

South Meck Students and Families,

This is Principal Starnes with a special mid-week update so please listen carefully. This message was not sent on Sunday, as we were waiting on a number of critical updates from our district leaders regarding Fall 2020 Exams, Spring 2021 Bus Transportation, and Spring 2021 Full Remote Academy enrollment.

Full Remote Academy

As mentioned for the past three months, the CMS Board of Education approved a plan to return to school which includes in person learning for high schools beginning January 5, 2021. Those interested in changing from the Full Remote Academy (Cohort D) to In-Person Learning (Cohort A, B, C) or vice-versa from In-Person Learning (Cohort A, B, C) to the Full Remote Academy (Cohort D) are able to do so by visiting the link <https://bit.ly/SMHSreopenstrong> or by doing so on our school website under Parent/Student Resources and click Full Remote Academy Opt-In/Opt-Out. **Important note: the deadline to make a change is now November 30th and not December 5th as previously shared.** No action is required for families who wish to make no changes. If you need assistance or need confirmation on your current status, please don't hesitate to contact the main office via phone from 6:30am-2:30pm.

Transportation Enrollment for Second Semester (begins Jan. 5, 2021)

All students, regardless of their status for in-person learning or Full Remote Academy must inform the district about students' transportation needs for the second semester. Families can click the link here <https://bit.ly/CMSSemester2Survey>, or visit the CMS website [here](#), or visit the school website. Families will need their student ID number to complete the transportation enrollment form. Again, CMS needs to know the transportation needs for ALL students grades pre-K – 12th grade therefore all families must complete this form <https://bit.ly/CMSSemester2Survey>. The deadline to complete this survey is November 30, 2020. If you need assistance in completing this form, please don't hesitate to contact the main office via phone from 6:30am-2:30pm.

Fall 2020 Exams

We have official released the Fall 2020 Exam Schedule. This schedule includes both mid-term exams for yearlong A/B classes during the week of December 7 – 11 and final exams for semester EOC/CTE State courses during the week of December 14 – 21. The schedule can be found here <https://bit.ly/SMHSreopenstrong> or by visiting the school website under Parent/Student Resources. As a reminder, students enrolled in EOC/CTE State courses are required to take final exams on campus following the safety precautions and safeguards developed.

Quarter 2 Progress Reports

It's time to review grades in PowerSchool for progress reports. Progress reports and grades in PowerSchool at South Meck are available for view on November 18th & 19th. Once you review your students grades on those dates, please acknowledge by completing the Quarter 2 Parent Acknowledgement of Grades Form available on our school website and in your students Advisory Block. <https://bit.ly/SMHSreviewedPRQ2>

Student Parking Information

In addition, we have released parking information for those eligible to park on campus for the spring semester. The window to request a parking permit is available beginning today, November 1st until December 5th by visiting link <https://bit.ly/SMHSreopenstrong> or by doing so on our school website under Parent/Student Resources and clicking Student Parking.

Thankful Grace Week

As mentioned last week, we are offering a **ONE-TIME** Grace Week for students to make-up **ANY WORK** from Quarter 1 that was previously marked as 0's in the Quarter 1 Gradebook. Yes, **ANY WORK** includes both informal and formal grades for **ALL CLASSES**. In accordance with CMS Policy, the maximum score allowed for assignments submitted 3 or more days late is a score of a 50 however when considering the big picture and potential overall average, a 50 is much much better than a 0. Thankful Grace Week is from November 16th through November 29th. Students can submit assignments anytime during this window however the deadline to submit late work that was previously marked as a 0 in the Quarter 1 Gradebook is **11:59pm on November 29th**.

Virtual Club Day

The Inter Club Council will sponsor Virtual Club Day during Advisory block this week. There will be a slide presentation uploaded to Canvas with the directions and links to each club's zoom presentation. Students will have the opportunity to explore 8 clubs in all, 4 each day. Students will first log into homeroom each day for teachers to take attendance. They will need to have the presentation in canvas open to access the club links. Included in the slide show are all the directions. They will make a copy of the presentation.

Thank you for listening and have a great evening. Go Sabres!!!