



SMS Sunday Message: November 8



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 November 9 - 13. This message has been forwarded to our SMS family via email and can also be found on our website under the Sunday Messages tab.

- Parents and students, please listen to the following concerning attendance procedures for the second nine weeks. All LCS middle schools will be checking attendance each day during homeroom. Beginning Monday, November 2, hybrid and remote-only students were **REQUIRED** to attend a virtual meeting via Zoom in their homerooms at 8:45 a.m., Monday - Friday. Students not in attendance will be marked absent for the day. SMS students who are unable to attend the daily virtual meeting via Zoom should provide proof of attendance by attending class Zooms throughout the day, turning in assignments daily, or completing their homeroom Question of the Day. Each day our staff will review our list of absent students to make changes if necessary. Automated attendance messages for students who have been deemed absent began on Friday, November 6. Attendance is key to student success, and we thank our SMS families for supporting daily attendance this nine-weeks.
- On last Wednesday, November 4, report cards for the first nine weeks were mailed to all students who had at least one failing grade for the first quarter of school. All other students may view their grades on their Infinite Campus Portal. If you would like a physical copy of your report card and have not received one after Monday, November 9, please contact us at 515-5350. Thank you.
- Lynchburg City Schools released a form on Monday, November 2 to parents/guardians who would like to change their child's learning model option for the second semester, which begins on January 19, 2021. This

form, which will also include questions about your transportation needs, is due no later than November 16. There will be **NO** availability for changes after this date. The form will be emailed to all parents/guardians. The form will also be posted on the Lynchburg City Schools webpage and social media platforms.

- The Sandusky Middle School Student Council Association is promoting a canned food drive from November 9 - December 11! Items can be delivered to home rooms each day. Students will receive three (3) PBIS points per non-perishable canned good item they bring. There will be a first, second, and third place homeroom selected for the amount of canned goods, and each class will receive a prize. Let's start bringing in those cans and help those of our community in need!
- Finally, parents, please use this [link to view our Tech Guide for Parents](#). This document is updated regularly to help our parents navigate remote/hybrid learning as well as answer questions concerning technology at SMS. 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!