



# Thompson K-8 International Academy

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Good morning,

I apologize for not sending this on Monday, January 25 because I was without Internet service over the weekend. Please read below for information and updates.

## **MYP ROTATION SCHEDULE**

Mon., 1/25: ALL

Tues., 1/26: ODD

Weds., 1/27: EVEN

Thurs., 1/28: ODD

Fri., 1/29: ALL

## **UPCOMING**

January 26 – Special Board Meeting

January 27 – P.O.W.E.R. Hour (COVID-19 Vaccine)

January 29 - USDA Farmers to Families Food Box program @ SHS A & T from 9am - 1 pm

February 15 - February 22: Mid-Winter Break



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### STUDENT SUPPORT

It has been brought to the district's attention that students may have been exposed to self-harm/suicide games. These online games fall under different names and are a social media phenomenon.

Below are some resources to keep your child safe online:

- [5 ways to help keep your child's online experiences positive and safe](#)
- [Keeping children safe online](#)
- [Keeping kids safe online](#)

Below are three apps to monitor your child's digital world:

- T-Mobile Digits (Free) – Monitor your child's text messages
- Google Family Link (Free) – Set limits on your child's digital world
- Bark.us (Cost) – Professional dashboard to manage your child's world digital world

If your scholar needs any additional support, please contact the building administrator, and we will be sure to provide channels for valuable support services.

### WOLVERINE PATHWAYS PROGRAM

The University of Michigan's [Wolverine Pathways](#) is a college-prep program that gives students the opportunity to receive a full-tuition scholarship to the University of Michigan. Applications for the program are being accepted through February 5, 2021, from 6th and 8th graders students residing in the Southfield Public School District boundaries. Access the application [here](#).

### iReady WINTER TESTING

The Diagnostic 2 session in reading and math continues through February 5 for all K-8th students. Teachers can share dates with families.

### FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOX RESUMES

Southfield Public Schools is providing fresh produce, protein and dairy for families in need via the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box program. The distribution will take place on Fridays, starting January 29, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Southfield High School for the Arts & Technology (24675 Lahser Road, Southfield 48033). First come, first served.

### RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATES

The 2020-2021 school year is underway, and the Southfield Public School District is committed to open communication that keeps our parents, staff, students and community members completely informed. We have established a web page where you can find information on our school reopening plans. Please continue to check [here](#) for updates.



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## WE HAVE AN APP!

Southfield Public Schools is excited to announce the launch of the district's new mobile App. The goal of the app is to provide parents, students, staff and community members with access to important notifications, calendars, the news feed, MiStar Student and Parent Portals, social media channels, and more. Download the app [here](#) today!

## OAKLAND SCHOOLS: PARTNERSHIPS AT HOME

Attend a variety of virtual workshops tailored to families who are adjusting to remote learning. All sessions are free of charge, but you must register. Click this link and you'll find registration information: <https://www.smores.com/sb0xg-partnerships-home>

Take care, be well and stay safe!

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*If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.*

Anne Bradstreet