

August 19, 2020

Good afternoon Eagle Families,

I hope you've had an opportunity to read the email from Dr. Fulton yesterday announcing that school will start in the remote learning model K-12. We have been working hard to prepare for all three learning model possibilities- in-person, hybrid, and remote. Now that we know we are starting with all students learning remotely, we can start focusing our communication for that specific model. We recognize the challenge that learning from home presents for middle school students and their families, but we'll get through this together.

Online Verification

A typical part of returning to school is completing online verification, which involves reviewing a number of forms including health forms, acceptable use policy, communication preferences, etc. We're asking all families to log into to Skyward at skyward.smsd.org as soon as possible. Please pay particular attention to the communication preferences. One of the things we hear most often from parents as a frustration is that they didn't get important notifications because they didn't select that form of communication during online enrollment. Email is our most common medium but we periodically also use phone calls and texts to get messages out. Thank you to all the families that have already completed the online verification for their student.

MacBook Rollout for 7th graders

We have been able to confirm our ability to distribute MacBooks on Friday and Monday, August 21 and 24. Mr. Galindo will be sending individual messages to families to notify them of their assigned time to come up to school. This email will also include instructions for wiping student data from the iPad, which will be turned in at the same time. It is important that families only come during their assigned time so that we can maintain social distancing and avoid backups in service. If you can't make your assigned time, please coordinate with Mr. Galindo to find a better time to come in. **Note: this distribution is for students who were in an SMSD elementary school last year only.** New enrollees and 8th grade students needing a device will have a separate time specific to them.

Hocker Grove Office Hours by Appointment

Our office staff, principals, and counselors are currently working in the office and are available here to help answer any questions you may have, problem solve, and/or connect you with necessary resources. If this can be accomplished via phone, that's ideal, but if coming into the office is necessary, please be sure to call the office first to schedule an appointment. This will allow us to reduce the number of people in our office at any given point in time.

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