

Good evening,

This is Principal Starnes with your weekly updates so please listen carefully.

National Honor Society

SMHS National Honor Society Applications go live starting Monday, October 5, 2020 and will close after two weeks on Monday, October 19, 2020. The listed requirements can be found on the South Meck website. Simply go to our website, click Faculty & Staff, click Ms. Lindsey Robinson's page, and click the National Honors Society tab.

Clubs and Organizations

We have updated our South Meck website to reflect the list all active student clubs and organizations. When visiting the home page, click Parent & Student Resources, then click Student Clubs & Organizations. Don't hesitate to contact the advisor directly to learn when the club or organization will meet virtually, either before school, after school or during the school day during Advisory Block on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

October 7th Early Release day

As a reminder, CMS will have its first early release day for the school year on Wednesday, October 7th. The South Meck early release day bell schedule is located on our school website and is available below.

PTSA #1959 Challenge

The South Meck PTSA launched the #1959Challenge in support of the Invest in Your Child Campaign. As Principal, I joined the effort by donating \$19.59 and challenge all families, friends, neighbors, and staff to support this effort and donate \$19.59. If every family were to make an invested donation of \$19.59, the South Meck PTSA will exceed the goal. Huge thanks to all who have joined the effort and don't hesitate to encourage your friends, neighbors, or other family members to do the same. Simply click <https://bit.ly/SMDonatePTSA> to donate.

Senior Parent Meeting

Did you miss the Senior Parent Meeting last week? If so, all information including the recorded presentation can be found by visiting the South Meck website and click Student Services and Counseling Department or by clicking the link here: <http://bit.ly/SeniorInformation2021>. If you have questions or need additional support, feel free to contact your child's school counselor directly.

Virtual FAFSA Night

Save the date...we will host Virtual FAFSA Night on Monday, October 26th at 6pm ad Virtual FAFSA Night in Spanish on October 15th at 6:30pm. More information is forthcoming.

South Meck Sports Boosters

Join the Sports Meck Sports Boosters for the first general meeting of the year on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. via Zoom. This is your chance to get an update on the South Meck sports program and to learn how you can support our athletes and coaches. Members and those interested in learning more about the organization are welcome.

Use the Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3905936365?pwd=KzF5dHFPSmRqemJHa01Kc2p2U0kwQT09> and the password is Sabres2020. For more information, email info@smsportsboosters.com. Membership information is available at bit.ly/SMHSSportsBoosters.

Mid-Term Week

I can't believe it is time for students to take mid-terms for semester classes. Understanding we are in a remote learning phase, we will have a revised bell schedule which is different from previous years. On the mid-term exam schedule as outlined below, **students will have 120 minutes for the mid-term exam class and 75 minutes for the class exam review following the mid-term exam.** If the exam takes less than 120 minutes to complete and the student finishes

early, they **will not** be penalized for logging off after completion however are strongly encouraged to take their time to ensure success.

On exam days, class periods after lunch will be **asynchronous**. During this time, students will have independent work, provided recorded lessons, and/or be given study time. During asynchronous time, students **will not** be required to login to live instruction however will be expected to log into Canvas to complete the Google Form for class attendance.

During the exam block, A/B classes will follow the district A/B calendar and synchronous instruction will last for at least 40 minutes. Students will not have a mid-term exam understanding the mid-term point for A/B classes is in December, however could have an assessment such as a quiz or quarter test.

We will not have Advisory Block during exam days.

In an effort to provide additional support to students, teachers will hold virtual office hours during the asynchronous blocks via zoom and e-mail.

Midterm Bell Schedule

October 12th – A Day (1st Block Midterm Exam)

7:00am – 7:45am	Sabre Sunrise (Synchronous)
8:00am - 10:00am	1st Block Exam (Synchronous)
10:10am - 11:25am	2nd Block Exam Review (Synchronous)
11:25am - 12:05pm	Lunch
12:05pm - 1:20pm	3rd Block (Asynchronous with Required Canvas Attendance) Virtual Teacher Office Hours As Requested
1:30pm - 2:45pm	4th Block (Asynchronous with Required Canvas Attendance) Virtual Teacher Office Hours As Requested

October 13th – B Day (2nd Block Midterm Exam)

7:00am – 7:45am	Sabre Sunrise (Synchronous)
8:00am - 10:00am	2nd Block Exam (Synchronous)
10:10am - 11:25am	3rd Block Exam Review (Synchronous)
11:25am - 12:05pm	Lunch
12:05pm - 1:20pm	4th Block (Asynchronous with Required Canvas Attendance) Virtual Teacher Office Hours As Requested
1:30pm - 2:45pm	1st Block (Asynchronous with Required Canvas Attendance) Virtual Teacher Office Hours As Requested

October 14th – A Day (3rd Block Midterm Exam)

7:00am – 7:45am	Sabre Sunrise (Synchronous)
8:00am - 10:00am	3rd Block Exam (Synchronous)
10:10am - 11:25am	4th Block Exam Review (Synchronous)
11:25am - 12:05pm	Lunch
12:05pm - 1:20pm	1st Block (Asynchronous with Required Canvas Attendance) Virtual Teacher Office Hours As Requested
1:30pm - 2:45pm	2nd Block (Asynchronous with Required Canvas Attendance) Virtual Teacher Office Hours As Requested

October 15th – B Day (4th Block Mid-Term Exam)

7:00am – 7:45am	Sabre Sunrise (Synchronous)
8:00am - 10:00am	4th Block Exam (Synchronous)
10:10am - 11:25am	1st Block Class (Asynchronous with Required Canvas Attendance) Virtual Teacher Office Hours As Requested
11:25am - 12:05pm	Lunch
12:05pm - 1:20pm	2nd Block Class (Asynchronous with Required Canvas Attendance) Virtual Teacher Office Hours As Requested
1:30pm - 2:45pm	3rd Block Class (Asynchronous with Required Canvas Attendance) Virtual Teacher Office Hours As Requested

October 16th – A Day

Regular Remote Bell Schedule w/Make-Up Exams available in Breakout Rooms

Thank you for listening and have an amazing evening...Go Sabres!!!