



Thompson K-8 International Academy

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February 1, 2021

Good morning,

Please read below for information and updates.

MYP ROTATION SCHEDULE

Mon., 2/1: EVEN

Tues., 2/2 ODD

Weds., 2/3: EVEN

Thurs., 2/4: ODD

Fri., 2/5: ALL

UPCOMING

February 15 - February 22: Mid-Winter Break

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Please join me this morning via Google Classroom to ask questions, share and offer:

<https://meet.google.com/sen-qfeh-hsv>



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RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATES

The 2020-2021 school year is underway, and the Southfield Public School District is committed to open communication that keeps our parents, staff, students and community members completely informed. We have established a web page where you can find information on our school reopening plans. Beginning March 1, SPS will bring back specific populations of students to our buildings: Self-Contained Special Education students and English Language Learner students. **ALL OTHER STUDENTS NOT IN THESE CATEGORIES WILL REMAIN VIRTUAL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** The families of the impacted students will be contacted in order to decide if they wish to remain virtual or opt to return to school. Please continue to check [here](#) for updates.

STUDENT SUPPORT

It has been brought to the district's attention that students may have been exposed to self-harm/suicide games. These online games fall under different names and are a social media phenomenon.

Below are some resources to keep your child safe online:

- [5 ways to help keep your child's online experiences positive and safe](#)
- [Keeping children safe online](#)
- [Keeping kids safe online](#)

Below are three apps to monitor your child's digital world:

- T-Mobile Digits (Free) – Monitor your child's text messages
- Google Family Link (Free) – Set limits on your child's digital world
- Bark.us (Cost) – Professional dashboard to manage your child's world digital world

If your scholar needs any additional support, please contact the building administrator, and we will be sure to provide channels for valuable support services.

WOLVERINE PATHWAYS PROGRAM

The University of Michigan's [Wolverine Pathways](#) is a college-prep program that gives students the opportunity to receive a full-tuition scholarship to the University of Michigan. Applications for the program are being accepted through February 5, 2021, from 6th and 8th graders students residing in the Southfield Public School District boundaries. Access the application [here](#).

iReady WINTER TESTING

The Diagnostic 2 session in reading and math continues through February 5 for all K-8th students. Teachers can share dates with families.

WE HAVE AN APP!



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Southfield Public Schools is excited to announce the launch of the district's new mobile App. The goal of the app is to provide parents, students, staff and community members with

access to important notifications, calendars, the news feed, MiStar Student and Parent Portals, social media channels, and more. Download the app [here](#) today!

OAKLAND SCHOOLS: PARTNERSHIPS AT HOME

Attend a variety of virtual workshops tailored to families who are adjusting to remote learning. All sessions are free of charge, but you must register. Click this link and you'll find registration information: <https://www.smores.com/sb0xg-partnerships-home>

Take care, be well and stay safe!

The Pessimist Sees Difficulty In Every Opportunity. The Optimist Sees Opportunity In Every Difficulty.

Winston Churchill

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