



## SMS Monday Message: September 6

**Good evening, Spartan Family! This is Matthew A. Mason, proud principal of Sandusky Middle School, and here is the Monday Message for the week of September 7 - 10. This message has been forwarded to our SMS family via email and can also be found on our website under the Sunday Messages tab.**

- We have a few sporting events this week. On Tuesday, September 7th, our girls volleyball team will play at home against Jefferson Forest Middle School at 5 pm. On Thursday, September 9, our girls volleyball team will play again at home against Dunbar Middle School at 5 pm. Our first football game will be on Wednesday, September 8 at Heritage High School against Altavista Combined School at 6 pm. Wrestling workouts are every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Please bring workout clothes, running and wrestling shoes (if you do not have wrestling shoes, you can and should still attend). Bus 19 will transport students to Heritage High School for wrestling workouts.
- Sandusky Middle School will be administering Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Growth Assessments this fall as per new legislation that was recently passed. SMS will assess Reading on September 14 and Math on September 16. Makeup testing will be on September 20. Please see the attached letter in your email for more detailed information.
- Students, please remember to bring your Chromebooks charged each day. **IF** you do not have a Chromebook, it has been lost or stolen, or any other reason, please see your Homeroom teacher and they will help you fill out the Chromebook Incidents form. If you would like to complete this yourself in advance, please use this link: [SMS 2021-22 Chromebook Incidents](#).

- Due to our mitigation policies concerning COVID and the pandemic, our water fountains will only be used if a student has a water bottle. Our fountains have a touchless feature that allows students to refill their water bottles via a sensor. Students, please bring a water bottle to school if you would like to have water throughout the day. Also, students, this is a reminder to bring face coverings each day to school. They must be worn over the mouth and nose. Thank you for complying with this requirement.
- Students, as a reminder, we are not allowed to wear flip flops, sandals or slides in the school building. Hats and head coverings are also prohibited unless they are for religious reasons. Cell phones and air pods should be placed in your locker at the beginning of the day. For phones, they must be out of sight and off or they could be confiscated. Finally, remember our acronym K.A.H.F.O.O.T.Y. (Keep All Hands, Feet, and Other Objects To Yourself). Parents, please encourage students to follow all protocols within the school building. Thank you.
- Parents, if you have any concerns or questions in regards to your students' classes, please reach out to the classroom teacher first for information you may need. Please reach out to your child's school counselor or administrator for scheduling and/or social concerns within the building. The school counselor and administrator for students with last name A - K is Ms. Rebekah Melton and Mr. Robert Kerns, respectively. The school counselor and administrator for students with last name L - Z is Mrs. Lakisha Kidd and Ms. Annitra Leigh, respectively. 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!**