

Good evening, Spartan Family! This is Matthew A. Mason, proud principal of Sandusky Middle School, and here is the Sunday Message for the week of January 4 - 8. We hope everyone had an amazing and safe winter break, and we look forward to starting 2021 off right! This message has been forwarded to our SMS family via email and can also be found on our website under the Sunday Messages tab.

- All Lynchburg City Schools will be open beginning tomorrow, January 4. At this time, all students will still be utilizing **Remote Learning** until Tuesday, January 12. Students will not return physically until Tuesday, January 12. As a reminder, attendance is still very important. Students and parents/guardians, remember to complete your Question of the Day so that you are marked present for the day. Thank you.
- This is a reminder that Quarter 2 ends on Friday, January 15. Please check Infinite Campus for any missing assignments so that you can get the best grade possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your teacher for support.
- Sandusky Middle School is in the process of preparing for school sports when they are available. Parents and students, if you would like to participate, you must have an up-to-date physical on file. Please provide those to our school at your earliest convenience so that we can begin scheduling Spartan workouts for the afternoons. We must and will follow strict social distancing guidelines, so these numbers will help us decide when to begin and how to structure these workouts. Thank you.

- We had an incredibly successful Canned Food Drive this SY! A big shout out has to go to all the staff, students, and families who participated and provided 1,116 canned food items to help those in need. An even bigger shout out to our Student Council Association and Mrs. Nelson for putting this together and seeing it through. Mrs. G. Morgan's class led the way with 202 cans, Ms. Dipietro's class came in second place with 200 cans, and Ms. Williams' class came in third place with 92 cans! 2020 was a tough year, yet SMS has shown that even in hard times, we can still value others and help as best we can. SMS family, thanks for being an example of goodness and resilience in tough times!
- Parents, guardians, and students, we ask that all students please wash masks if possible at least once a week. We want to make sure that everyone who enters our building is safe and that we all see the importance of keeping our masks clean. Thank you.

Please check today's email, our Twitter account (@Spartans\_SMS), our Facebook page and our website for more important information on school events. Again, this is Matthew A. Mason, and SMS is pleased to serve our community!