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## Weekly Update 9-25-20 Archived

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**Good evening parents and students**, as we finish week six, we continue to see a lot of good things happening at SMHS. I am extremely proud of the efforts made by all stake holders, (students, parents, and staff) as we have altered nearly every aspect of what we previously knew as education. Although we have come a long way in the past six months, we all need to continue to improve in our practices to assure that lessons are as efficient and effective as possible, and students are completing assignments and achieving at a high level. At SMHS we don't anticipate ever stopping the process of improvement so please let us now how things are going out there.

Below are a number of short updates regarding events happening at SMHS.

### **A-G Drive**

I'd like to start off with something extremely positive from our senior class and our counseling department. Thursday, we had our first "drive thru" A-G drive. This awesome event was designed by our counseling team to celebrate and encourage seniors currently on track to meet all of their "A-G requirements. A-G requirements are a rigorous series of courses students have to take during their four high school years to become college eligible. I am happy to report that we have a very large group of college eligible seniors this year. This event, which included a yard sign, a schwag bag, and raffle prizes for the students, was created to encourage these students to finish strong!

### **Progress Reports**

Progress reports from our first-grade mark will be mailed out today and should be received at home sometime early next week. Although a lot of things have gone well this fall, as students, teachers, and staff are still adjusting to our online delivery model, the grades do seem to be lower than normal years at this time. Although this grade report is not official and only serves as an update to students and parents, it is an indicator that we may have to make some adjustments before the official grades are recorded at the end of the semester. We are looking into the strategies that can be done to decrease the stresses on teachers and students while maintaining high expectations for learning. Stay tuned as we will likely be discussing this more in future weeks.

### **Attendance:**

Student attendance is still holding strong, consistently reporting daily attendance percentages in the high eighties, to low nineties. I would only encourage students and parents to continue zooming in and stay on top of their assignments as we all continue to get better at this online learning world.

### **Sports:**

Another piece of encouraging news is that athletic programs continue to phase back into activity. The cross-country teams and the football team just finished their first week of practices. Water polo teams are scheduled to start next Monday. Practices for all teams begin at 3:30pm (unless specified differently by the

coach). Athletes wear masks (when feasible), maintain social distancing, and work only in their assigned small groups each day to assure safety throughout practice. I can tell you that our athletes are happy to be getting back to their respective sports and it has been great to have kids back on our campus.

That's it for this week everyone. The year seems like it is flying by. I hope as our county's COVID19 numbers continue to drop we will continue to phase in activities and events. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" being more prominent than the last name "Campbell".

Steve Campbell (principal, SMHS)