

South Meck Students and Families,

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

First, we'd like to congratulate the following students who are South Mecklenburg Nominees for scholarships:

- University of Virginia Jefferson Scholars Program - Tucker
- Davidson College Belk Scholars Program - Cameron and Kennie
- Cheatham White Scholars for North Carolina A&T University - Samuel and Mi'yonnie
- Cheatham White Scholars for North Carolina Central University – Jeffrey, Amaris and Lyric

Congratulations to these students for their academic accomplishments and we are proud that they will be representing South Mecklenburg High School in these various Scholarship competitions!

Schedule Change Requests for Spring 2021 Semester

Guess what...we have opened a short window for students interested in a schedule change for any semester (4x4) classes during the Spring 2021 semester. Those interested should complete the form here: <https://bit.ly/SMHSchangeschedule>, which will be open **from 5:00pm on November 23, 2020 until 11:59pm on November 29, 2020**. This form must be completed in its entirety and only those requests that correct scheduling problems specifically outlined on the form will be considered. Please note, 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.

South Meck Sports Boosters

Just in time for the holidays, you can now support South Meck sports when you make purchases through the Amazon Smile program. Use this [link](#) when you make a purchase, and the South Meck Sports Boosters will receive 0.5% of eligible purchases. It's an easy way to support your favorite sports teams!

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. Final grades for all EOC/CTE State courses will be calculated as (Q1 – 40%) + (Q2 – 40%) + (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%).

Food Drive

In this season of Thanksgiving, we want to **THANK EVERYONE** who made the distribution last week of more than 200 WEEKS worth of food possible! A very special thanks to the families that donated from Park Crossing, Cameron Woods and the SMHS Athletic Boosters. This will ensure families are taken care of until after Thanksgiving. Our next pick up date will be Thursday, 12/3.

The pictures show how much food was collected from the three groups and other individuals. We distributed ALL of the bagged food today and have a good base for the first week in December. We also collected over 100 gift cards to distribute to our highest need families.

We will continue our collections Mon-Wed the week after Thanksgiving at South Meck (8900 Park Rd) from 10:30-12:30. We accept all non-perishable foods, hygiene, baby and household cleaner products. You may also donate through Venmo @QHMS-ptsa.

We hope you have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



FOOD DRIVE

South Mecklenburg High School
8900 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28210
near front circle flag poles

Drop Off 10:30-12:30 Monday-Wednesdays

Pick Up 10:30-12:30 on Thursdays

Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting our families in need from the South Meck, Quail Hollow, and Smithfield. We are low on most everything and need to restock all non-perishable goods, toiletries, and household cleaners. Please consider donating any of the items below or making a \$ donation via Venmo @qhms-PTSA.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Breakfast– cereal, oatmeal, grits, protein bars

Lunch– canned meats, canned pasta, mac & cheese, noodles, snacks

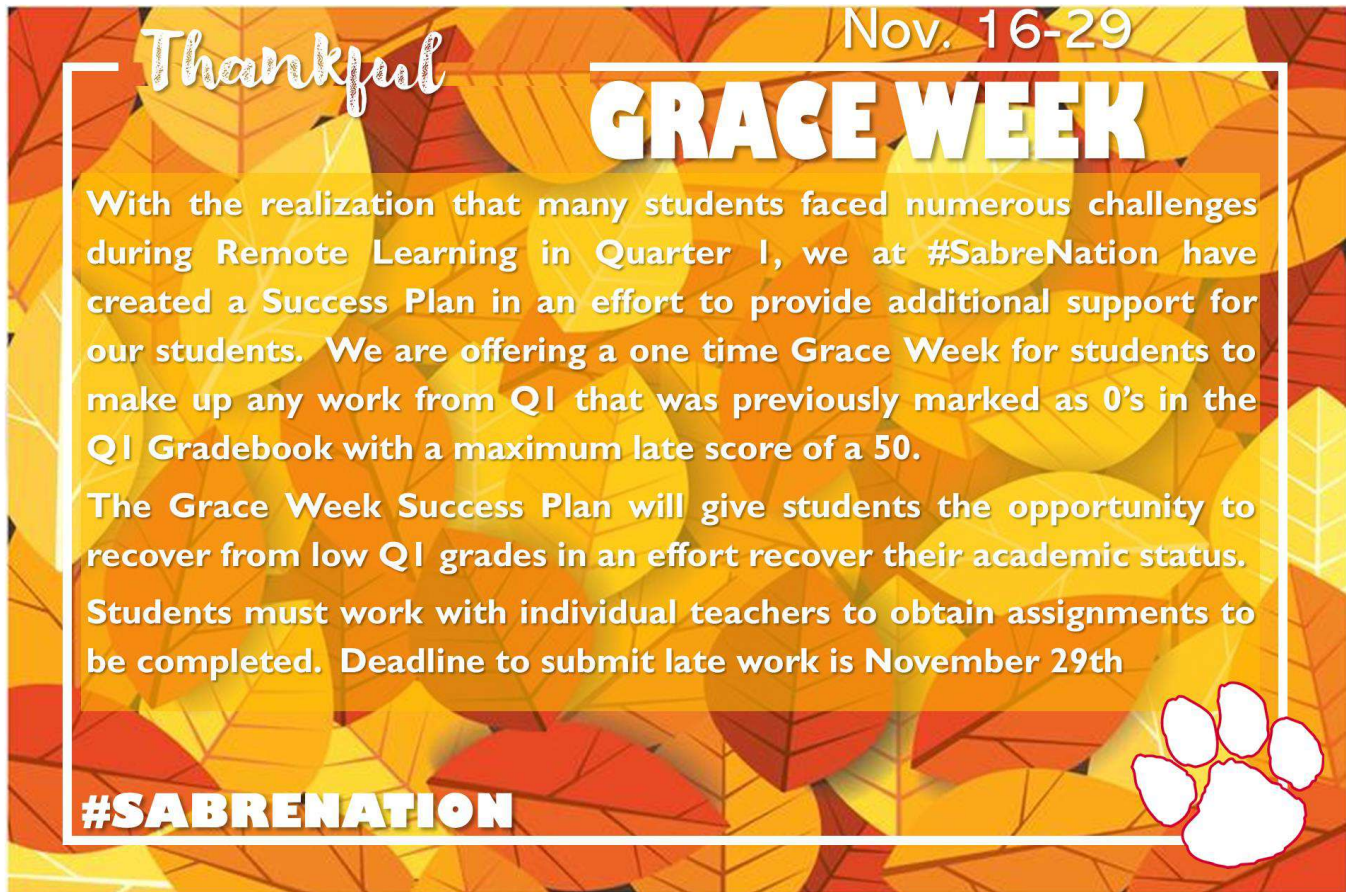
Dinner– pasta sauce, canned vegetables, rice, beans, mashed potatoes, canned meat

