

South Meck Students, Families, and Staff,

This is Principal Starnes with your weekly updates so please listen carefully. First, Happy Valentine's Day. Tomorrow our country will recognize Presidents Day however school is in session. Don't forget Wednesday is an Early Release Day for students.

Celebrations

Congratulations to 12th grader Cameron who was named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Great job Cameron!

Congratulations to 12th grader and Student Council Officer Tucker who is a finalist for the Park Scholarship and the Morehead-Cain Scholarship. Great job Tucker!

Congratulations to our Women's and Men's Swim and Dive Team. They had a phenomenal year full of team and individual accomplishments. We had 14 student athletes compete in the NCHSAA 4A Swim and Dive State Championship Meet. Our Women's team finished 7th and our Men's team finished 2nd in the state. At the State Meet we had several individuals finish in the top 4 in their respective events. PODIUM finishes: Women's 200 Medley Relay finished 4th, Men's 200 Medley Relay finished 2nd, Men's 400 Free Relay finished 3rd. Katie finished 3rd in the 200 Free and 500 Free, Garrett finished 1st in the 50 Free and 100 Back (State Champion, Meet Record, State Record for Back), Coleman finished 4th in the 100 Breast. Sam received the Sportsmanship Award and Garrett was named MVP. A special thank you and congratulations goes to our Swim and Dive Head Coach Claire Nicholls. As a 1st year Head Coach she has been able to navigate through the obstacles of this season and lead the program to an impressive finish. #SABRENATION thanks her for her dedication and leadership.

Chromebook Refresh

Round 2 is here...we will host Chromebook Refresh Drive-thru on February 16th and 17th from 9am-6pm, and February 18th from 2pm-6pm. This Chromebook exchange opportunity is for all students, both in-person and full remote academy learners. During this time you can return your Chromebook, charger, and all semester 1 textbooks and curriculum materials.

Course Registration 2021-2022

Did you miss the Sabre Scheduling Snapshot? Are you confused about the registration process? Tune in Monday, February 15th at 6pm for the Course Registration 2021-2022 Overview Presentation. This session will walk current South Meck students & parents through the registration process from beginning to end, just like we did last week for students during Advisory. Yes, it will be recorded for those unable to login via Facebook Live or Zoom at 6pm tomorrow. Login links are available here <https://bit.ly/SMHS-Scheduling>.

Don't forget, the electronic course registration process will end on Thursday, February 18th at 11:59pm and students will have 1:1 virtual meetings with their respective school counselor beginning Monday, February 22nd.

Support Ladies Basketball

Join the South Meck Ladies Basketball Team for their last fundraiser at Chipotle on Monday, February 15th from 5-9pm with online or in-person store purchases. The team will earn 33% of all sales when you present the digital or hard copy flyer when ordering in person or use the promo code when ordering online. Just don't forget to tell the cashier you are supporting South Meck!

Coffee with Counselors

The wait is over...our Student Services Team will host Coffee with Counselors on February 16th from 11am-12noon and 6:30-7pm. This is a drop in, informal opportunity to engage with our school counselors and ask general questions about high school, post-secondary plans, and/or supports available to ensure success.

PTSA News

Immediately following the Coffee with Counselors Tuesday evening, remain logged in for the PTSA General Body meeting at 7pm on February 16th.

Picture Day/Underclassmen Photos/Yearbook

We are happy to announce that Underclassmen photos **will** be taken this school year. In order to meet our final Yearbook deadline, we are partnering with Lifetouch to offer an after-school event. Pictures will be taken on February 16th, 17th, 18th, and 22nd from 2:00-6:00. Details are available on the [Picture Day schedule](#) or by visiting the school website under announcements. Seniors who have not had a picture taken may attend on Monday the 22nd. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs. McNelis at amye.mcnelis@cms.k12.nc.us. **Yes, there is still time to order a yearbook!** Go to www.jostens.com and select South Mecklenburg. You may also support our school by purchasing a business or a personal advertisement on this site.

21 Days of Celebration for the Class of 2021

Seniors...it's time to celebrate! Huge thanks to our PTSA for kicking off the "21 Days of Celebrating the Class of 2021" with the X's and O's Drive Thru. This week we have a number of activities and events so check out our social media pages and of course the Senior Class Instagram Page @smhsseniorclass to learn more. See you on Friday, February 19th for "Friday Night Fever".

In-Person Learning

As a reminder, high school students scheduled for in-person learning, will report on campus in their assigned rotation beginning February 22, 2021. Students in rotation A will report on February 22nd, students in rotation B will report on March 1st, and students in rotation C will report on March 8th. Full Remote students will remain full remote for the remainder of the school year. In the event a student assigned to a rotation does not report during their assigned rotation, he/she will be marked absent even if he/she engages in remote learning. We look forward to ensuring a safe opening for our students and staff, realizing most haven't been in a school building since March 2020. We will host a special town hall Q/A regarding in-person learning and safety protocols during Sabre University on Thursday, February 18th.

Required ACT for 11th Graders on February 23, 2021

February 23rd is the ACT and the ACT will be administered on-site, in person to all 11th graders and select 12th graders on this day. This test must be administered on-site, in person for all students, both in-person learners and full remote learners. All testers are expected to follow the safety precautions and safeguards developed. Here at South Meck, this includes no more than 12 students in a classroom for ACT testing. Because this test is required on-site in-person for only 11th grade students, all non-testers will be asynchronous this day. So yes, this means students in rotation A will report on February 22nd, only 11th graders regardless of their rotation will report on February 23rd while all other students who are not testing regardless of their rotation will remain home for an asynchronous day, and then all students in rotation A will report again on February 24th. A separate communication will be sent to those eligible to test with additional information.

Athletics

On Wednesday JV Basketball will take on Berry away, Varsity Basketball will take on Berry at Home for Senior Night, and Men's Soccer will take on AK away; Thursday Men's Soccer will take on Hough away, and JV/Varsity Men's Only will take on West Meck away. Best wishes to all teams!!! With capacity limitations and restrictions on who may attend athletic events, you now able to live stream all South Meck Athletic events that take place in high school gyms and football stadiums across the Charlotte Metro area. Be sure to click the link, subscribe and follow South Meck to watch events. The subscription will also give you access to see other HS teams across the country on the NFHS Network. <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/south-mecklenburg-high-school-charlotte-nc>.

Peer Tutoring

In addition to Sabre Sunrise and After-School Tutoring, Peer Tutoring is available each Tuesday and Thursday from 3-4pm in all content areas including Spanish and French.

In closing, as we all prepare in-person instruction, let's do our part. It's critical that everyone continue to observe safety measures during and outside of school hours. This is a community-wide effort that demands our community's commitment.

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