



SUNFLOWER COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mrs. Miskia Davis, Superintendent
“United for Excellence”

Weekly Information Blast: September 2, 2020

We Need You: Before getting into other important details, we need you to do a few small things that will help us greatly in keeping you informed.

- 1) Go to our YouTube channel (“SCCSD Media”) and click “subscribe” so that you can have access to any videos posted.
- 2) If you are on Facebook, please “like” and “follow” our page (TEAMSCCSD).
- 3) If you are on Twitter, “follow” us @SCCSD2.
- 4) Make sure your current phone number is updated by checking with the secretary at your child’s school.
- 5) If you have not done so already, visit our website at www.sunflower.k12.ms.us .
Tuesday’s Virtual Community Meeting is posted on our Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and webpages!

Technology for Virtual Learning: As stated in the virtual meeting last night, technology has been ordered for all students and teachers (teacher devices arrived today), but the devices for students are scheduled to arrive on September 15th. For families without personal devices or internet connectivity, we’ve got you covered for as long as we need! See the information below:

1. **Students WITH devices and internet connectivity** will utilize an online Learning Management System (LMS) to access materials and instructional activities to engage in high-quality teaching and learning.
 - Canvas is the Learning Management System for students K-12.
2. **Students WITHOUT devices or internet connectivity** will receive Learning Packets and will be expected to follow the same instructional schedule as students who do have devices. Learning Packets will be available for pick up at all schools on Friday, September 4th between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. as follows:

School	Pick up/Drop Off Location	Assigned Personnel
AW James	Drew Hunter Back Parking Lot	SRO Shaw
Drew Hunter	Drew Hunter Back Parking Lot	
Ruleville Elem	Ruleville Middle Gym	SRO Carpenter
Ruleville Middle	Ruleville Middle Gym	
Thomas Edwards Sr. High	Ruleville Middle Gym	
East Sunflower	ESE Front entrance	SRO Hibbler
Moorhead Central	Outside MCS Cafeteria	SSO Walker
Inverness Elem	IES side Parking Lot	Betty Towery
Lockard Elem	Front of Gentry Gym	Khalilah Ransom
Carver Elem	Front of Gentry Gym	
Merritt Jr. High	Front of Gentry Gym	
Gentry High	Front of Gentry Gym	

Note: All persons should remain in vehicles. "Walk up" pick-ups are not allowed.

3. Students WITHOUT devices or internet connectivity must return completed packets on Friday of the same week between 8:00 and 2:00 p.m. using the same method as pick-up.

- New Packets will be available for pickup every Friday and should be returned the following Friday.
- The return of the packet will determine a student's attendance for that week of work.
- Parents should make sure that the student's name, grade, and school is on the front of learning packet.
- Special Education Students who do not have internet access will continue to receive support services through other methods.

Once all packets are received, assigned paraprofessionals or clerical staff will sort packets for processing to the school/teacher. Teachers will then review the packets and enter grades in Sam Spectra.

Please contact Khalilah Ransom or Betty Towery at (662) 884-1277 or email kransom@sunflower.k12.ms.us or btowery@sunflower.k12.ms.us for questions/concerns.

Device Insurance: For those who receive district technological devices (computer, hotspot), there is a \$25 insurance fee per device and covers the device in the event of damage. *Parents do not have to get insurance on each device, but if something happens to the device, they will be responsible for the repairs and possible replacement. Failure to get the insurance and failure to pay for a damaged device will hinder registration, graduation, and also places the responsibility for continued learning solely on the parent.* Parents do not have to use district devices; they can use their own devices if they have them, provided that those devices are able to connect to our instructional programs. Parents of multiple district students also do not have to opt for a district device for each child if they do not wish. Devices will be collected at the end of the school year.

Athletics: Fall Sports and Activities will move forward. The district will comply with MHSAA, CDC, and state guidelines in ensuring safe seasons for all participants. This decision was made with the input of parents of participants. However, no students will be begged, forced, or persuaded to participate. The Board of Trustees is requiring all participants to take a COVID-19 test prior to games/activities. The Board also reserves the right to cancel all activities at any time.

Trainings and Open Houses: Schools have been conducting their Open Houses this week, so please check with your child's school regarding dates and times. A few additional upcoming dates:

- Parent/Student Canvas Training (Wednesday, September 2nd @ 6:00 pm)
- A Day in the Life of a Virtual Student (Friday, September 4th @ 10 am and 1 pm)

The Zoom information is on our various platforms and will be recorded for future access.

General Information: School contact information as well as school websites can be found here: <http://www.sunflower.k12.ms.us/?PN=Schools2>. The Central Office's (Hwy 49) number is 662.887.4919 and the Administrative Building's number is 662.884.1200. If you have additional questions or concerns that a specific school or office is unable to assist you with, please email sccsdmedia@sunflower.k12.ms.us. The district website is www.sunflower.k12.ms.us and will have all pertinent information. If you are on Social Media, please check out our district's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TEAMSCCSD/?ref=bookmarks> (search "TEAMSCCSD"). Also follow us on Twitter @SCCSD2. *Parents/Guardians please update your contact information so that you will be able to receive district information through our call and text systems.*