



Welcome Back!

We are looking forward to a great new school year.

We are on a "Journey to Success"!

The following are a few things we would like you to know::

1. Our school hours are 7:55-3:30. Announcements begin at 7:55.
2. Students will be counted absent if they arrive after 9:30. Students are tardy if they arrive after 7:55.

3. Morning arrival:

- The front doors will open at 7:30 a.m. Please do not drop your child off before 7:30. Students will be unattended before 7:30.
- Students will continue to be provided breakfast daily from 7:30-7:55.
- Only HISD employee children will be allowed to be dropped off at the bus loading/unloading area at the side of the school. HISD employee children can be dropped off between 7:00-7:30 in that area.
- We are not allowing parents to walk students to class at this time in an effort to provide extra precautions as Covid-19 cases rise across the nation. Parents wanting to walk their children to the front of the school need to park in the front parking lot. Feel free to "Hug and Go" in front of the school. If you need to visit with or schedule a meeting with the teacher, we ask that you see the receptionist to leave a note, or call the school to schedule an appointment.

4. Dismissal: We will release students at 3:30. Please continue to be patient with us as we continue to refine our card rider loading process. The first week of school is usually difficult due to the number of students who have not yet registered to ride the bus. The line length will lessen after the first week. Thanks again for your patience.

There are several ways students can go home:

- Walkers: Students living in a .25 mile radius, according to their address, can be considered a walker. A form must be filled out and approved by administrators before students are allowed to be walkers.
- Bus: Paperwork must be filled out at the transportation department or online before students are allowed to ride the bus. Once approved, parents will be notified by the transportation department and a bus tag will be delivered to Stewart.
- Front Pick-up: Parents can wait in their vehicle in the front pick-up line and staff will load children in their cars. We do not allow parents to walk up and get their children during dismissal unless they are signing them out early for an appointment. This is for safety purposes.
- After School program: Two programs are available for after school care. Boys and Girls Club is located off campus. Parents have to register their child for the program and also register for riding the bus to Boys & Girls Club. YMCA is offered at Stewart. Parents have to contact both programs directly to register their child. Once registered, please notify your child's teacher.

5. Masks & Social Distancing: We continue to encourage safety at all times. Efforts will continue to encourage mask wearing. Masks are not required at this time but staff will take extra precautions. Additionally, sanitation is continued throughout the school day during transition of activities, lunch, breakfast, etc...

6. Red Tuesday will be sent home weekly. This is one of several schoolwide communication systems. All school wide information will be sent home in Tuesday Folders. Additional communication will go out via Blackboard Messaging System, Stewart Facebook Page, and Twitter (#StewartStrong).

Thank you for sharing your precious children with us. Feel free to contact me at any time. My number is (936)435-6700. It is going to be a great year!

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Principal

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