

Good Day Summerville Community,

This is Kellene Ditler and Michael Merrill with your Weekly Campus Update for February 19, 2021.

### **School is Open and Students continue Learning!**

- February 22: We will continue to have all students on campus attending their A and B classes Monday through Friday. Classes will run from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm during this full inclusion period. Please see the master calendar on the school website for A/B days. Grab and Go lunches will be provided for each student as they leave campus.
- Continuation of this same instructional format is expected until such time as we are out of the purple tier and in at least the orange tier.
- We shared plans about when and how to extend learning time at our January 13 board meeting.
- If a need to return to hybrid learning or distance learning should be necessary at any time, you will be alerted by the district through School Messenger.

### **Accountability for timely attendance**

Attendance each day is a critical piece of student success. Please ensure that your student arrives at school on time every day unless ill or quarantining.

Parents and students please remember that all students arriving at school after 8:00 am must sign in at the attendance office before going to class. This includes students arriving between classes. Please also remember that students needing to leave school before the end of the school day must have a parent excuse and must check out at the attendance office before leaving. These protocols allow us to keep accurate attendance records and accountability of student whereabouts in case of an emergency.

### **After School Tutorial and Late Bus Run:**

After school tutorial is available Monday through Thursday afternoons each week. Parents are asked to confirm with their student's GLC if they are planning to stay for after school tutorial and whether they will use the late bus run or be picked up. There will be one classroom available for after school tutorial Monday through Thursday afternoons from 1:00 until 3:00 pm. There will be another room available should students need to serve detention or simply access internet. The buses will leave campus at 3:00 pm and will be dropping students off at the transportation hubs.

If your student intends to use the late bus after sports practice. Please have them let their GLC or an office staff member know as we want to make sure we deliver everyone.

Prior to starting tutorial, grab and go lunches will be provided as will a safe, supervised lunch area.

GLC contacts:

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and Connections students: Dan Atkins can be reached at [datkins@summbears.net](mailto:datkins@summbears.net)

9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders: Jennifer Osterhout can be emailed at [josterhout@summbears.net](mailto:josterhout@summbears.net)

10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders: Steve Sweitzer can be emailed at [ssweitzer@summbears.net](mailto:ssweitzer@summbears.net)

### **Student Support:**

Your student needs you as well as their teachers and GLCs to help hold them accountable for their grades. Please sit with your student and check grades on Power School. Reach out to teachers with any questions or concerns, and suggest that your student attend after school tutorial for additional help. Working with teachers to determine a plan for success is a team effort and we all need to be involved.

We recognize that COVID has thrown us all a curveball, but we cannot stop short of continuing to educate our students and expect that they will turn in quality work. We all have to be a part of their support system.

### **Sober Grad Committee:**

The Sober Grad Committee will hold a planning meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 via Zoom from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. All parents interested in helping with the Sober Grad event are encouraged to attend.

Meeting link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98272020623?pwd=cGErQ2Y0ZFVvWkNMYS9DS3JFWVZHdz09>

Meeting ID: 982 7202 0623

Passcode: 6B5mMk

### **Important Reminders:**

- We ask that **parents/guardians check student's temperature and be sure that they are feeling well daily before sending them off to school.** This is truly critical in our effort to keep our school open. We still see some students who have one or two symptoms sent to school, thus requiring us to send them home. If your student is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms or is generally not feeling well, do not have them come to school. Contact the attendance office to alert the school to the reason the student will be out of school as we are tracking illness and symptoms for public health.
- If your student is presenting with any COVID-19 symptoms, please take them to the state testing site at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds the same day for a free COVID test. Pre-registering yourself and/or your student will save time at the testing site when you do need to have a test done. Obtaining a negative test result is the fastest way to ensure your student may return to campus after the quarantine period has elapsed.

- Our mask requirement along with handwashing and sanitizing is the most effective way to slow the transmission of the virus. Following these protocols is the best way to keep everyone safe and allow our campus to remain open. We thank you so much for following this requirement as we know that each of us has to do our part to prevent the transmission of the virus. When any students or staff are on campus or being transported by school vehicle to and from campus, masks are required at all times.
- Students are encouraged to bring personal water bottles to campus. There are filling stations on campus.
- Locker rooms will not be opened, and students will not be required to change clothes for PE. Students are encouraged to dress comfortably in attire that will allow for PE activity.
- Cell Phone use is not allowed when classes are in session. They are to be silenced and out of site during class hours.
- Students are to wear masks at all times and to wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently. Additional wash stations and hand sanitizer dispensers are available throughout campus.

