

South Meck Students, Families, and Staff,

This is Principal Starnes with a lengthy weekly update so please listen carefully.

Congratulations to our Women's and Men's basketball teams for qualifying for the NCHSAA State Playoffs. Preliminary our Women's team will be traveling to Vance for their first round matchup. Preliminary our Men's team will be taking on Independence. Both first round games will take place Tuesday February 23rd. Women's at 6pm and Men's at 7pm. Be sure to check out all the live action on the NFHS Network.

We are happy to announce Ms. Michelle Bennett as our Interim Women's Golf Coach as well as Ms. Lauren Wolfe as our Interim Men's Golf Coach.

Men's Soccer season continues with 2 big conference games this week. Monday they will travel to Olympic, Wednesday they will host Providence.

#ReopenStrong

Tomorrow, we will welcome students in rotation A to campus for in-person instruction. It very important that all students and family review our #ReopenStrong daily procedures and information. A complete overview of the information can be found on our school website and at <https://bit.ly/SMHS-reopen>. This information includes a video on all steps to include the daily symptoms screener, weekly bus attestation form for CMS bus riders, and bus assignment information for CMS bus riders.

Students don't forget tomorrow we begin the new Hybrid Learning Bell Schedule that you voted on. Yes, 1st block starts at 7:15am so please plan accordingly. The hybrid learning bell schedule can also be found by visiting <https://bit.ly/SMHS-reopen>.

Students may begin entering buildings at 6:40am but no earlier.

Don't forget, all in-person learners who are absent from class in-person will be counted absent even if h/she engages remotely. This is a state policy in which our district must follow.

Transportation

In order to streamline transportation for all families, we have created a SMHS Transportation Hub, to provide a one stop resource for all of your transportation needs. You can visit this hub by viewing our #ReopenStrong resources at <https://bit.ly/SMHS-reopen> or directly at <http://bit.ly/SMHS-Transportation-Hub>. Please use the link provided in the hub to access your weekly attestation form and have it ready to provide the bus driver on the first day that you ride. It is advised to be at your designated AM stop at least five minutes early. Students can click on the link for the most current transportation assignments and search for their stop. This can be done by opening the document and clicking control f, then inputting the student ID number.

ACT on February 23, 2021

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, we will administer the ACT for all 11th graders and select 12th graders. Student Room Assignments Can be Found Here: <https://bit.ly/SMHS-ACTrooms> and Bus Assignments Can Be Found Here: <http://bit.ly/SMHS-Buses-Testing>. Don't forget, non-testers will be asynchronous on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and are required to complete the attendance link on their teachers canvas page for each assigned course.

Course Registration

We will begin our virtual 1:1 registration meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021. The schedule is available on our school website and here: <https://bit.ly/SMHS-meetwithcounselor>. Remember, students are expected to login virtually to meet with their assigned school counselor at the time provided and families are welcome to attend. Be sure to have handy both your (1) submitted electronic course registration card confirmation and (2) create registration worksheet. If you did not submit your electronic course registration card by the deadline, the window will re-open Tuesday at 12noon however all submissions will be final and you are not permitted to edit or make changes are submission.

ID Badge Schedule

All in-person students will need a South Meck ID. Every 9th grader will come to the Media Center during the scheduled time to have their picture made and ID badge printed and those 10th-12th graders who don't have their badges from previous years can receive a replacement. Students should follow the ID badge rotation schedule available on our school website and here [Rotation A Schedule](#), [Rotation B Schedule](#), [Rotation C Schedule](#). Full remote students are not required to have an ID badge however can contact our Media Coordinator Ms. Heine should you need a badge for any reason.

Yearbook

You might be wondering if there will even be a yearbook in this crazy school year. The answer is YES! To accommodate all students, we had three days of after-school photo sessions on campus this week. Monday, February 22nd is the last day we can offer this service. The photographers will begin at 2:00 and end promptly at 6:00. Any student, from any grade level, may attend. Social distancing, required face coverings and all other safety precautions measures will be in place.

If you cannot make it to campus, we are happy to extend another offer: **PHOTO SUBMISSION!** That's right--this means you can send in your own photo. This opportunity is only open until this Friday, February 26th. Due to our approaching deadline, **no exceptions** will be made. See below for details.

This is your chance to submit an awesome yearbook portrait. Please follow these requirements:

1. NO filters
2. Solid-colored background (YOU are the focus)
3. Have someone else take the picture (no selfies)
4. Shoulders and up is all we need (formal headshot)
5. Check your lighting (we want YOU to shine)
6. Only send in one picture (you choose your favorite)
7. **DEADLINE: Friday, February 26th (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Please fill out the attached google form with your photo:

<https://bit.ly/SMHS-SubmitYearbookPhoto>

21 Days of Celebration for the Class of 2021

Seniors...let's keep the celebration! Huge thanks to our Senior Class Officers for organizing the Friday Night Fever and Drive-Thru at 8:21pm. This week we have a number of activities to including Friday Night Football against AK. All events can be found on social media pages and of course the Senior Class Instagram Page @smhsseniorclass to learn more.

Academic Support

Regardless of your course, this is the perfect time to attend Sabre Sunrise, After-School Tutoring or the new teacher office hours during SEL/Advisory on Thursdays. 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.

Athletics

Friday Night Lights are BACK! South Meck Football will kick off the season Friday Night at home vs Ardrey Kell.

Fan attendance is limited to the family members of the participating home team. You can catch all the action live on the NFHS Network, this is a subscription service that will allow you to view athletic events that are held in a High School Gym or Football Stadium across the Charlotte region as well as the 9000 High Schools across the country that a part of the NFHS Network.

<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/south-mecklenburg-high-school-charlotte-nc>

Parking

We are currently working through the waitlist and we have moved forward with the decision to open parking applications to 10th graders. We have a limited number of spaces remaining for the Spring 2021 term. Please ensure to view parking requirement on the link below before you start the application. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Students will not be permitted to park on campus unless they have a valid SMHS parking permit properly displayed in their vehicle.

<https://www.cmsathleticzone.com/page/show/2887578-south-meck-parking>

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!!!