

SMMHS VIRTUAL ORIENTATION FOR NEW FAMILIES



MEET OUR TEAM

Dr. Shane Harwood: **Principal**

Michael Carson: **Assistant Principal**

Shelley Pritchard: **Assistant Principal**

Bumper Reese: **Assistant Principal**

Angi Donen: **School Counselor 6th grade, 7th grade (K-Z)**

Sara Jane Flowers: **School Counselor 7th grade (A-J), 8th grade**

Leslie Sharpe: **School Counselor 9th/10th grade**

Dr. Sherry Dagnan: **School Counselor 11th/12th grade**

Susan Patton: **Registrar**

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

ORIENTATION OVERVIEW:

- ✕ SMMHS School Procedures
- ✕ What to Expect in Middle School
- ✕ ManageBac and PowerSchool Tutorials
- ✕ Student Resources
- ✕ Getting Involved at SMMHS



1. SMMHS SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Let's get down to business!

BUS/CAR LINE INFO

Arrival

- ✗ Bus riders will enter the building beginning at 7:15.
- ✗ Middle school bus riders- middle school gym
- ✗ High school bus riders- high school gym
- ✗ Car riders and student drivers must remain in cars until 7:30.
- ✗ Middle school car riders will drop off at the middle school entrance
- ✗ High school car riders will drop off at the high school entrance
- ✗ Car riders and drivers will report directly to class

Dismissal

- ✗ Student drivers and their younger siblings dismissed at 2:40.
- ✗ MS car riders will dismiss at 2:45 to designated waiting areas at rear MS entrance.
- ✗ HS car riders will dismiss at 2:45 to designated waiting areas at front HS entrance
- ✗ All bus riders will dismiss at 2:45 and will exit through front entrances. Buses will be spaced apart.





CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Middle School

Middle school students MAY NOT have cell phone out during the day with the exception of lunchtime. This includes during and in between classes.

High School (9th-11th)

9th-11th grade students may have their cell phone out ONLY during lunch and in between classes.

High School (12th)

12th grade students may have their cell phones out during classes ONLY if directed by the teacher for academic activities only.

Please see SMMHS Student Handbook for more detail!



DRESS CODE

- ✗ Dress for success, prepare for your future.
- ✗ Shirts and pants appropriate length.
- ✗ Keep it clean- no holes, suggestive language.
- ✗ Hats, sunglasses, coats- save for outside.
- ✗ Consult student handbook for full details.

FACE COVERINGS

- x All students and staff are required to wear masks throughout the day.
- x Students will have socially distanced opportunities to remove their masks.
- x Masks will be treated like a dress code item and must be worn and appropriate.

2.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

New adventures and a clean slate!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- x Drop off the **requested supplies** on Chromebook Distribution Day so your child will have one less thing to carry on the first day of school. 😊
- x August 7th 9:00 - 11:00
- x SMMHS School Supply List

*****Requested supplies needed for Activity period teachers to use throughout the year:**

Boys:

- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 roll of Scotch tape refill
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 3-pack of disinfectant wipes

Girls:

- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 roll of Scotch tape refill
- 1 package of Expo dry erase markers
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

MEET YOUR TEACHERS AND TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR!





SMMHS IS AN IB WORLD SCHOOL!

MYP (Middle Years Programme)

- ✗ 6th-10th Grades
- ✗ Language Acquisition
- ✗ Arts
- ✗ Design
- ✗ PE
- ✗ 10th graders complete a Personal Project
- ✗ MYP Quick Reference Sheet

IB Diploma Programme

- ✗ 11th and 12th grades
- ✗ Six core areas of study
- ✗ Unique “Theory of Knowledge” course
- ✗ Extended Essay
- ✗ Creativity/Action/Service

IB MYP Questions? Contact Melissa Bouldin bouldin_m@hcde.org

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Available to view
in PowerSchool
August 7th!

