

From Mrs. O'Bryant's Desk:

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Important dates

- Oct.15- Progress reports on PowerSchool
- Oct. 25-Early release parent pick up at 12:10pm (put in Pick Up Patrol)
- **Oct. 21- "Upstanders" Live Webinar 6-8pm for parental viewing. "Stand up with Courage" Wear Orange**
- Oct. 23- Early Release Parent Pick up. (Put in Pick up patrol)
- Oct. 27,28,29-NH SAS testing
- Nov. 1- Next time to change instructional option-in person/remote
- Nov. 3- No School-Parent Conferences
- Nov.4- Picture Days Pods: Yellow, Green, Blue
- Nov 6- Pictures Purple, Red
- Nov. 11- Veteran's Day-No School
- Nov.13- End of first Quarter

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

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

Early Dismissal on Fridays-

Please put in **Pick Up Patrol** if you are picking your child up at 12:10 on Oct. 23.- The students who remain at school will have bus transportation at 2:15pm.

Early Dismissal Parent Pick Up- Thank you to all of you for picking up your children on Friday for early dismissal. Now that we know how many parents will be doing this we will change the procedure to help with the traffic flow.

Only on Friday at 12:10pm Pick up:

Red Pod Parents will pick up students in the front of SMS.

Purple Pod Parents will pick up students at the high school in the pick-up line.

Green, Yellow and Blue Pod will continue the same procedure as we have been doing. We hope that this will avoid the long line of cars waiting for pick up.

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

Oct. 21- "Upstander" Live Webinar 6-8pm for parental viewing. This will be the first of three films about mental health issues. We encourage all parents and students in grade 7 & 8 to watch the "Upstanders" together. Register in advance for the showing.

[Please register to view Upstanders in advance here.-](#)

Oct. 21-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.

The Upstanders - the first of a trilo

[Please register to view Upstanders in advance here.](#)- Wear Orange on Oct. 21- "Stand Up With Courage"

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. Please register in advance. (See link above)

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](#)

NH SAS Interim Testing: Oct. 27,28,29-

Please note that we are mandated to test all students grades 5-8 with the NH SAS Test. Here is a letter explaining the importance of the test and the letter to opt out. [Click here for NH SAS letter](#)

We hope that all students will give this assessment their best effort so that we can determine the needs of our students especially after remote learning for Covid 19 last year.

Wagons for teaching in tents!

"Social distancing"



Exempt letter below must be returned by Oct. 22.

ConVal School District

**Parent/Legal Guardian Exemption of Student Participation
in Statewide Fall Interim Assessments**

New Hampshire's [RSA 193-C:6](#) permits parents to exempt their public school student from participating in the required statewide assessments (English language arts mathematics, and/or science) by submitting this completed form to the school their student attends. The school district shall provide an appropriate alternative educational activity for the time period during which the assessment is administered. The alternative activity shall be agreed upon by the school district and the parent or legal guardian of the student.

To exempt a student from participating in the state-required Fall Interim Assessments, the parent/legal guardian must complete and submit this form to the student's school. A parent's advance notice of a student exemption will assist school administration in the planning of test administration.

This exemption form is maintained at the school and does not need to be sent to the New Hampshire Department of Education but must be made available during assessment monitoring.

Please note: A new exemption form is required each year a parent/legal guardian wishes to exempt their student from statewide assessments.

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Student's First Name:		Grade:
Student's Last Name:		
School Name:		
Student's SASID		

Please indicate each of the statewide assessment(s) you are exempting your student from this school year:

Statewide Assessment(s): Fall 2020 NH SAS Interim Assessments

1. I understand that by signing this form, I am exempting my student from the statewide assessment(s) indicated above.
2. The following alternative activity has been agreed upon by the school district and the parent/legal guardian of the student:
3. I, the undersigned, acknowledge that my student will not receive an individual score or summary of academic performance, based on the statewide assessment, as a result of my decision to exempt my student.

Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date: _____
(signature)

Principal/Administrator _____ Date: _____
(signature)

