



# Thompson K-8 International Academy

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February 22, 2021

Good morning,

I hope that everyone had a great Mid-Winter Break and is ready for the week ahead. Please read below for information and updates.

I am currently out of the building, with limited access to email/voicemail, so please direct any questions to Assistant Principal Kenward at: [jeffrey.kenward@southfieldk12.org](mailto:jeffrey.kenward@southfieldk12.org) or you may reach him at 248.746.7400.

## **MYP ROTATION SCHEDULE**

Mon., 2/22: EVEN

Tues., 2/23 ODD

Weds., 2/24: EVEN

Thurs., 2/25: ODD

Fri., 2/26: ALL

## **THIS WEEK**

- 2/23: Special Board Meeting | 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
  - Location: Webex - Virtual Meeting



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- To join the meeting please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter the meeting number (access code): 160 757 8718 or by clicking on the following link:  
<http://oneoakland.webex.com/oneoakland/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5fef4aa183034f6e62316581105ae6d7>.
  - 2/26: USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Distribution | 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
    - Location: Southfield High School for the Arts & Technology (24675 Lahser Road, Southfield MI 48033)
    - VanSolkema Produce has partnered with the district for the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box program to provide fresh produce, protein and dairy to families in need. First come, first served.

## UPCOMING

- 3/5: Forgotten Harvest Food Distribution | 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
  - Location: Bussey Center for Early Childhood Education (24501 Fredrick Street, Southfield, 48033)
  - Forgotten Harvest is operating to provide healthy, nutritious food to our neighbors in need. The pantry will remain open until the designated end time or until the food has all been distributed.
- 3/17: Professional Development Day - No School for Students

## RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATES

We have established a web page where you can find information on our school reopening plans. Information for the Hybrid (half-day in-person) plan was sent to all K-5 families last week. After reviewing the data, we have noticed that half of our families did not indicate their choice in MiStar, which resulted in a high number of default full virtual learning choices. Please follow the directions below to indicate the official learning choice for your child no later than **3:00pm on Wednesday, February 24th**.

### Enrollment Choice for Phase II Hybrid/Virtual Learning Options

K-2 families will have the option to return to learn in a hybrid model beginning March 15, 2021. Grades 3-5 will have the option to return to learn in a hybrid model beginning March 22,



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2021. When and if other groups of students are given the option to return to in-person instruction, families will be notified of that process.

By choosing Hybrid, you agree that your child will:

1. Bring their district-provided Chromebook to school on Face-to-Face days if they were assigned one.
2. Follow mask-wearing guidelines.
3. Follow all other safety guidelines as deemed necessary by the district.

Your choices are as follows:

- **Choice A** (Hybrid Learning) - A mix of face-to-face and virtual instruction. The number of face-to-face days offered will be determined by staff and family data.
  - **Choice B** (Full Virtual Learning) - All instruction will remain virtual.
  - **Choice C** (District Choice) - Families who have the flexibility to allow the district to make the choice of hybrid or virtual based upon capacity.
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## DIRECTIONS FOR UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION AND MAKING YOUR RETURN TO LEARN SELECTION

1. Log into your MiStar/Parent Connect Account. If you forget your password, click on the **Need Your Login Information?** link. Follow the instructions and your password will be sent to the email address on file. If you do not have an email address on file, you will need to contact your child's school.
2. Upon logging into Parent Portal, click **My Account**
3. Click edit next to the contact field. Ensure that the fields are accurate and update those as necessary.
4. Proceed to the **My Information** section in MiStar/Parent Connect.
5. Click **Edit** next to your student(s) name to select the learning choice.

*\*Failure to select a learning choice **before 3:00pm on Wednesday, February 24th** will result in the student remaining virtual.*

*\*For all options, the student's assigned teachers are subject to change based upon enrollment results and district staffing needs.*

In order to implement the next phase of the district's Return to Learn Plan with fidelity, accurate data is necessary. If you need assistance with your MiStar login, our school secretary will be able to assist you at 248.746.7401 or 248.746.7402.



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Additionally, this official MiStar learning choice process supersedes any previous general survey data. Please note that if no choice is made by the deadline, the default choice for your child will be full virtual. See below for the phased in plan as it relates to Thompson K-8 students:

- **March 1: SPECIAL POPULATIONS**
  - ASD classrooms with Mrs. Milledge-Benjamin and Mrs. Warmack
- **March 8: MYP/MIDDLE SCHOOL ELL**
  - ELL classes with Mrs. Hussain @ Southfield High School A & T
- **March 15: KINDERGARTEN - SECOND GRADE**
  - Kindergarten with Mrs. Elvy
  - 1st grade with Ms. East & Ms. Edwards
  - 2nd grade with Ms. D. Williams
- **March 22: THIRD GRADE - FIFTH GRADE**
  - 3rd grade with Ms. F. Williams
  - 4th grade with Mrs. Jackson & Mrs. Wenzel
  - 5th grade with Mrs. Peruach & Mrs. Slate
- **April 5: TENTATIVE** return date for students in grades 6-8.

A detailed Return to Learn document for families selecting the Hybrid option will be sent later this week. Please continue to check [here](#) for updates.

## 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



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

### 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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*The promise of spring's arrival is enough to get anyone through the bitter winter!*

*Jen Selinsky*