

## **SSMS Update 8-20-21**

Happy Friday to all the SSMS Tigers out there! What a great first week of school. Enjoy your weekend!

### [SSMS News Team Accepting Applications!](#)

We are looking for students interested in producing a live announcement show for SSMS. We need both in front of and behind camera people. Click the link above if you are interested! This requires a student login so make sure you are using your dsisdconnect account.

Selected students will have their Tiger WIN time changed and will not have study/work time Monday-Thursday so be sure you can keep your grades up! Fridays will still be club days for all students.

Applications for the team are open until **4 pm next Wednesday, August 25th**. No late entries will be accepted!! If you miss the deadline we will have another opportunity to join in the Spring semester.

**Interviews will be conducted, Friday, August 27th.**

For questions please email BOTH [misty.maxwell@dsisdtx.us](mailto:misty.maxwell@dsisdtx.us) AND [ricky.reid@dsisdtx.us](mailto:ricky.reid@dsisdtx.us)

### **Trail to Resolution**

At Sycamore Springs Middle School we use a proactive approach to resolving concerns. It's really very simple. If you have a concern, please go directly to the source of the concern. For example, if your child comes home and says, my teacher took my cell phone and wouldn't return it, please call the teacher. This will be the fastest and most direct way to resolve the issue.

### **SSMS School Cell Phone/Device Policy**

- Only use with permission from your teacher; this includes music, earbuds/ headphones.

If not permitted, phones should be put away.

Green Light / Red Light Posters.

In each classroom, "Red Light" means no phones or devices and "Green Light" means phones can be out for school use.

- Devices may be accessed inside the cafeteria before school daily and during lunch on Tuesdays/Thursdays and between classes in the hallways.

- Personal social media may not be accessed while on campus. (Snapchat, instagram, facebook, etc....)

- Pictures or videos may only be taken on campus WITH permission.

Non-compliance will result in the loss of your device and/or disciplinary consequences.

Natural Consequences:

- 1st offense: warning
- 2nd offense: device on the teacher's desk until end of the class
- 3rd offense: device to administration; student may pick-up at the end of the day
- 4th offense: device to administration; parents may pick-up at the end of the day



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