

Good evening Sabres,

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

First, I'd like to take a moment of Principal Privilege to say thank you. Thank you to our **families**, for trusting us with your child last week as we administrated on-site in person state EOC and CTE Exams as directed by the state and as outlined in our #ReopenStrong Plan and COVID-19 procedures. Thank you to our **students**, for your compliance with the many rules and procedures outlined in our #ReopenStrong plan. For some students, this was your very first time on our campus and for others, the first time since March 2020. Thank you to our **teachers and staff**, for you are the champions who modeled our daily expectations and ensured our students were safe and felt safe. And last but not last, thank you to my team of **administrators and support staff** who worked hard day and night to prepare, implement, and adjust where necessary what was deemed as a huge success! As a school, we administered over 2,200 exams in-person, which represents nearly 85% of those who were expected to test during the fall 2020 window. That is amazing and could not have been possible without the boots on the ground and leadership of both Ms. Elaine Miller and Mr. Chris Henley. So again, to all...THANK YOU!!!

Final Grades

Final grades for all classes will be available for view in PowerSchool on December 22, 2020. All assignments were due to teachers last week based on the deadlines shared and all gradebooks will be finalized tomorrow, December 21, 2020. Any student who missed their in-person on-site EOC or CTE Exam will have an incomplete for both the exam grade and the final grade. This means yes, you will see an Incomplete on your report card in PowerSchool and will be expected to make-up the exam as mentioned below.

All students who took the Honors English II exam will also see an incomplete because those exam scores are delayed, due the scoring of the constructed response questions. Once the exam scores are available from the state, the grades will be adjusted.

Make-Up Semester 1 EOC Exams

Tomorrow is the last day to make-up a semester 1 EOC or CTE Exam during the regular testing window. Students who requested transportation via CMS school bus, will follow the bus

assignment provided to test on-site in person tomorrow. All other students must provide their own transportation. Testing will begin at 7:45am and all shall report to the A Building for screening and testing.

There will be three (3) make-up testing windows provided for students who were unable to participate in Semester 1 EOCs during the December 15th – December 21st testing window.

- Testing Window #1: January 7, 2021 - January 12, 2021
- Testing Window #2: February 1, 2021 - February 19, 2021
- Testing Window #3: May 19, 2021 - May 28, 2021

All students who missed the regular administration are strongly encouraged to take advantage of testing window #1 for the following reasons because this window will afford students the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate their knowledge prior to learning loss in testing further into second semester
- Avoid carrying an “Incomplete” grade into Semester 2
- Meet the January 11th Play or No Play Athletic Eligibility deadline date
- Have their GPA / class rank calculated with all other students on January 26th

Yes, testing window #1, January 7, 2021 - January 12, 2021 falls within the first two weeks of Semester 2, during our remote learning (Plan C) period which means students must test in-person despite school being remote.

Game Art Design Students

Students enrolled in Game Art Design with Mr. Nagy during Semester 1 are reminded to return your Z-Book Laptop tomorrow anytime from 6:30am until 2:30pm.

Chromebook Refresher

Out with the old in with the new! We are excited to be a part of the Chromebook Refresher which means **ALL** South Meck students will be receiving a brand-new Chromebook. Distribution will be as follows:

- Students in the Full Remote Academy for semester 2 will pick-up their new Chromebook on January 4, 2021 anytime from 10am until 6pm.
- Students who are scheduled for in-person learning will pick-up their new Chromebook during their assigned rotation beginning January 19th.

More information is forthcoming regarding the logistics.

South Meck Food Drive

As we close out this year, we want to wish you all a safe and healthy holiday season! 2020 is a year we will never forget for many reasons. One of the biggest is the amazing support from our community to help our families in need at South, Quail Hollow and Smithfield. Because of you, we have distributed more than 3250 weeks of food since mid-March. You are amongst the many blessings we count for this year. We will resume our distribution on Jan 7, 2021. If you would like to support this effort, we will be accepting donations Monday, December 21, 2020 from 10:30-12:30. Our first donation day in 2021 will be 1/6. THANK YOU again for all that you have done for this program in 2020.

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