLOCK SCHEDULE

REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

Periods 1/5	7:40 AM - 9:12 AM	
Periods 2/6	9:18 AM - 10:51 AM	
Lunch A	10:51 AM - 11:24 AM	CLASSES
Periods 3/7	11:30 AM - 1:02 PM	200's // 300's // Language Arts
Periods 3/7	10:57 AM - 12:29 PM	CLASSES
Lunch B	12:29 PM - 1:02 PM	400's // Engineering // JROTC // PE
Periods 4/8	1:08 PM - 2:40 PM	
92-Minute Classes	6-Minute Passing	33-Minute Lunch

EARLY RELEASE DAY SCHEDULE

Periods 1/5	7:40 AM - 8:50 AM	
Periods 2/6	8:56 AM - 10:08 AM	Homeroom
Periods 3/7	10:14 AM - 11:24 AM	
Periods 4/8	11:30 AM - 12:40 PM	
Grab-and-Go Lunch	12:40 PM - 12:50 PM	

AUGUST				
M	T	W	T	F
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
			PSD	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	ERD	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	PSD	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	ERD	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	PSD	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	ERD	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

MARCH				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	ERD	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	PSD	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	ERD	21
24	25	26	27	28

MAY				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
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JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	ERD	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
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CALENDAR CODES	
No School	Report Cards
Teacher Planning Day	Interims
School-Wide Testing	First/Last Day
Silver Day: Periods 1-4	Early Release Day 2:40 PM Dismissal
Black Day: Periods 5-8	Prof. Study Day 11:40 AM Dismissal

Silver Day 1 Second Period Dismissal 1:00h and 10th Grade Students





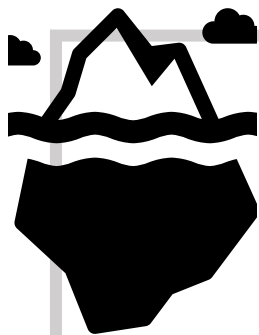
Why the Change: Literature Review



The lengthened block of instruction also allows students to engage as more active learners, and the activities available increase retention of the material, so that less review time is necessary in subsequent classes (Schoenstein, 1994).



Kienholz, Segall, and Yellin (2003) commented that “block scheduling allowed students to learn material at a relaxed, less frenetic pace” (p. 64) and that “it enhanced the environment for learning for both teacher and students” (p. 65).



"In block scheduling, the focus is on 'depth of learning,' not surface learning and low-level recall. We design longer periods of time for students to engage in learning."





STUDENT BENEFITS

1

Double Dosing Struggling Learners in Reading and Math

2

Increased Elective Offerings

3

Enhanced Remediation/ Recovery Opportunities

4

Increased Pull-Out Opportunities and Scheduling

5

Longer Classes for Labs and Project-based Learning

6

Only Three Core Classes a Day for Students

7

Better for Transitioning to High School and College/Career Readiness

8

Enhanced Pathways to High School Course Offerings



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Clubs and Sports

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Clubs meeting times/dates and Sports try-outs will be shared on announcements.



Clubs & Organizations

- FEA (Future Educators of America)
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Government
- Drumline Club
- Book Club
- Girls Club (Upcoming)
- 5000 Role Models (Upcoming)

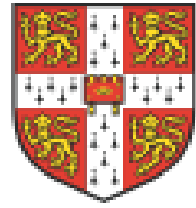
Athletics

- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Volleyball
- Track
- Flag Football



Academic Pathways and Innovations

Cambridge/G.E.A.R.S./G.E.M./High School Courses



Cambridge Assessment International Education

Just So You Know...

- To support students' academic success, STMS will proudly begin offering the Cambridge Lower Secondary Program including
- STMS's Lower Secondary Cambridge Program will better prepare students who plan on continuing into WBHS's AICE Cambridge Program
- If your student is awarded a Cambridge HS Diploma, he or she can receive the Florida Bright Futures academic scholarship
- The intention is to increase the number of Cambridge courses over time



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Cambridge Core Content and Electives

Application Process

CAMBRIDGE CORE REQUIREMENTS

ALL students accepted into the Cambridge Program MUST complete the following courses:

- ELA (6th, 7th & 8th)

Future Additions:

- Science
- Math

CAMBRIDGE ELECTIVES

- ALL Cambridge students MUST complete the following electives:
 - Global Perspectives
 - Cambridge Physical Education
- Cambridge students will receive priority for Cambridge elective options
- All STMS students will have access to our Cambridge electives.



