

South Meck Students, Families and Staff,

Please listen carefully to your weekly updates:

First, there is a very important survey that all South Meck families should complete regarding the future of South Meck World Language Magnet and the impact of EE Waddell High School. This information will be available on all social media pages and later in this call. Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WHKZL2R>

### **Marching Band 2021-22**

Marching band registration for the 2021-22 school year is underway! Registration is due May 27; please see [SouthMeckBands.com](http://SouthMeckBands.com) for information.

### **Yearbook Pick Up**

Yearbooks can be picked up this week after testing is completed each afternoon in Mrs. McNelis' room (In the back of the media center). The few remaining yearbooks can be purchased online at Jostens.com. If you need further assistance, please email Mrs. McNelis at [amy.mcnelis@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:amy.mcnelis@cms.k12.nc.us)

### **EOC/CTE State Exams**

As a reminder, EOC & CTE State Exams will take place **May 24th – 28th** and all tests will be given on site and in-person. Full remote students who drive will be able to park on campus on exam days. Students enrolled in EOC & CTE State Exams are expected to take the state exam. Failure to do so will result in a “F” on the exam which will have a negative impact on your overall grade in the course (semester one classes will result in a “0” on the state exam and a “50” for semester two classes).

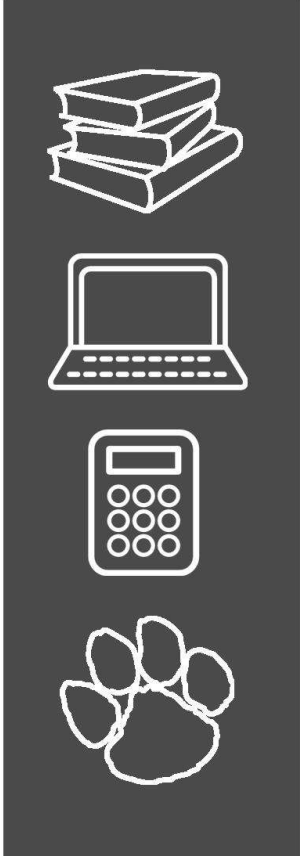
Below are two links for student/family view:

- End of Year EOC & CTE State Testing Roster for Student/Family  
View <http://bit.ly/SMHS-EOYTesting21>
- End of Year EOC & CTE State Testing Bus Rosters for Student/Family  
View <http://bit.ly/SMHS-EOYTesting21-Bus>

### **Textbooks, Chromebooks, and Calculators Return**

If you haven't returned your textbooks, chromebooks or calculators to your teachers or the main office yet, you will be able to drop off **Monday, May 24th thru Friday May 28th** in front of the gym. Drop off will be **between 8:00 am and 2 pm**. If you have AP textbooks or Calculators please be sure to put a note with your Your Name and Teacher

Name so you will be given credit for returning the item. Be sure you have search every room in your home or vehicle to return all South Meck items to avoid being charged.



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# RESOURCE DROP OFF

**-Return to classroom teacher for non EOC/CTE exam courses (May 17-21)**  
**-Drop off in front of the gym before EOC/CTE exams (May 24-28)**

### **Register for Summer Programming Now**

Now that the last day of school is behind us, students should know if they need summer school for credit recovery or to get ahead. The Camp CMS Summer Programming registration specific to South Meck is still open. This year, unlike previous years, we have program offerings that are both full remote and in-person. Students interested in a full remote program can enroll in classes for credit recovery and/or credit advancement and students interested in a in-person program can enroll in classes for high school credit in either EOC, Core, or Elective Classes. Whatever you decide, register now using the registration link <https://bit.ly/SMHS-SummerProgramRegistration>. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity to earn high school credit for either credit recovery or to get ahead in credit advancement.

### **Future of South Meck HS World Language Magnet Program**

The South Meck PTSA and School Improvement Team want to make sure you know that the CMS Board of Education is considering removal of the World Language Magnet

(WLM) from South Meck High School. This effects EVERY student at South and those that will enroll in the future, not just the current Magnet students. Although we are advocating to keep the Magnet, we encourage you to engage in this process and to determine what may be best for the future of your students.

THANK YOU to everyone that has already engaged in the community interest meetings, written emails to the Board of Education and offered other support.

#### HOW CAN YOU LEARN MORE AND HELP?

There are multiple things you can do now:

1. Attend the virtual CMS Board Of Education public hearing next Tuesday, May 25.
  - PLEASE consider registering to speak or have your student speak. Their voices will make a LARGE impact on the Board.
  - Update your social media profile (including Zoom) with the #SaveSouth picture found on the PTSA website. We would like for the Board and larger community to see a “wall” of #SaveSouth on the Zoom call.
2. Copy/paste this message and share via your own social media pages to create awareness and support to #SaveSouth.
3. Email CMS and Board members expressing your thoughts about removing the Magnet from South Meck.
4. Review the materials (<https://www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/StudentPlacement/PlanningServices/Pages/Future-of-E.E.-Waddell-High-School.aspx>) from the community interest meetings last week to see how CMS is proposing to fill Waddell and reduce capacity at Myers Park High School.
5. Complete the CMS survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WHKZL2R>) that includes questions re. the potential magnet themes at Waddell. If you do want WLM At Waddell then you would answer "extremely appealing" and if you do NOT want WLM at Waddell (you want it to remain at SMHS) then you would answer "not at all appealing".
6. Provide feedback about why the World Language Magnet should / should not be retained at South Meck on the form available on the PTSA page. This option will be available soon. We will compile your comments and share with the Board.

You can visit the South Meck PTSA website <https://www.southmeckhsptsa.com/> for the link to the meeting and for contact information for CMS and Board members. You will find more details about how this impacts the World Language Magnet Program, alternate recommendations to fill Waddell (proposed school to move the Magnet) and to deal with overcapacity at other schools.

### **Save the Date for Our Turn Event...One State, One Rate**

Are you interested in making a change in your community? If so, join fellow South Meck students for a #HereToLearn Teach-in around tuition equity. A few South Meck students ranging from 10-12th grade have recently been working with the education advocacy group Our Turn. Our Turn works to grow young people as organizers and changemakers in their communities, specifically around educational justice. Here in North Carolina, we are currently working on the One State, One Rate campaign that organizes toward granting in-state tuition at all NC colleges and universities for undocumented, DACA, and TPS students. Currently, undocumented students are required to pay out of state tuition prices at NC colleges and universities, limiting who has the opportunity to attend them because of the cost. Student leaders at Our Turn have been meeting with politicians and leaders in the education field to ensure everyone has fair access to affordable college. If this sounds like a movement you'd be interested in, join fellow Sabres for the #HereToLearn Teach-in to learn about the issue and find ways YOU can make a difference in your community. The next and final event will be via Zoom on **Tuesday, May 25th from 4-5 PM**, RSVP Here <https://www.itsourturn.org/heretolearn2>. We hope to see you there! Please reach out to Syd Fryer ([sydneefryer@gmail.com](mailto:sydneefryer@gmail.com)<<mailto:sydneefryer@gmail.com>>) or Tyler Bacon ([tylerbacon30@gmail.com](mailto:tylerbacon30@gmail.com)<<mailto:tylerbacon30@gmail.com>>) with questions.