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October 23, 2020

Good afternoon,

Please read below for information and updates.

## **WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2020:**

- MYP Class Rotation
  - Monday - ODD
  - Tuesday - EVEN
  - Wednesday - ODD
  - Thursday - EVEN
  - Friday - ALL
- Monday, October 26 | Supply Pick Up
  - 9 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 3pm at Thompson
  - Name and grade of your child/children on a LARGE piece of paper and visible through the passenger side front windshield.



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- Tuesday, October 27: Board Meeting at 7 pm
    - To join the meeting please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number (access code): 172 640 4601 or by clicking on the following link  
<https://oneoakland.webex.com/oneoakland/onstage/g.php?MTID=e97058d7911abc2fa82c1c01c877bf735>.
  - Wednesday, October 28 at 6 p.m. for the virtual P.O.W.E.R. Hour
    - Southfield Police Department helps parents empower their scholars with the knowledge they need to act responsibly in an online environment. Visit the following link:  
<https://oneoakland.webex.com/oneoakland/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb1f8f6717d5608b4042016787662a776>.

## UPCOMING

- Tuesday, November 3: NO SCHOOL | ELECTION DAY
- Thursday, November 19: Parent-Teacher Conferences / 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm / More information to come!

## FLU SHOTS: Oakland County launches at home flu shots for older adults

Oakland County Health Division is launching a new program to vaccinate homebound residents 65 years and older for influenza in their homes beginning Tuesday, Oct. 27. Appointments are required. The Health Division's Nurse on Call at 800-848-5533 will start accepting appointments on Oct. 22.

"This important service will help remove barriers for our most at-risk residents to receive a flu shot this season," Oakland County Executive David Coulter said. "Getting a flu shot is more important than ever this year since both flu viruses and COVID-19 will be present in our community."

Flu and COVID-19 are both respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. Getting a flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, however the flu vaccination has many other benefits:

- Helps prevent flu illness
- Reduces risk of flu-associated hospitalizations
- Has been shown to reduce severity of illness if you do get the flu
- Protects you and the people around you including those more vulnerable to the disease



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Public Health Nurses will visit residents' home during a designated appointment time. Nurses can provide individuals 65 years and older a senior higher dose or regular flushot.

"Flu vaccination is very important this year to help reduce respiratory illnesses and avoid overwhelming the healthcare system. Research is suggesting that the risk of death may double in those 60 years and older if they are infected with both flu and COVID-19," said Dr. Russell Faust, Oakland County Medical Director. "Wear a mask, wash your hands, and practice physical distancing not only to prevent the spread of COVID-19, but also flu."

Payment options include Medicare, Medicaid, most Blue Cross Blue Shield plans and Blue Care Network, and additional insurances. No one will be denied access to services due to lack of insurance; there is a discounted/sliding fee schedule available.

For up-to-date information, visit [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health), follow the Health Division on Facebook and Twitter @publichealthOC, or call the Health Division's Flu Shot Hotline at 800-434-3358. Nurse on Call is also available to answer questions at 800-848-5533, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## TEACHING & LEARNING

- Daily Bell Schedule: [Click here](#)
- Math Workbooks: If you have multiple elementary aged children and received the math workbooks yesterday, you can determine the grade level by looking on the spine of the workbook. There are dots that indicate the grade levels: 1st grade = 1 dot, 2nd grade = 2 dots, etc.
- Schoology Access for Students: Access to class meeting links (live teaching and learning) and assignments are in Schoology. Schoology classes are automatically entered based on student schedules.
  - [THIS LINK](#) is a presentation of how students can access and navigate Schoology.
- Schoology Access for Parents: Please **contact your child's teachers** for your Schoology Parent Code. Once you receive it:
  - Go to [schoolology.com](http://schoolology.com)
  - Click sign up at the top of the page
  - Select Parent
  - Enter the parent access code. The 12 digit code is xxxx-xxxx-xxxx
  - Fill out the form with your information
  - Click Register to complete
  - Note: when you use a parent access code to create an account, you are automatically associated with your child. You can add additional children to your account using the "add child" button.



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- [THIS LINK](#) will take you to a video of the Parent View in Schoology.

## TECHNOLOGY

- All scheduled distributions are closed for students who need to borrow a computer or other technology. If your child still needs a computer or other technology, please reach out to the Oakland Schools Service Desk via phone at (248) 209-2060, email at [osservicedesk@oakland.k12.mi.us](mailto:osservicedesk@oakland.k12.mi.us) or [online ticket submission/LiveChat](#). The Oakland Schools technology team will schedule a day and time to pick one.
- Support: Please contact the Oakland Schools Help Desk with issues related to district issued technology (chromebook) at **248.209.2060**.

## STUDENT & FAMILY AGREEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Please click on each of the links below to read, agree to and supply important information for your child:

- [Student Information Sheet](#): Contact and Health information
- [Parent/Guardian Norms & Expectations](#)
- [SPS Code of Conduct](#)

## SPS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Please visit this [site](#) for the most current SPS information regarding the Remote 2020/21 school year. You can also find information regarding Champions (full day care), meal services

and other information related to Southfield Public Schools and our efforts to educate your child during the pandemic.

## STUDENT & FAMILY SUPPORT

Our new normal of remote learning may take an emotional toll on students and/or families. SPS has partnered with the agencies below to assist those in need of extra support.

The Student Support Network is an advocate and mediator for students who need additional resources to support behavioral/social goals or need a trusted adult for advice and guidance in non-academic matters.

The process outlined below affords district families access to mobile health services. Easterseals (Support for All Buildings). For current individuals/clients accessing services, Easterseals is offering telehealth. This can be completed through a smartphone, tablet or



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computer. For those individuals that do not have access to the internet, Easterseals is offering telephonic services. This process may be done on a case by case situation. Individuals can call (248) 475-6300 for an appointment.

For new individuals/clients, please call the (248) 475-2150 to get scheduled for intake. Easterseals will offer intake using telehealth and will continue to provide services using a telehealth platform.

Psychiatrists and doctors are using telehealth as well, please call (248) 475- 6300 for an appointment.

EasterSeals Contact:

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## THOMPSON STUDENT AND FAMILY HANDBOOK

Please take the time to review our [school handbook](#) with your child for this school year.

Enjoy your weekend, be well and stay safe!

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*An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.*

**Benjamin Franklin**

