

January 25, 2021

Hello SEMS Families,

Welcome to our second semester. We hope your students were able to meet any new teachers, begin to build a class culture, and are adjusting to any adjustments in their schedule.

### **Advisory Class**

Our new schedules are designed for a return to campus, as well as distance learning. One system issue relates to lunch. During distance learning, the school will keep the same bell schedule and times that we followed during the first semester. Therefore, all students will have Advisory class during period three (3) and lunch during period four (4). All students will then go to their period five (5) class.

To clarify: all 6th and 7th grade students will go to Advisory class during period 3 while in distance learning, and all students will have lunch during the timeframe of period 4.

The times for Tuesdays-Fridays while in distance learning are as follows:

**Period 1:** 8:30am - 9:50am

**Period 2:** 10:00am - 11:20am

**Period 3 (Advisory):** 11:30am - 12:00pm

**Period 4 (Lunch):** 12:10pm - 12:40pm

**Period 5:** 12:50pm - 2:10pm

**Student Dismissal:** 2:10pm

### **Quarter 3 Distribution/Return Day**

Our Distribution Day/Return Day is **Monday, February 1, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.** Students who may need additional materials can drive through and pick up items. Also, students who have core novel books and/or library books can return those books during this day.

\*Please keep in mind that this is only if your teacher has expressed the need for students to receive a certain item. All students already have the textbooks and workbooks needed for their classes.

### **PAPER Resource**

We have a great resource for students who need help with any subject. Do you have math concerns? **Use Paper.** Do you want someone to review your essay for ELA before you turn it in? **Use Paper.** If you don't know already, San Marcos USD has partnered with PAPER this year to provide your students with unlimited, 24/7 access to academic support. To learn more about PAPER, take a look at the following introductory videos:

[What is PAPER?](#)

[How Do Teachers Use Paper?](#)

[Who are PAPER's Tutors?](#)

[How Do Students Use PAPER's Essay Review?](#)

[How Do Students Access 24/7 Live Help on PAPER?](#)

This resource has been underutilized so far this year, and we want to implore our families to use Paper as a resource for our students and families.

### **SEMS School Pictures**

Families inquiring about Sumner Photography orders, ordering pictures, missing key codes can contact Sumner customer service department via email or phone call.

[help@sumnerphotograph.net](mailto:help@sumnerphotograph.net)

800.440.2002

### **Make-Up Picture Day**

Our new day for student make-up pictures is **Monday, February 8, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

### **From SEMS Yearbook**

This week, we are asking for pictures of **students in the snow!** We want to see those cold, snowy, winter days, and your student smiles too. Additionally, if you have photos of **students with hot cocoa or the new hot cocoa bombs**, feel free to submit those, too!

<https://linktr.ee/semsyearbook>

Remember, you can still fill out and submit photos from the previous weeks on the link. We need more submissions!

Thank you for your attention with these updates, and have a great week.