As always, it is critical that we continue to work as a team on campus and in our community to ensure for the safety of all and to ensure that our campus can remain open.

### **Athletics:**

Sports Conditioning for Season 1 Athletic teams is continuing. All coaches are aware of the safety protocols that must be implemented in order to keep all athletes and coaches safe. The teams will be working out in cohorts so there is not mixing of members from various teams. Conditioning for Season 2 Athletic teams has also started. If an athlete is conditioning with a season 1 sport, they may not condition with a season 2 sport until the season 1 sport is complete or cancelled. Please make sure your athlete is registered on 8to18, has a current physical and an up to date concussion baseline test.

At this time, based on the Colored Tiers representing the counties stage of COVID 19, our Mother Lode League (all 6 schools) has cancelled the following sports: Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball and Wrestling. Other sports that do make the Public Health's colored tier recognition may be cancelled as well, but we have no word yet as of this update.

Our Mother Lode League schools prepared a plan for the Public Health Officers of each county (Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne) for approval to start athletic competitions. The plan has been accepted for our schools in the three counties to compete against one another when competitions are allowed. At this time we are in wait and see mode.

### **Food Service:**

Breakfast/snacks will be provided by the cafeteria each morning as students arrive on campus. Lunches will remain Grab and Go at students release at 12:30 pm.

Lunches continue to be Grab and Go until such time as we are back to school and serving lunches on campus during the school day. This will not be until sometime after Christmas Break.

### **Transportation:**

Bus routes will follow the regular bus schedule posted on the school website; but while students are being released at 12:30pm, drop-off times will be earlier than specified.

Students are not to eat on the school buses, and they need to keep masks on and lunches closed for safety reasons.

We will be running a late bus to allow for students to access after school tutorial and teachers' office hours after the 12:30 release. See above section "After School Tutorial and Late Bus" and website for route drop offs.

### **Registration for 2021-2022 classes:**

GLCs will continue to meet with students in the next few weeks regarding the registration process for classes for the next school year. It is amazing how fast the school year goes. Please have conversations with your student about their hopes and dreams, courses that will help them to meet those dreams and which courses are required for graduation. This is a team effort and we want all support agencies involved in the process of selecting classes.

### **Interdistrict Transfer Requests:**

If you know of someone that lives out of district and wants to attend Summerville High for the 2021-2022 school year, please let them know that there is information on our website about the Interdistrict Transfer process as well as timelines for completing the applications. Applicants must start the process at their school of residence. We will be accepting Interdistrict applications through April 15<sup>th</sup> on a first come first serve basis and there will be limitations on how many transfer students are accepted per grade level.

### **State COVID-19 Testing Site: Now open 7 days per week.**

- Tuolumne County Fairgrounds COVID-19 testing site in Sonora. **The State COVID-19 testing site is in Sonora at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. Appointments are required due to the amount of testing being done. Appointments can be scheduled at [www.lhicare.com/covidtesting](http://www.lhicare.com/covidtesting)**
- Testing is available at Memorial Hall in Tuolumne on Thursdays by appointment or walk-in.

### **Vaccinations:**

Educators continue the process of receiving the second dose of the COVID 19 vaccine if they wish to. We have had three very successful vaccination clinics where over 500 educators in our county have been vaccinated. A huge thanks goes out to Tuolumne County Public Health, Adventist Health, TCSOS and Twain Harte CERT team for these opportunities. Dates for vaccines for the rest of our community will be forthcoming.

**Updates** will continue each week to keep our community informed

We are officially out of the Stay at Home Order in California, but we still need to proceed with caution. We are not currently tied to San Joaquin Region anymore, but we are a standalone county in Tuolumne now since we are no longer in the Stay at Home order. That being said, we still need to be vigilant in doing our part to prevent spread of the virus.

Remember, it is critical for each of us to do our part to flatten the transmission rate of the virus.

- Practice physical distancing at all times. Keep 6 feet of space between yourself and others who are not part of your household. Stay in your household bubble!
- Wear a face covering in public.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid unnecessary travel, and limit your outings

Thank you to all for your continued support of our school, students and staff.

Have a great Weekend, continue to mask up and please be safe.