Tip: Print or write
down student's
schedule for first
day of school.

| Day | Terms | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
|-----|-------|----|----|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| M | 19-20 | S1 | Q1 | VOCAL MUSIC (CHORUS/CHOIR/VOCAL ENSEMBLE) 6 G05601.61 Wiram, Kristen Room: 5029 1(M-T,TH-F) 2(T) S1 | SCIENCE GRADE 6 G03600.66 Hagen, Virginia Quinn Lewis Room: 4030 1(W) 2(M,W-F) 19-20 | SOCIAL STUDIES GRADE 6 G04600.63 McGann, Jennifer Stowe Room: 4044 3(M-T,TH-F) 4(T) 19-20 | PHYSICAL EDUCATION (MAJ PORTION) GRD 6 G08601.63 Hitchcock, Andrew Kevin Room: MS Gym 3(W) 4(M,W-F) S1 | ACTIVITY PERIOD (GRADES PK-8) G25X26.69 Dantzler, Jennifer Room: 4045 5(M-T,TH-F) 6(T) 19-20 | FRENCH LEVEL I GRADES 6-8 G24X27.61 Whitson, Emily Anne Room: 4129 5(W) 6(M,W-F) T1 | MATHEMATICS GRADE 6 G02600.66 Williams, Mary E Room: 4026 7(M-T,TH-F) 8(T) 19-20 | ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GRADE 6 G01600.68 Hunsucker, Benjamin S Room: 4017 7(W) 8(M,W-F) 19-20 | |
| | | | Q2 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | S2 | T2 | VISUAL ARTS GRADE 6 G05605.68 Parks, Susan Room: 5014 1(M-T,TH-F) 2(T) S2 | | | | | COMPUTER LITERACY (INSTRUCTOR) GRD 6 G10602.67 Roberson, Michael Shane Room: 3123 3(W) 4(M,W-F) S2 | | | SPANISH LEVEL I GRADES 6-8 G24X09.63 Dantzler, Jennifer Room: 4045 5(W) 6(M,W-F) T3 |
| | | | Q3 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Q4 | | | | | | | | | |

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ✗ Increased Responsibilities
- ✗ Greater Workload
- ✗ Need for organization and time management skills
- ✗ Learning to self-advocate



HELPFUL EMAIL TIPS

Avoid using ALL CAPS, slang, and "texting language."

HELLO MRS. LEE!!!!!!!

i just cant get it 2gether 2 get all my
stuf dun this week. :-|



You won't be taken
seriously.

Cartoon
Cartoon

OTHER HELPFUL QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER INCLUDE:

Am I saying this
from a place of
anger? Am I being
respectful?

Who is my
audience? Who
else might be able
to hear, see or
read this?

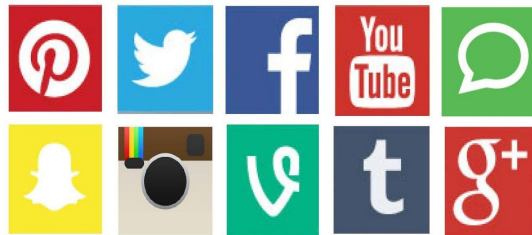
How might
what I'm
saying appear
to others?

Could someone
misinterpret
what I'm saying?

What am I
saying about
myself with
these words?

This acronym gives the saying, "Think before you speak" meaning!
Make "THINK" a practice in your life and your communications will be
both kinder and more effective.

BEFORE You



Is it
true?

Is it
helpful?

Is it
inspiring?

Is it
necessary?

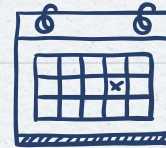
Is it
kind?

THINK

www.technologytracksseriously.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESS TIPS

