



SMS Sunday Message: October 18



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 October 19 - 23. This message has been forwarded to our SMS family via email and can also be found on our website under the Sunday Message tab.

- Parents, this is a reminder that 6th grade students who designated “Hybrid” as their preferred learning model began in-face learning on Tuesday, October 13. We had a very successful first week with our Cohort A and Cohort B students! Just some reminders: If you are dropping off your child, please use the student drop off loop and not our bus loop. Water bottles are permissible as we have a touchless filling station in our cafeteria. Students need only bring items in their book bags for blocks 1 - 4 on Tuesday (Cohort A) and Thursday (Cohort B) and blocks 5 - 8 on Wednesday (Cohort A) and Friday (Cohort B). Lastly, Lynchburg City Schools is providing three days worth of food (breakfast and lunch) on Wednesdays (Cohort A) and Fridays (Cohort B). This food is optional for students, and we appreciate the school system for providing this opportunity.
- Families, starting on Tuesday, October 13, the Remote Learning schedule that students had been using to Zoom with their teachers ceased to be used. With about half of our students returning for the hybrid model, we began using our regular schedule for both remote and hybrid students. Students will be able to Zoom to attend regular class periods. Teachers will give direction on when the best time is to Zoom into a class. Students will still have the ability to schedule a Zoom meeting with a teacher on Monday afternoons, and we will also be providing Zoom times for specific periods from 2:45 - 3:15. This gives added time for Zooming opportunities with our remote students. Again, this began on Tuesday, October 13. Our school schedule can also be found on our website under the “About Us” tab. Thank you.

- Parents, so you are aware, from now on when you call the building concerning your child, you will be directed to one of the following members of our SMS family to support you. For students whose names end in A - K, you will either be directed to Ms. Rebekah Melton, our school counseling director, or Mr. Robert Kerns, one of our assistant principals. For students whose names end in L - Z, you will either be directed to Mrs. Lakisha Kidd, our school counselor, or Ms. Annitra Leigh, one of our assistant principals. Our school counselors will help with social-emotional concerns as well as class change scenarios, and our assistant principals will help with all other concerns. Finally, please reach out to your child's teacher first if you have concerns with your students' success in the classroom. We will always direct you there first if those are your concerns. 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!