



Welcome to Stratford High School! The Stratford High School Parent Teacher Student Association is here to make your transition to SHS as smooth as possible. We hope to do this by providing you with helpful information about our school and our Stratford community.

The information in this **SHS PTSA Resource Guide for Newcomers** is provided to help answer questions you may have about SHS and the PTSA. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the PTSA President by using the “Contact Us” form on the PTSA website at <http://stratfordptsa.com/>.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- SBISD website: <https://cms.springbranchisd.com/district/>
- Stratford High School website: <https://cms.springbranchisd.com/shs/>
- Stratford High School PTSA website: <http://stratfordptsa.com/>

SKYWARD (FAMILY ACCESS)

Skyward (Family Access) is SBISD’s password-protected site that provides both parents and students access to course grades, homework, attendance, and other data. You can gain access to Skyward by visiting the SHS Main Office. Your child will have his/her own separate access to Skyward. Skyward is available for your desktop computer and as an app for your Apple or Android device. The link to Skyward can be found at the “Family Access” link on the home page of the SHS website or at:

- <https://www.springbranchisd.com/familyaccess/>

SBISD PARENT/GUARDIAN/STUDENT HANDBOOK

The SBISD Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook and Code of Conduct is available electronically in English and Spanish at:

- <https://cms.springbranchisd.com/backtoschool/Back-to-School/General-Information/Student-Handbooks>

SHS HANDBOOK ADDENDUM

Stratford High School has an addendum to the SBSID Handbook. This addendum sets out important information including:

- Absence policy
- Academic Honesty policy
- All Bell Schedules
- Dress Code
- Electronic Devices policy
- Exam Exemption policy
- Make-Up Work policy
- Re-test Policy
- Tardy Sweep

You can download a copy of the addendum by clicking on the link on the home page of the SHS website:

- Stratford High School website: <https://cms.springbranchisd.com/shs/>

SHS STUDENT PLANNERS

Every SHS student is provided with a student planner, free of charge, at the beginning of the school year. This planner not only gives important dates and the A/B schedule, it also includes important administrative information.

THE SPARTAN SCOOP

The Spartan Scoop is the weekly newsletter published by the PTSA. Every Monday, the Spartan Scoop comes out with a week's worth of Spartan information. To make sure you receive the Spartan Scoop and Spartan eBlasts, look for the "Subscribe to Spartan Scoop" button at the top of the sidebar on the PTSA website.

THE PTSA BIG FORM AND DIRECTORY

At the beginning of each school year, the PTSA combines all back to school forms into a "Big Form." This form allows you to join the PTSA, provide your contact information for the SHS Directory, order copies of the Directory, and donate to our Scholarship and Teacher Appreciation funds. The Big Form is available on the PTSA website at:

- <http://stratfordpts.com/bigform/>

We recommend that you do include your student's cell phone number so he or she can be contacted for school-related projects. For parents, we can list two phone numbers but only one email address. If your student lives in two homes, both homes can be listed under Parent 1 and Parent 2 on our update form.

CLASS LEADERS/COORDINATORS

Each class at SHS has its own Grade Level Principal and Grade Level Counselor. Contact information for these administrators can be found on the SHS website at:

- <https://cms.springbranchisd.com/shs/Faculty/Administration/Office-by-Grade-Level>

Each class also has two parents who serve as Peer Group Coordinators who help ensure that parents receive the information necessary for their child's grade level. Contact information for the Peer Group Coordinators can be found on the PTSA website at:

- <http://stratfordpts.com/info/board-members/>

REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER

All volunteers must register with SBISD and gain approval before starting volunteer service in any SBISD school. This must be done each year. If you were approved to volunteer during the previous school year, your status is only valid until October 1. After that point, all returning volunteers need to be re-registered and approved for the current school year. If you have questions about the volunteer approval process, you can contact Abby Walker, SBISD Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships and Volunteer Programs, at 713-464-1511 or partner@springbranchisd.com. The volunteer application can be found at:

- <https://cms.springbranchisd.com/community/Community-Relations/Partnerships>

Please check the PTSA website for additional important dates: <http://stratfordpts.com/>.