



Suncoast Community High School

an IB World School

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Dear Brand New Chargers and Families,

We are excited to have you join the Suncoast Community! We have prepared a set of experiences for you on August 6th and 7th that will connect you to the awesome community of students, parents, faculty, and staff that we have here, as well as prepare students to jump off the blocks sprinting toward success in their freshman year.

The first event is **Parent Orientation:**

Date: Tuesday, August 6th

Time: 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Check in: 5 pm

Location: Starting in the Suncoast Theater

For: Parents

This event is created especially for parents, but we don't want you to miss this important information. If it is difficult to arrange supervision for your children while you're here, you can definitely bring them along. **During Parent Orientation, we will run raffles for SHS gear and experiences as well. We will have a check in at 5 pm for parents to enjoy some refreshments and pick out some awesome new Suncoast gear as well as purchase PE uniforms & lockers.**

Activities for the evening will include: sessions on important logistical information for the first weeks of school, meeting the administrative team, meeting your child's school counselor, signing up for Naviance, learning the bell schedule.

The second event is **Freshman Student Orientation:**

Date: Wednesday, August 7th

Time: 7:30 am-3:00 pm

Location: all around Suncoast

For: Students only!

Activities will include: workshops prepared by teachers, students, and staff that will give students introductions, insights, and tips for success programs and the Suncoast culture; icebreakers run by Suncoast students to meet your fellow freshmen; a chance to run your schedule and find your locker; and an introduction to clubs & activities available to get involved in. Needless to say, it is very important that students attend all of the activities on this day.

The cafeteria will not be able to serve lunch that day, but the Suncoast PTSA has volunteered to coordinate pizza/drinks delivery and distribution for students who do not want to bring their own lunch. If you'd like to order pizza, please bring **exact change** for \$2 per slice and \$1 for water, and we'll take your order that morning.

We look forward to meeting you in August, and working together over the next four years!

Sincerely,

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Principal

Dr. Ashley Rizzi
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