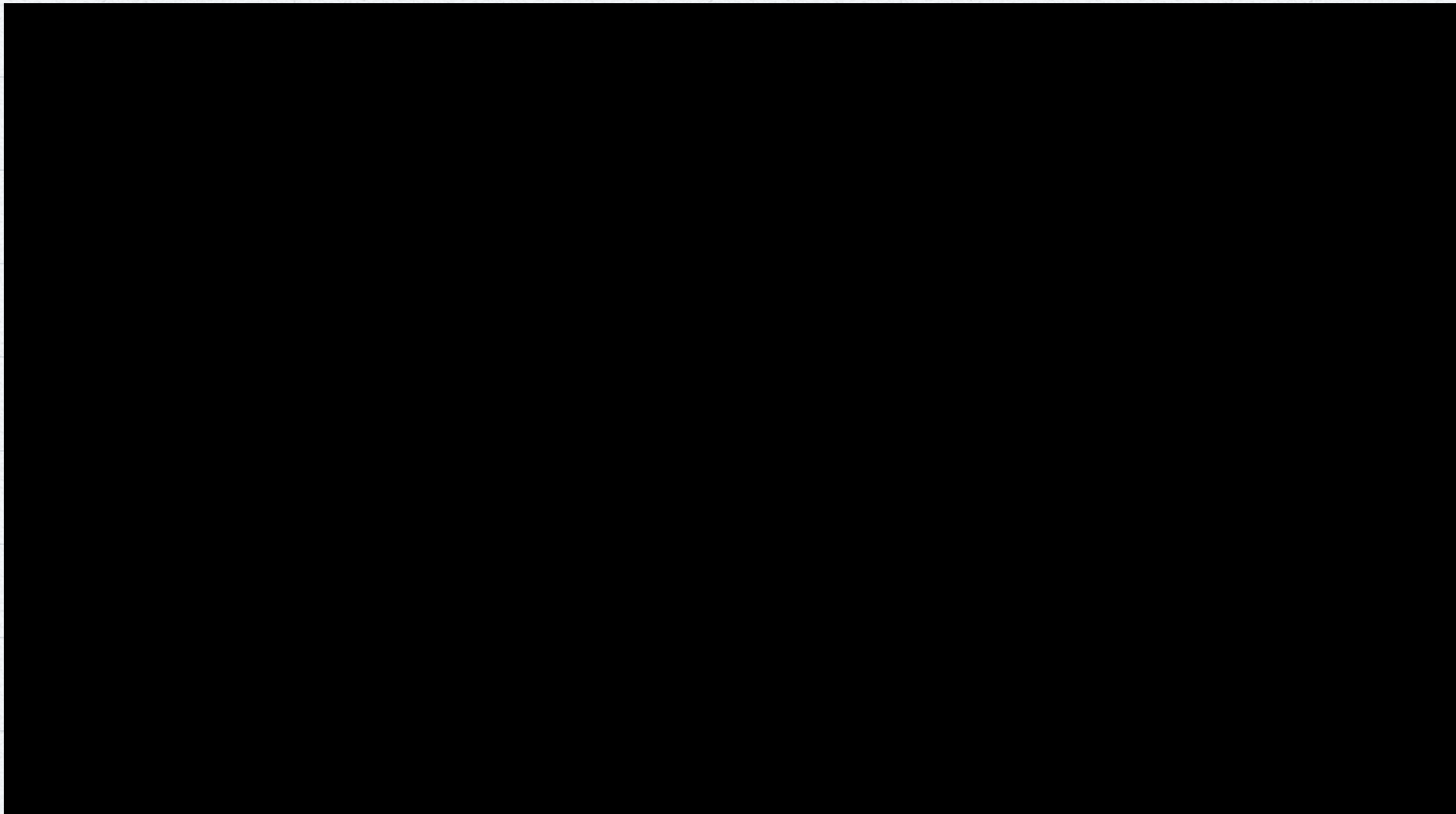
- ✗ Use a planner/agenda
- ✗ Set goals
- ✗ Always turn in your homework
- ✗ Get to know your teachers
- ✗ Ask for help when needed
- ✗ Technology is essential



MANAGEBAC AND POWERSCHOOL TUTORIALS

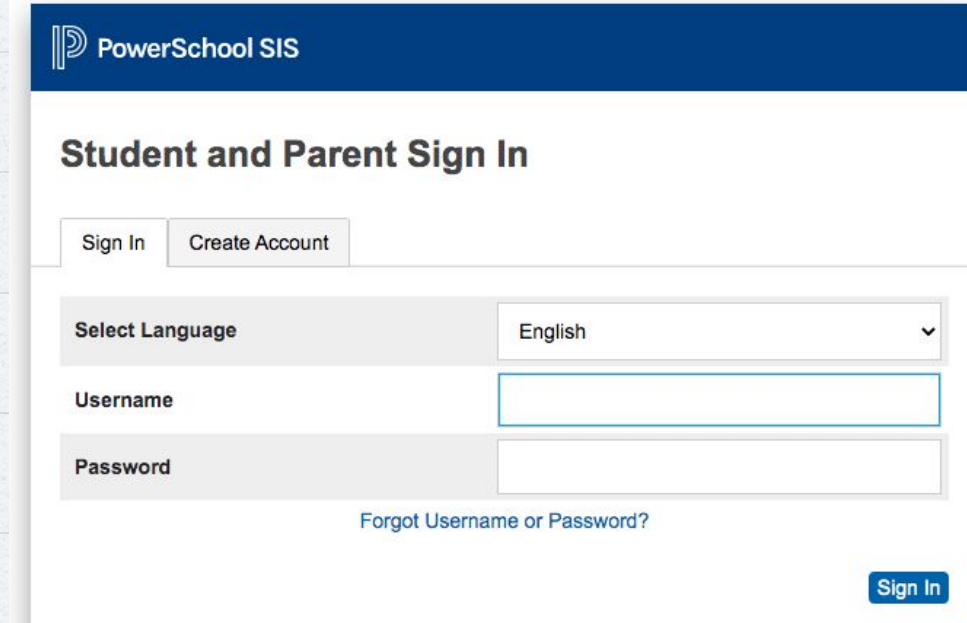
MANAGEBAC LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- ✕ ManageBac is our school-wide platform for posting assignments, instructional videos, Zoom meetings, and other resources.
- ✕ On Sundays you can access the following week's assignments.
- ✕ New SMMHS students will receive their usernames and passwords after school begins.



