



SMS Sunday Message: September 27

Good evening, Spartan Family! This is Matthew A. Mason, proud principal of Sandusky Middle School, and here is the Sunday Message for the week of September 28 - October 2. This message has been forwarded to our SMS family via email and will also be available on our website under the Sunday Messages Tab.

- Last week, a document was sent out to all SMS families detailing changes we made to better support our families, students and staff with Remote Learning. I have reattached the document for all stakeholders so all may be aware of the changes. I want to make sure everyone understands that all slides that have the acronym SMS and word Policy mean that this change is an SMS policy change **ONLY**, and does not reflect that of Lynchburg City Schools. I apologize for any confusion for those who believed this was a Lynchburg City Schools change. Again, all slides that have the acronym SMS and the word Policy mean that this change is a SMS policy change **ONLY**. Thank you, and please reach out to us with any concerns at 515-5350.
- This week, September 28 - October 2, is Redemption Week for Sandusky Middle School students. This is a time for students to turn in missing assignments, take a breath, catch up and receive support from teachers if needed. During this week, teachers will SLOW DOWN with new material, however, students will still receive some new material this week. The focus, though, is for students and families to get back on track and take time to regroup. Students, remember that all work turned in during this time will receive full credit. Please email and/or contact your teacher when you have completed and turned in missing assignments. Thank you.
- Parents, you should have received a call from your child's homeroom teacher asking whether or not you will be continuing remote instruction for the second nine-weeks or moving to the hybrid model once students return. In order for you to switch to the hybrid model, you must tell your

child's homeroom teacher and answer a few questions that they have for you. If we do not have an answer by 4 pm on Monday, September 28, your child will automatically be placed in remote learning for the whole second nine-weeks of school. We cannot switch students during the nine-weeks as it will cause concerns for our master schedule and transportation. Remote learning will look almost exactly as it is now. The hybrid learning model will consist of students being placed in either Cohort A or Cohort B. Cohort A will come to school on Tuesday and Wednesday, while Cohort B will come on Thursday and Friday. Mondays will still be a remote day for all students. The hybrid model for 6th grade students will begin on October 13. 7th and 8th grade students will begin the hybrid model on October 27. Again, Please let us know which model will be chosen for your student. We can be reached at 515-5350. Thank you.

Please check today's email, our Twitter account (@Spartans_SMS), our Facebook page and our website for more important information on school events. Again, this is Matthew A. Mason, and SMS is pleased to serve our community!