



*Our vision is to create leaders who foster a sense of belonging through kindness and compassion in order to make S-C a welcoming and supportive place to succeed.*

We are very excited that your child will be attending Smith-Cotton High School and we look forward to meeting your student on Orientation Day. As you may know, our school participates in the nationwide Link Crew Program, an organization whose sole purpose is to help freshmen feel more comfortable as well as help them achieve success in their first year of high school.

The Link Crew freshman orientation and transition program is designed to both welcome and support freshmen by assigning them a junior or senior Link Leader as a mentor during this first year. This Link Leader is a responsible older student who was hand selected from a large pool of applicants and has met the qualifications of being a good role model and a positive leader on our campus.

Following is some information to let you know what you and your student can expect in advance of their first day of school.

- 1) Your child can expect to receive an invitation to Freshman Orientation Day in the mail in August. If he or she has not received the invitation by mail, please have your student attend **Freshman Orientation day on Monday, August 26th at 8:00 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.**
- 2) A day or two before orientation your child will also receive a phone call from her or his Link Crew Leader personally inviting your student to orientation day and giving the details of where to be and what time;
- 3) Your child is encouraged not to bring backpacks, purses or other like items as the day is quite active;
- 4) Because the day is active, please make sure that your child wears comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement.

This is a student only function so we encourage you to let your child attend on her or his own.

We look forward to meeting your student on orientation day!

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