POWERSCHOOL PORTAL

- ✕ Use your PowerSchool parent/student portal to see your current grades!



The image shows a screenshot of the PowerSchool SIS login page. At the top is a dark blue header with the PowerSchool SIS logo. Below the header is a white section titled "Student and Parent Sign In". Inside this section, there are two tabs: "Sign In" (which is active) and "Create Account". Below the tabs, there is a "Select Language" dropdown menu currently set to "English". Underneath the language menu are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Below the password field is a link that says "Forgot Username or Password?". At the bottom right of the form is a blue "Sign In" button.

PowerSchool SIS

Student and Parent Sign In

Sign In Create Account

Select Language English

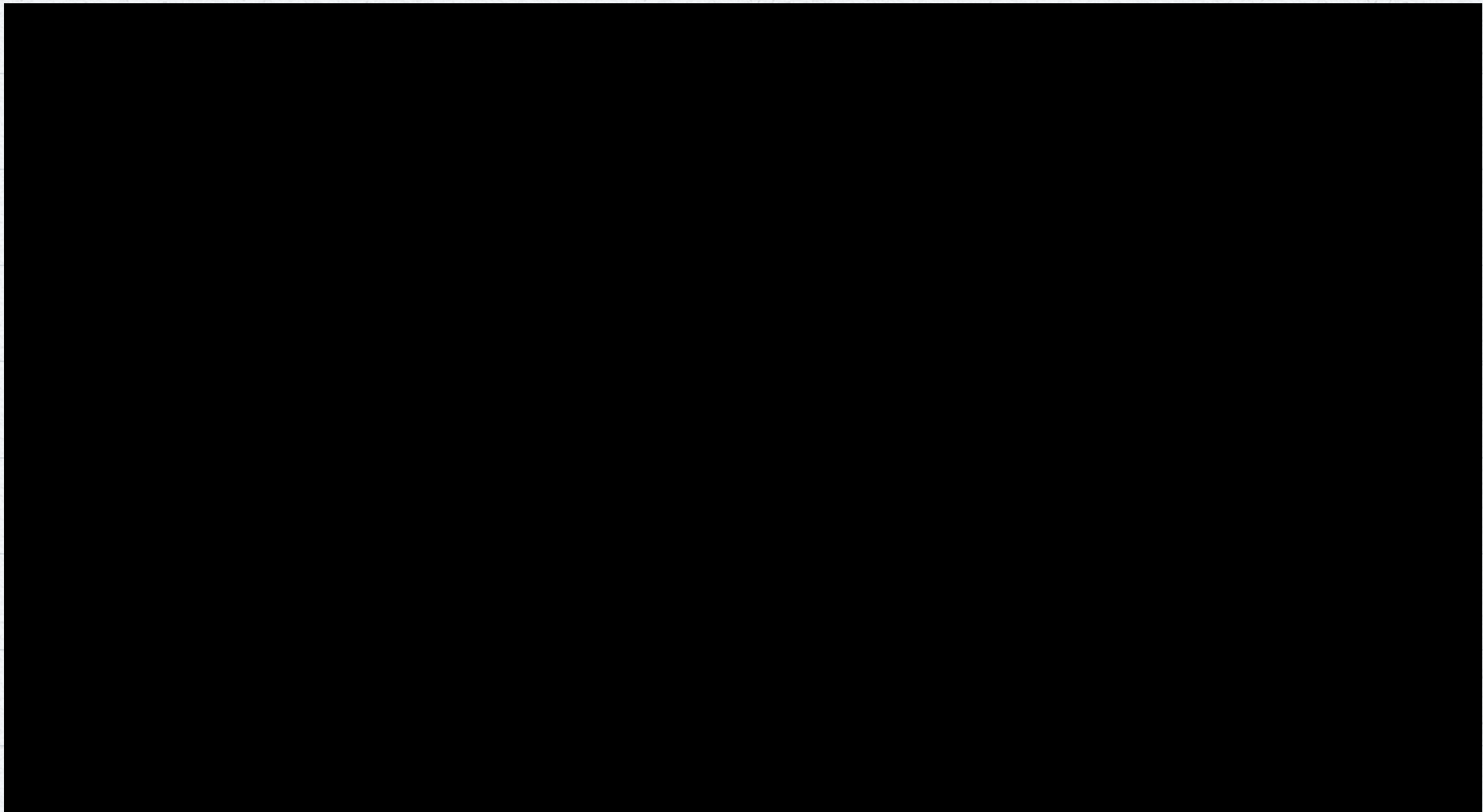
Username

Password

[Forgot Username or Password?](#)

Sign In

[Click here to access the PowerSchool Parent/Student step-by-step login instructions](#)



STUDENT RESOURCES

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Learning Center (funded by MEF)

- ✕ Tutoring Services
- ✕ Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:00-4:00
 - *also available Fridays during school hours
- ✕ Located in the Media Center

Technology Assistance

- ✗ Ask your teacher to see Ms. Roddy in the Media Center (Library)
- ✗ When in doubt, ask your counselor!

Questions: Contact Abbey Duncan

duncan_abbey@hcde.org

HOW CAN YOUR COUNSELOR HELP?

- ✗ Relationship support and peer conflict
- ✗ Stress Management
- ✗ Academics and organization
- ✗ Career exploration
- ✗ College Planning

Email us to request a meeting or stop by before school!