G.E.A.R.S. *Genuine Explorations, Applications, and Research in Science*

Grade 6
Earth Space
Science

Grade 6
G.E.A.R.S. 1 Course

Grade 7
Life
Science

Grade 7
G.E.A.R.S. 2 Course
8th Gr. FSA Science Administered

Grade 8
Physical
Science



Grade 8
G.E.A.R.S. Course
Biology EOC
Administered

Student Selection Recommendations:

Level 4 or 5 on the 5th Grade Science FSA

Level 4 or 5 in Reading F.A.S.T.

Level 4 or 5 in Math F.A.S.T.

G.E.A.R.S. progression is not for all students. Enrolled must maintain a **“B”** average or they will be recommended for removal from the **G.E.A.R.S.** progress/pathway.



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G.E.M. *Great Explorations in Mathematics*

	COURSES	REQUIREMENTS	KEY INFORMATION
Grade 6	Pre-Algebra	Grades 6- 8 standards taught in one-year	GEM requires students to take a District Midterm and Final Exam, which accounts for 25% of their grade.
Grade 7	Algebra I Honors	End-of-Course Exam will count as 30% of the course grade	GEM requires students to take a district midterm and a State End-of-Course Exam (EOC).
Grade 8	Geometry Honors	End-of-Course Exam will count as 30% of the course grade	High school courses taken in middle school will be included in the student's weighted and unweighted high school GPA.





Accelerated Math

	COURSES	KEY INFORMATION
Grade 6	Advanced	Students will be taught 6th, 7th, and 8th grade standards in two (2) years. Successful completion of these two courses is intended to prepare the students for Algebra I Honors in 8th grade.
Grade 7	Advanced	
Grade 8	Algebra I Honors	The score a student earns on the Algebra I End-of-Course Exam will count as 30% of the Algebra I Honors course grade.





Traditional Math

	COURSES	KEY INFORMATION
Grade 6	Regular	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade Level Standards are taught in one year• Students will continue to take the FSA• Students will be prepared to take Algebra upon entering High School
Grade 7	Regular	
Grade 8	Pre-Algebra	





High School Courses & Academies

	COMPUTER SCIENCE PATHWAY	ENTREPRENEUR PATHWAY
Grade 6	Coding Fundamentals	Introduction to Business & Entrepreneurship
Grade 7	Start Up Technology & Entrepreneurship	Introduction to Business Tools & Career Planning
Grade 8	Advanced Information Technology	Entrepreneurship Essentials

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced IT • Algebra I Honors • Biology Honors • Debate I Honors • Geometry Honors • Spanish I • Spanish II • Spanish for Spanish Speakers



Elective Options





Electives

Current Electives

- GLOBAL SCHOLARS
- PEER COUNSELING
- BAND 1
- SYMPHONIC BAND
- WIND ENSEMBLE
- DRAMA/THEATRE
- TV PRODUCTION
- YEARBOOK
- PEER COUNSELING
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- SPANISH I
- SPANISH II
- LATINOS IN ACTION

Anticipated Electives for 2023/2024

- ART EXPLORATIONS
- CREATIVE WRITING
- CRITICAL THINKING
- ENTREPRENEUR /BUSINESS
- ENVIRONMENTAL ART/S.T.E.A.M. EXPLORATION
- FILM STUDIES
- FORENSICS
- JAZZ BAND
- LAW STUDIES
- MARKETING
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS
- STUDY HALL – ACADEMIC SUPPORT



Future Events





SAVE THE DATE



MUSTANG ADVENTURES
JANUARY 12, 2023
5:30 PM



CAMP MUSTANG
TBD (Summer)



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STMS PTSA Store

- STMS shirts & other swag!
 - Can be worn as part of Unified Dress
 - STMS shirt sales
 - <https://stmsptsa.memberhub.com/store>
 - Pre-Orders will be available prior to the start of the 23-24 school year
 - Purchase ONLINE with credit card
 - Orders will be delivered to students
 - Save time and no lines!



Silver Trail Middle School PTSA
Spirit/Uniform Shirts
Pre-order online
<https://stmsptsa.memberhub.com/store>

\$12 Each

Please note that orders will be filled and delivered to students. Additionally, please allow 2 weeks for orders to be filled.

PTSA Membership Link:
<https://stmsptsa.memberhub.com/store?category=Memberships>



REASSIGNMENT TO STMS

ATTENTION: Families that reside outside the STMS boundary/feeder pattern, please apply to attend Silver Trail Middle as a reassignment at:

<https://www.browardschools.com/schoolchoice>

The 2023/24 School Choice window opens December 1, 2022, 8 am – February 03, 2023

Please call or email to schedule a meeting and tour Silver Trail Middle School with Dr. Leo Nesmith (Principal) at 754-323-4305 or leo.nesmith@browardschools.com

- Website:

<https://www.browardschools.com/silvertrail>

- Follow us on Twitter @STrailMiddle



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*Thank you for
joining us!*