**Below you will find answers to current “Hot Topics.”**

1. **What is the District Return to School Update?**

* 1. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S9jhIMLSIwQCra5sIKOL_7aRtv-AECgk/view?usp=sharing>

1. **What should I do if my student needs a Chromebook?**
   1. Please complete this survey: [SPS Chromebook Request Survey](https://forms.gle/rfu5KD6Qb8vWj9Rz5)
   2. Chromebook Distribution will take place on Wednesday, September 2, 2020
2. **When will my student receive the name of their teacher for this school year?**
   1. The school year begins on Monday, August 31,2020, with teachers making individual contact with all students and families through Thursday, September 3, 2020.  Students begin classes on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. We also encourage families to make sure their information is correct in the MiStar Parent Portal by this link below:  
      1. **Link to Parent Portal:** [**MiStar Parent Portal account**](https://mistar.oakland.k12.mi.us/southfield/parentportal/).
   2. To find out more about how to access the MiStar Parent Portal, please visit the link below:
      1. <https://www.southfieldk12.org/parents-students/parent-portal-help-page/>
3. **What is the learning management system my student will use to access their learning websites and online instructional applications**
   1. The Learning Management System is Called “Schoology”.
   2. Here is a letter the district provided for families for more information:
      1. [Schoology Parent Letter](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WHhDa5v-nHwJH9V4aF2B-qwXcon6oCg7/view?usp=sharing)
      2. You can find out more about Schoology by watching this introduction video: [youtu.be/QgHWMGlGgbk](https://youtu.be/QgHWMGlGgbk).
4. **What is the new Math and Reading/ELA digital learning program “iReady”?**
   1. i-Ready Parent Information Letter
      1. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16Msf6xv4zVrvi4k6Y5VNinOX9_ElYplO/view?usp=sharing>
   2. i-Ready Parent Overview
      1. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/120V0J75xTtrB4wkqWGcEroDzo3i76MhA/view?usp=sharing>
5. **What is the difference between asynchronous and synchronous learning and Core Instructional time (9:25-1:25 and 12:15-2:55) in the mornings and afternoons?**
   1. [Synchronous vs. Asynchronous Learning (1).pdf](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cEQfNOrHOe5SN24kKLyF53O_c0XBbku0/view?usp=sharing)
      1. **Synchronous Learning:** Students will learn in a variety of formats; the teacher will meet with the students remotely for interactive instruction in whole group, small group and individually, with ample time for students to take breaks as needed.
         1. Examples of Synchronous Learning formats:
            1. whole class
            2. small group
            3. individual
            4. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in lessons/activities for art, music, gym and Spanish
      2. **Asynchronous Learning:** students will have time to work independently with on-line assignments, and there will be project-based lessons/activities for students to complete.
      3. The Synchronous and/or Asynchronous learning formats will take place during the Core Learning Times during the day and asynchronous learning may extend into after school hours if students are assigned projects/assignments that are due to be completed and turned in at a later date.
      4. This also allows for a variety in learning formats, since the suggested screen time for students is from 1-3 hours daily.
6. **What would a daily instructional schedule look like for my child?**
   1. Please see a copy of the the Elementary Remote/Hybrid Daily Schedule below:
      1. [Parent Copy of Elementary Remote\_Virtual Daily Schedule.pdf](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yQ1ZBZ0ucoH_AdPPSaWb_FeMFD7Np4ag/view?usp=sharing)
7. **What are the expectations of students during the remote/virtual learning format?**
   1. [Remote/Virtual Learning Student Expectations](https://drive.google.com/file/d/13q9sc74R0Plq3DPNgn-DwwNmUsLIYXAH/view?usp=sharing)

1. **What supplies are recommended?**
   1. Your child’s teacher will reach out to you to provide information about suggested supply lists for remote learning soon.
   2. Don’t forget, since remote learning will be in a digital format, please make sure you have your child use a chromebook or device where they can access their Schoology account. If you do not have a device at home or need a “hot spot” for wifi, please complete the Chromebook Request Survey above to be able to obtain a device on September 2, 2020 during the Chromebook Distribution.

1. **What is the Southfield Public Schools District Calendar?**

* 1. [Southfield Public Schools 2020-2021 Calendar](https://www.southfieldk12.org/downloads/public_relations/district_school_calendar.pdf)

1. **Is Open Enrollment still available for the 2020-2021 School Year?**
   1. Yes! Please visit the link: <https://www.southfieldk12.org/registration/>