



Please see website for link to an important survey regarding grading options for the 4th quarter. Please complete the survey by May 15th. Your opinion matters.

May 8, 2020

Dear SMS Parent and Guardians,

Happy Friday! I want to wish all the SMS Moms a “Happy Mother’s Day”. Thank you for all that you do for your families every day. This is Teacher Appreciation Week and I want to say thank you to all of you who have sent positive messages to our staff members. They have really appreciated the thank you notes at this time. Once again, I want to keep you informed of the most recent news concerning remote learning.

The school board recently voted to have multiple options for grading this quarter 4. They realize the challenges for students and families during these difficult times. The first system is a **Pass /No grade Coronavirus**. This will mean that students will pass as long as they do their best to check in and complete assignments. Students who have struggled and just can’t work in the remote learning environment will be given NGC or “no grade due to Coronavirus”. We realize that this has been overwhelming for many students and we don’t want to fail those students. However, we hope to identify those students with NGC for additional academic or emotional support.

The second option will be that parents can opt for traditional letter grades **A, B, C, D except for NGC** instead of an F. We must have parent responses in the office by May 15 for the letter grade system.

The third option is that parents can select the classes that the student should get a letter grade and the rest would be P/NGC. We need this by May 15th for letter grade options. I have included a link to this letter that we need back by May 15th informing us of your decision. Again, if we don’t have a response by May 15 the default grading system will be P/NGC (See website grading option link.)

We will continue delivering free breakfast and lunch to your home each day, through June, for anyone 18 or younger. There aren’t any income guidelines to meet! These meals contain dairy, fresh produce and meat and can’t be left outside. Please make sure bags are picked up soon after delivery so no one becomes ill.

Please contact Lori Schmidt at lschmidt@conval.edu if you would like to receive these meals, need to make any changes to your delivery, or have experienced a change in financial position and you would like to apply for meal assistance that will carry into the beginning of the next school year. I personally want to thank Lori and our cafe workers for all that they have done to feed the students in our community.

It has been an amazing undertaking and accomplishment. Please thank them if you have a chance.

We will be putting a plan forward for the first two weeks of June to get any locker belongings back to students and collect their chromebooks, instruments, and uniforms at the same time. We will have a plan in place that takes into consideration the CDC guidelines about health and safety.

Important Dates: Zoom details to be sent out prior to events.

- May 19th 1pm- grade virtual Orientation
- May 26th 1pm Puma Pride
- May 27th 2pm Athletic Awards



- May 29th 12pm Grade 8 Ceremony- 2:00 Parade at CVHS- SMS

If you are looking for enrichment activities please check out our “Remote Learning Resources” on the District website. Again, if you experience technology problems you can access ConVal technology support through a link on the website, (First page under School Links)

Visit our SMS school website: <https://sms.convalsd.net> to see information of the great things happening during remote learning. The Student Culture Committee encourages families to watch what our Students and staff do after school!

Thank you,
Anne