

Good evening, Spartan Family! This is Matthew A. Mason, proud principal of Sandusky Middle School, and here is an important announcement for Friday, August 21. This is the first official message of the 2020-21 School Year! We look forward to making this a great experience for students and families as we navigate remote learning for the first nine-weeks of school. This message has been forwarded to our SMS family via email, and will also be available on our website under the Sunday Messages tab.

- Teachers will be sending email invites to students giving permission for students to join their Google Classroom for this year. Students, please be sure to check your school email for invites and log on so that you can begin receiving messages and assignments from your teachers. Currently we are creating our Teen Living, Spanish, certain 6th grade math and certain 8th grade social studies classes, and that should be remedied shortly. Again, if you receive an invite, please log on to begin. Thank you.
- Student schedules are now available via Infinite Campus. If you are not able to log in, please reach out to Mr. Mason at 515-5350 or email at <u>masonma@lcsedu.net</u>.
- Student attendance will be monitored in multiple ways in the remote setting. Students should log in to their Homeroom Google Classroom each day between 8:30 9 am to answer a "Question of the Day". Answering this question will provide documentation that the student has had "contact" with the school. If a student is not able to enter their Homeroom Google Classroom, they should still complete assignments for the day and interact with their teachers either via Zoom if applicable. Our school attendance team will be in constant contact with SMS staff to monitor students attendance in different Google Classrooms.

- If you have not picked up your LCS Chromebook, they will still be distributed after today at E.C. Glass High School on Monday, August 24 from 10 am to 7 pm, Wednesday, August 26 from 10 am to 7 pm, and Friday, August 28 from 10 am to 4 pm. If you are not able to attend, please reach out to us at 434-515-5350 and we will put you in touch with those who can assist you.
- Beginning August 24, breakfast, lunch, supper and snack will be available curbside at the five secondary schools--which include E. C. Glass and Heritage high schools, and Dunbar, Linkhorne, and Sandusky middle schools--Monday through Friday (no holidays) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bus deliveries will be made between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (no holidays). At the time that they receive their meals, students will be asked to identify the school at which they are enrolled. Parents or guardians may pick-up meals on behalf of their LCS student(s). If an adult is picking up meals, he or she will be asked to identify the student(s) and the school(s) they attend. If families have questions regarding the school meal program during remote learning, they should contact the School Nutrition Office at (434) 515-5060.
- Our SMS school nurse will be available from 10 am to 2 pm on Tuesday, August 25, Wednesday, August 26, and Friday, August 28 to for parents to drop off important documents to include shot records, new health physicals, copies of birth certificates as well as Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis Vaccine documents. Our school nurse will be outside of our school building to assist with this.
- Curbside pickup for library books and Makerspace materials will begin in September. There will be more information to come on the Learning Center website. Please contact Mrs. Guca or Mrs. Cartolaro, our media specialist team, at 434-515-5350 if you have any questions.
- If you purchased a yearbook last year, guess what? They're here!!!! Please call the school at 434-515-5350 to set up a time to pick up your yearbook between 8 am and 3 pm. We will meet you in the bus loop to hand over.

Also, if you would like to purchase a yearbook, you can still do so using MySchoolBucks. Please contact us if you would like to do.

Please check today's email, our Twitter account (@Spartans_SMS), and our website for more important information on school events. We love you so much more than you know. We've got this! Make it a great week. Remember, it's your choice! Again, this is Matthew A. Mason, and SMS is pleased to serve our community!