Toiletries– toilet paper, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, paper towels, disinfectants, baby items.



Thankful Grace Week

As mentioned for the past two weeks, 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**.



Nov. 16-29

Thankful

GRACE WEEK

With the realization that many students faced numerous challenges during Remote Learning in Quarter 1, we at #SabreNation have created a Success Plan in an effort to provide additional support for our students. We are offering a one time Grace Week for students to make up any work from Q1 that was previously marked as 0's in the Q1 Gradebook with a maximum late score of a 50.

The Grace Week Success Plan will give students the opportunity to recover from low Q1 grades in an effort recover their academic status. Students must work with individual teachers to obtain assignments to be completed. Deadline to submit late work is November 29th

#SABRENATION

Full Remote Academy

Time is winding down and January 5th will be here before you know it. 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.

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#SABRENATION



November 1st-30th

FULL REMOTE ACADEMY

bit.ly/SMHSreopenstrong

ActNow

Window is open now until midnight November 30th

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 form 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.

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 on November 30th and those interested in the World Language Magnet Program including current South Meck students and/or 8th grade middle school students should apply by visiting www.cmschoice.org. We look forward to engaging our future World Language Magnet Program students and families in the near future.



Coming Soon!

CMS School Choice Lottery

November 30 – December 13, 2020

APPLY AT cmschoice.org

Learn More about South Mecklenburg High School and our World Languages Magnet			
VIRTUAL Informational Presentation	Nov. 23	6:00 PM	7:00 PM (Spanish)
VIRTUAL Informational Presentation	Dec. 1	6:00 PM (Spanish)	7:00 PM
VIRTUAL Lunch and Learn Q & A with Principal Starnes & Dean Mitchell	Dec. 3	Virtual Pop in 11:30 AM– 1:00 PM	

Join at bit.ly/ZoomMitchell

did you know?

- 3rd Largest High School in NC with nearly 3,400 students.
- Largest World Languages Magnet Program in NC with over 700 students.
- Top 10 most diverse public schools in NC with 62 countries represented in our student body.
- Choose from 5 language pathways:
 - Chinese*
 - French*
 - German*
 - Japanese*
 - Spanish*
- Advanced Placement courses available in all language pathways
- Over 30 Advanced Placement courses available across varied content areas.
- Level VI and VII available in select languages.
- 19 Certified and Highly Qualified Teachers.
- Nearly 70 student clubs/organizations
- Over 30 athletic/sports teams
- Cultural Fairs

2021 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art & Writing Contest Cancelled

For more than 20 years, CMS students have participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art & Writing Contest celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King. Given the pandemic and safety precautions, the Martin Luther King committee will not be hosting the Art & Writing contest and the annual celebration for this school year. Schools are encouraged to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. throughout the school year by integrating his **story** into multiple aspects of the curriculum. We are looking forward to hosting these two events next year once the global pandemic passes.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_N1-5l_Pi4M_rIGyVI4mpCrFg80zUuwDsyuhpJcEOFY/edit

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