



Chestnut Oaks Middle School

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Chestnut Oaks Families:

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility as we navigate through these unusual times. One of the most important aspects of a child's life is education, and we want to ensure we provide appropriate, rigorous, and ongoing instruction. We also recognize that face-to-face instruction is vitally important to a student's social and academic growth.

Phase II will begin **October 26, 2020** providing a face-to-face option, through hybrid instruction, for our 6th grade students. Students will be assigned to attend either A Day instruction or B Day instruction. Through the hybrid model, Group A will receive face-to-face instruction on Mondays and Thursdays and virtual instruction on Tuesdays and Fridays. Group B will receive face-to-face instruction on Tuesdays and Fridays and virtual instruction on Mondays and Thursdays. Students will continue to learn asynchronously on Wednesdays in order for schools to provide professional development and to deep clean facilities.

Only students who have a virtual request form completed and on file are approved to continue with virtual learning through the end of the semester. All other students will be scheduled to attend face-to-face hybrid instruction on either A Day or B Day. Your child's homeroom teacher will make contact with you and/or your child to inform you of your child's assigned day via email or telephone call.

Phase III will begin **November 05, 2020** providing a face-to-face option, through hybrid instruction, for our 7th grade students. Phase IV will begin **November 12, 2020** for our 8th grade students, providing a face-to-face option, through hybrid instruction. All face-to-face/hybrid students must bring their Chromebook fully charged each day.

All students will continue to attend classes from 8:00 am- 3:00 pm. **School uniforms are mandatory while on campus.** Bus transportation will be available and bus routes are located on SSD website. Upon arrival, all students must report directly to their homeroom class. Breakfast and lunch will be provided daily in the classroom. Students may bring a **clear plastic bottle, no larger than 20 ounces**, to refill with water as necessary. As we transition our students back to the campus, it is most important that we remind our children of the safety guidelines established by the CDC, specifically the importance of staying six feet apart, wearing masks, washing hands, and following school bus and classroom safety protocols at all times. In addition, students should not share supplies, masks, food or water bottles.

In It Together,

Dr. Maggie J. Wright
Principal

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