

Lion's Roar Newsletter

Upcoming dates for your calendar:

- 4/13 (Mon) ~ Tentative return to school from the COVID-19 closure
- 4/24 (Fri) ~ Carnival sponsors and t-shirt orders due
- 5/15 (Fri) ~ New tentative raffle drawing date

2020-2021 Enrollment



Is your student re-enrolled? Your student must be signed up **before March 31** for you to receive the **\$50 discount** of the Enrollment Fees. You only have **5 days left** to make sure your student has a spot for next year and get the discount. Please take a moment to re-enroll him or her by logging into your FACTS Family Portal. If you need any help, contact Mrs. Rocha at lrocha@smmcs.org.



CARNIVAL NEWS UPDATE

We are trying to get creative in order to salvage as much of the cancelled Spring Carnival as we can. It is a major fund raiser for the school and a big part of our yearly budget, so it is important that we do as much as we can. Working towards that end, we have had to adjust some of our “Due By” dates:

1. We will continue to accept T-shirt sponsors and orders for the Carnival T-shirt until Friday, April 24th.
 2. The Raffle will take place on Friday, May 15th, during an afternoon assembly for our students.
 3. Our Silent Auction will be pared down. We are looking into posting everything for online bids.
- All of our dates are tentative and dependent upon when we are back to school.

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Report cards will be sent electronically shortly after you receive this newsletter.

Our Intra School soccer is postponed until we return to school. We will not charge parents or order shirts until we are certain this season will actually happen.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

I would like to take a moment and thank all of you parents who have stepped up so admirably to help us in educating our students during this unprecedented time. Children thrive on structure and helping maintain their studies will give them an anchor in these uncertain times.

Our teachers also deserve my gratitude. Many of them are not only teaching their classrooms daily, they are also homeschooling their own children.

Nurse Lori has done an outstanding job of keeping us informed on ways to protect ourselves from all germs, including the COVID-19 virus. If we do everything she has suggested we do, we will all be great when this is over.

Thank you to our Director of Curriculum, Mrs. Hughes, who has worked tremendously hard to establish our online learning community while maintaining our high standards.

Finally, thank you to our Counselor, Mrs. Valladares for compiling so many resources for us to use. She has websites for students, websites for parents and general websites on dealing with some of the mental strain this virus has caused.

Please keep in contact with us and with each other. Keep everyone in your prayers, our SMMCS family and our family far away.

Stay safe!



~ Mr. Raab, Principal

**Counselor's Corner:**

There are several excellent resources for parents and students who are struggling to deal with the difficulties of the coronavirus. I have listed them below. I am also available if you need further assistance. Please email me at lvalladares@smmcs.org.

FREE COUNSELING SUPPORT ~

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – Trained counselors assist young people and adults with any emotional difficulty 24/7

PHONE 800-273-8255 **TEXT** 741741 **WEBSITE** <https://www.nami.org/Find-Support/NAMI-HelpLine#crisis>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress – Trained counselors assist young people and adults with any emotional difficulty 24/7

PHONE 800-985-5990 **TEXT** 66746 **WEBSITE** https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2F coping.html

Girls and Boys Town National Support – Trained counselors assist young people and adults with any emotional difficulty 24/7

PHONE 800-448-3000

WEBSITE <https://www.boystown.org/hotline/Pages/default.aspx>

OTHER AVAILABLE RESOURCES ~

BrainPOP Coronavirus video for children:

https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/?fbclid=IwAR30WQxB6J_2ye36dRH0_oBc6UHDHEaVTdi029veriu3sT0IIMlUaD7FBFU

Child Mind Institute: <https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

PBS for Parents: <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus>

Education Week: <https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2020/03/03/how-teachers-are-talking-to-students-about.html>

Scholastic K-12 grade level support: <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/coronavirus.html>

The Character Tree: <https://character-tree.com/my-episodes/#myaccount>

School Counselor World: <https://www.schoolcounselorworld.com/>

A lot of our students knew my Mom as "Grandma." I was fortunate to be able to bring her to school with me and she loved having so many extra grandchildren around. If your children knew her and when you think the time is right, please let them know that Grandma passed away late yesterday. She was 95 years young, had lived a long and happy life, and she was ready to go home. We can take comfort in the fact that she is now enjoying a huge reunion with family and friends who went before her. She will still be watching over and loving all of us. Please keep her in your prayers! We were always in hers!

Ms. Sam

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