Weekly Update 8/23/20

Good Evening Oakville Families. This is Mrs. Miluski with your first weekly update for the 2020-2021 school year! I hope you are having a great weekend!

We are eagerly anticipating the return of our otters! This year will be quite different than others, but we are excited for the school year to start!

I know there are many questions, and answers that continue to develop. I hope to give you some additional information about our return.

- Students will be provided with learning tools and materials to complement their Schoology Coursework. Distribution of materials will also occur at the school site as materials arrive. We will probably have two different dates as items are arriving slowly. Our first distribution day will be on Friday, August 28th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm out front of Oakville Elementary! We are calling this our “Drive Thru Open House”! Staff will be out front of the building during this time to pass out materials by grade level and welcome back our students!

- School begins for students on August 31, 2020, and will be completely online, at least for the first Marking Period. Students are expected to attend school Monday through Friday. Students will have live interaction with teachers Monday through Thursday; students will participate in asynchronous, independent learning on Fridays. Please know that it will not be the expectation for your student to have live interactions with teachers all day; you will receive more information about what school will look like for students when teachers return and schedules are developed.

- Beginning Aug 31, meal pick-up will be available at Oakville. A reminder that students eligible for Free or Reduced Meals must apply every year. Pre-ordering and same-day pickup meals are available at all sites starting 8/31/20. Students will be charged based on their meal eligibility status. You can apply for free or reduced priced meals electronically on the SMCPS website as well as find out additional information from SMCPS Food Services.

- We have not yet received all the electronic devices for those families indicating need; we hope to have them soon. Once received, those receiving devices will be notified by email of the pickup times. Please check your email regularly.

- Throughout the summer, St. Mary’s County Public Schools worked with stakeholders - parents, students, staff, and community members - to develop its recovery plan for the Fall 2020 Safe Return to School. The plan is a product of a continued review of data and current health conditions, as well as ongoing stakeholder input. Visit the SMCPS Recovery Plan page for more information about our return to school.

I know that our students are eager to return to school, even if virtually! They are looking forward to seeing old friends, making new friends, and the excitement of meeting a new teacher. We are committed to our families and will work with you collaboratively to ensure your children’s success. Know that we have questions too, about this new year and with your support we will work to make it the best possible start for our Oakville Otters!

As always, thank you for your support and have a nice night!