A large, stylized pencil-shaped sign is mounted on a light gray concrete wall. The sign is divided into three vertical sections: a purple section on the left, a thin beige section in the middle, and a large yellow section on the right. The yellow section contains the text "LOVE TO LEARN" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, arranged in two lines. The right end of the sign is shaped like a pencil tip, pointing towards the right. In the background, a person wearing a dark hoodie, blue jeans, and sunglasses is walking on a sidewalk. The scene is outdoors, with some greenery and a building visible in the distance.

LOVE TO
LEARN

GETTING INVOLVED AT SMMHS

WHY GET INVOLVED?

 COLLEGE & CAREER


CONNECTEDNESS

 HIGHER SELF-ESTEEM

 EXPLORE NEW INTERESTS

 BOOSTS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



MIDDLE SCHOOL IS THE PERFECT TIME TO TRY NEW THINGS





CLUBS AT SMMHS



Drama Club - Ruth Farrimond FARRIMOND_RUTH@HCDE.ORG

MS Student Council - Angela Roundy FARRIMOND_RUTH@HCDE.ORG

Yearbook Club - Shaina Manning MANNING_S@HCDE.ORG

MS Model UN - David Poss/Jamie Brock POSS_DAVID@HCDE.ORG

MS Youth in Government - Jamie Brock BROCK_JAMIE@HCDE.ORG

MS Technology Student Association - Robert Dodson DODSON_R@HCDE.ORG

MS Robotics - Robert Dodson DODSON_R@HCDE.ORG

Climbing Club - Stephanie Horn HORN_S@HCDE.ORG

MS Literary Magazine - Jamie Brock BROCK_JAMIE@HCDE.ORG

Sewing/Textile Club - Susan Parks PARKS_SUSAN@HCDE.ORG

Ukulele Club - Kendall Harrison HARRISON_KENDALL@HCDE.ORG

Creative Writing Club - Jamie Brock BROCK_JAMIE@HCDE.ORG

Chess Club - Jamie Brock BROCK_JAMIE@HCDE.ORG

Science Quiz Bowl - Erin Perry PERRY_ERIN@HCDE.ORG

Math League MS (Algebra I and above) - Jamie Brock BROCK_JAMIE@HCDE.ORG

Card Game Club - Maureen Bergren BERGREN_M@HCDE.ORG

Field Station Signal Outdoor Club - Kimberly Brown BROWN_KIMBERLY@HCDE.ORG





MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS AT SMMHS



Quarter 1:

Tennis

Cheerleading

Cross Country

Football

Softball

Quarter 2:

Boys Basketball

Girls Basketball

Cheerleading

Boys Soccer

Girls Soccer

Quarter 3:

Volleyball

Wrestling

Quarter 4:

Track

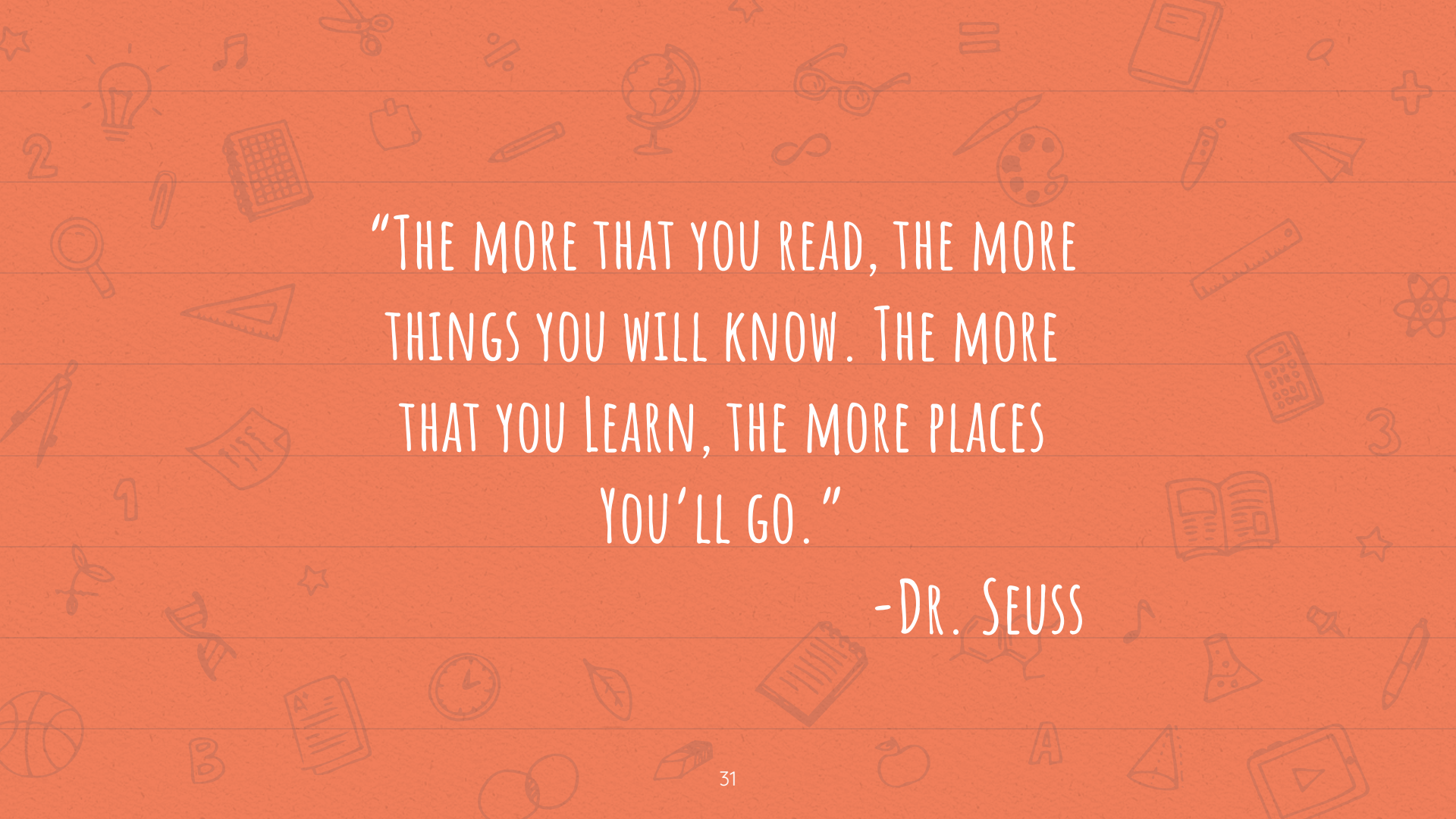
Baseball

Golf

Baseball

*See our website for coach information & tryout dates: [SMMHS Sports](#)



