

From Mrs. O'Bryant's Desk:

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Important dates

- Oct. 5- All in person students are coming back to SMS
- Oct. 9-Friday early dismissal 12:10pm
- Oct.15- Progress reports on PowerSchool
- Oct.12- Columbus Day - No School
- Oct. 21- "Upstanders" Live Webinar 6-8pm for parental viewing. "Stand up with Courage" Wear Orange
- Nov. 1- Next time to change instructional option-in person/remote
- Nov. 3- Parent Conferences
- Nov.4,6- Picture Days
- Nov.13- End of first Quarter

Welcome back to all of our students who opted for in-person learning on Monday, Oct. 5th.

It will be great to have everyone back. Reminder to dress for being outside a good part of every day.

Lunch Menus are up on the website <https://convalsd.nutrislice.com/menu/>

Early Dismissal on Fridays-

Please put in **Pick Up Patrol** if you are picking your child up at 12:10 on Oct. 9.- The students who remain at school will have bus transportation at 2:15pm.

Remote and in-person learning options-

In-person students are expected to be in school and not remote unless a parent has notified the teachers and let them know why he/she is out sick. We have to let the nurse know of any sick students for Covid monitoring.

All absences must be called or emailed in to the SMS office by parents before 7:30am.

- School number 924-7105 - leave a message.
- Email- to report absences-
- sms- attendance@conval.ed
- Pick up Patrol

Remote Students- Attendance is taken in every class.

Nov.1- This is the next date that a parent can request a change in a student's learning option. We need a few days to get transportation in place so students may start the change around Nov. 5.

Oct. 21- "Upstander" Live Webinar 6-8pm for parental viewing. This will be the first of three films about mental health issues.

This day will be dedicated to those who have courage to stand up for others. We will encourage everyone to wear something orange.

Safety- Priority – Tips for Parents-

1.Know your child's passwords to check all digital devices. It is important that you check pictures, text messages, emails, Instagram, pictures (to name a few programs) at all times, to monitor what your child is doing on-line.)

2 Remind your children that no videotaping is allowed without teacher permission. It is a legal violation to videotape a teacher or student without permission. It would be another legal violation to post any recordings on-line.

Please see the NH law:

NH Wiretapping Law – Is described under Chapter 570-A.

Power School- Be sure to log in to PS and check your child's progress.

The Upstanders - the first of a trilogy

Last week I mentioned this in the newsletter and I want to remind families to hold the date. The “**Upstanders**” is recommended for 13+ and we are encouraging families to watch the film on Wednesday, October 21 between 6 pm and 8 pm together. We will be making the access information available shortly.

According to the “Upstanders” literature, “An Upstander is someone who takes action when they witness bullying. Even one person’s support can make a big difference for someone who is being bullied. When youth who are bullied are defended and supported by their peers, they are less anxious and depressed than those who are not.” We hope that all of our SMS Pumas will be upstanders for their classmates.

That day will also be known as “Stand Up With Courage” day. We will be celebrating that by wearing something orange on that day, whether in-school or remote.

Here is a link to the preview of [The Upstanders](#)



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MENTAL HEALTH TRILOGY

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STARTING WITH
THE UPSTANDERS

(Live Q&A, Live Panel - For Students 13+, Parents and Educator)

OCTOBER 21ST - LIVE WEBINAR
6PM - 8PM

UPSTANDERS

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