

South Meck Students and Families,

This is Principal Starnes with your weekly updates so please listen carefully. It is my hope that all had a restful and safe extended holiday weekend. Here are a few big-ticket items that have approaching deadlines.

### **South Meck Sports Boosters**

If you're looking for South Meck shirts, hoodies and other sports gear for holiday gifts, our [online store](#) is the place to go. You can choose from brands like Nike, North Face and more to outfit men, women and kids. The website often includes discount offers so be sure to check before you make your purchase. A portion of sales benefits South Meck sports teams.

In addition, our Girls Basketball Team has released their online team store which now includes the **new South Meck vs. Racism shirts**. The team store closes tomorrow, November 30<sup>th</sup>, so don't wait. <https://www.bsnteamssports.com/shop/hoopsabre1>

### **Academic Support**

We only have 3 weeks left in this semester. One week before our yearlong A/B courses take mid-term exams, and two weeks before our semester EOC/CTE State courses that final exams. Regardless of your course, this is the perfect time to attend virtual Sabre Sunrise or virtual After-School Tutoring. Our teachers are available, and it is our goal that all students experience success, despite the challenges with remote learning. Check your teachers Canvas page to see the days in which they offer academic support or call the school main office and we can assist.

### **Schedule Change Requests for Spring 2021 Semester**

The schedule change window for students interested in a schedule change for any semester (4x4) classes during the Spring 2021 semester **closes tonight at 11:59pm**. Those interested should complete the form here: <https://bit.ly/SMHSchangeschedule>, Until written confirmation of a changed schedule is provided to a student (counselors will be emailing students regarding their requests), students must follow the schedules as they appear in PowerSchool.

### **Thankful Grace Week**

The deadline is **tonight at 11:59pm** for the South Meck **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** and 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. Again, the deadline is **tonight at 11:59pm**.

### **Full Remote Academy**

The district deadline is tomorrow, November 30<sup>th</sup> for 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). **No action is required for families who wish to make no changes.** Those interested in making a change 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. 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)**

The deadline for **ALL STUDENTS**, regardless of their status for in-person learning or Full Remote Academy, to inform the district about students' transportation needs for the second semester is also tomorrow, November 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. If you need assistance in completing this form, please don't hesitate to contact the main office via phone from 6:30am-2:30pm.

### **World Language Magnet Lottery**

Believe it or not, it's time to begin preparing for the 2021-2022 school year. The CMS School Choice Lottery opens tomorrow, November 30<sup>th</sup> and those interested in the World Language Magnet Program including current South Meck students and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students should apply by visiting [www.cmschoice.org](http://www.cmschoice.org). We look forward to engaging our future World Language Magnet Program students and families in the near future.

### **Fall 2020 Exams**

Our Fall 2020 Exam Schedule can be found here <https://bit.ly/SMHSreopenstrong> or by visiting the school website under Parent/Student Resources. 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.

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. Final grades for all EOC/CTE State courses will be calculated as  $(Q1 - 40\%) + (Q2 - 40\%) + (\text{State EOC/CTE Exam} - 20\%)$ , which means yes, it is very important that students enrolled all EOC/CTE State courses take the state exam on campus on their assigned day(s).

It is important to know as compared to previous years, students enrolled in semester non-EOC/CTE state course will not have a final exam. Final grades for all non-State EOC/CTE courses will be calculated as  $(Q1 - 50\%) + (Q2 - 50\%)$ .

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