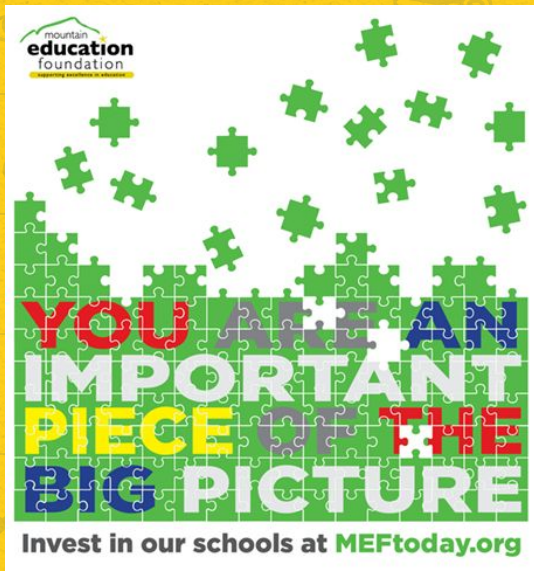


"THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE
THINGS YOU WILL KNOW. THE MORE
THAT YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES
YOU'LL GO."

-DR. SEUSS

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS?





Positions and programs funded by MEF

YOU are an important piece of the big picture in funding our schools through the Mountain Education Foundation! We need YOU to complete the picture! Every amount makes a difference for our students, who all benefit from contributions to MEF. Whether you invest \$10/month or \$400/month or any amount you choose, we need YOU to complete the picture! Will you join us in our goal of 100% participation? Make a monthly recurring or annual gift at MEFtoday.org.

- Learning Center (tutoring services)
- Reading Interventionist
- Math Interventionist
- Webmaster
- Technology equipment
- Professional development
- Discretionary funding
- Robotics
- College access activities
- ACT preparation
- IB support

PTSA

(PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION)

PTSA works closely with the school's admin and faculty to promote the best possible education for our students.



By uniting parents, students, teachers and the community we can offer our students the highest advantages in education.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

* **VOLUNTEER** - we can use your help!
We have opportunities arise throughout the school year.

Email: SMMHSPTSA@gmail.com

* **DONATE** to: MEFtoday.org



OTHER IMPORTANT INFO & COMMUNICATION

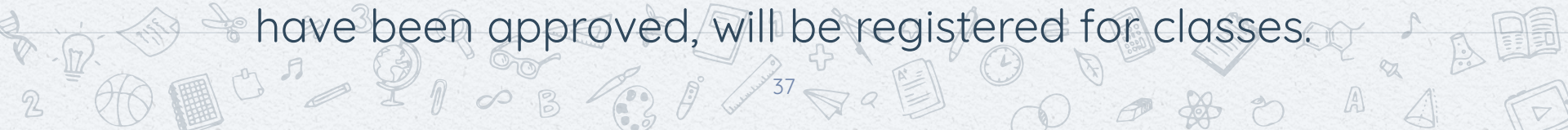
- x School Nurse: If your child has a diagnosis or has medication to keep at school, please contact Pam Snyder (snyder_pam@hcde.org).
- x MyPaymentsPlus: Student lunch account management
- x Bus Stop Information
- x Weekly SMMHS Newsletter





REGISTRATION REMINDERS

- x Registration is online this year and completed through the PowerSchool portal.
- x Please send 2 proofs of residence to Ms. Adams at adams_melissa@hcde.org.
- x Please see weekly newsletter from SMMHS regarding how to pay school fees.
- x Only students who have been properly registered online, and who have submitted 2 proofs of residency that have been approved, will be registered for classes.



IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 7TH 9:00-11:00

Chromebook Distribution Day and School Supply Drop Off Day!

You MUST have the tech contract signed and be fully registered to pick up a Chromebook.

AUGUST 10TH 2:00-3:00

If you still have questions after our virtual orientation, join us for a **LIVE ZOOM Q & A!**

Zoom ID: 899 4637 9391
passcode SMMHS

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Group A (A-L): **August 12th**

Group B (M-Z): **August 13th**

August 14th: Virtual Day