Dear Oakville Parents and Guardians, August 11, 2020

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We understand that this school year is full of questions and uncertainty. While we wish we were welcoming all our Oakville Otters back to school face to face, we know that at this time virtual learning is the safest way to instruct our precious students. This year SMCPS will be using the Schoology platform to provide distance learning. Schoology was designed for all students from kindergarten through 12th grade to be fully engaged with their learning. Schoology allows us to bring everyone together as students, teachers, parents, and administrators will use this one communication and collaboration platform. Your child will access all their instruction from this platform during this virtual learning time. The platform gives your student the opportunity to receive direct instruction from their teacher. This instruction may take place via a live Google Hangout, a pre-recorded video, or a screencast (a custom, prerecorded video from your child’s teacher).

Attached you will find our School Supply List for the 2020-2021 school year. To support our families, the supply list has been consolidated from years past to what your child will need upon returning to school or even to use while at home during this time. As school supplies are currently in the stores and it is currently Maryland’s “Tax Free Week” I felt it would be better to make this available to you now. I hope it is helpful for planning ahead!

Our staff cannot wait to meet and teach your child this year. As we get closer to the start of the school year your child will be assigned a classroom teacher or teachers. Your child’s classroom teacher/s will provide you with more specific details for getting started on Schoology as well as your child's daily/weekly virtual learning schedule. We will also be distributing student materials such as devices to access technology and instructional books and materials during a drive through “Open House” day. Additional information will be coming! Please make sure you have completed the SMCPS Technology Survey to ensure that a device will be available if needed for your child.

Please know that we are here to work with you and your child. Remember we are just a phone call or email away. Take care and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Miluski
Principal

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