

July 31, 2020

Good Morning SMS Families,

We hope this update finds you all enjoying your summer and spending time with family and friends. We are sending along some important information that may address questions you may have as we continue to prepare for the upcoming 2020-21 school year.

The SMS Yearbooks Are Finally Here!!:

Thank you all for your patience. The yearbooks are here and being prepared for distribution. If you purchased a yearbook, or you have an 8th-grade student in the Class of 2024, we will have three opportunities for you to receive your yearbook:

Thursday (8/6), 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Friday (8/7), 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Monday (8/10), 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

In order to make this pick-up process as seamless and safe as possible, we will be engaging in a drive-thru process at the middle school campus (on the dates listed above). Please pull around to the SMS front circle (to the main entrance to the school) and remain in your car. Provide your child's name to the identified volunteers and we will deliver your yearbook (and other surprises) right to your car. You will be on your way in a matter of minutes, and we will be able to adhere to all safety protocols!

If you have further questions you may contact us at yearbook@suffieldstudent.org

Thank you,

SMS Yearbook Staff

PowerSchool, Student Schedules, and Supply Lists:

We continue to diligently work on student schedules as we engage in further refinements to the overall school schedule to align to the district's advanced cohorting protocols. To avoid confusion as we continue to finalize schedules, we have turned off student and parent portal access to the PowerSchool until the later part of August. The extra time will be helpful as we carefully reexamine class lists and potentially reassign students to balance classes and cohorts.

We will be sending team letters and grade-level supply lists in the mail to all SMS families in early to mid-August. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to plan for our fall reopening.

SMS Book Club Talks:

Next week we begin our SMS Summer Book Clubs! Have you signed up for one yet? Join any club that interests you by following this link:https://docs.google.com/document/d/11tGOo-TB0DN490hqTh5c_buwXOmzR1r01GLanffDZzQ/edit?usp=sharing

These book clubs are a great opportunity to share your ideas regarding any of the books listed. For example, view this video preview from Mrs. Forrest on the book ***Midnight Without a Moon*** (linked [here](#)).

Watch your e-mail for more information on our book talks!