

Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:14 AM  
Subject: SWHS Update for Families, May 20

Dear SWHS Families,

I hope this message finds you and your family well. Please see below for updates on several topics...

**Google Meets:** Earlier this spring we asked for your feedback about distance-learning, and more recently we elicited feedback from our students as well. We appreciated the information shared from both perspectives. From those surveys we were pleased to learn that Google Meet sessions have had a positive impact on the overall distance learning experience for our students. This is useful information as we continue to make adjustments to instructional practices.

Beginning this Thursday, May 21 parents/guardians will now be able to see if their child participated in a Google Meet session when one is scheduled by a teacher. In PowerSchool, participation in a session will be represented with a “checkmark” to indicate that a student attended. If a student does not attend the live session, that activity/assignment will be left blank. Though attendance will be monitored in PowerSchool, it will not be graded. Our hope is that this will help increase student engagement and, at the same time, allow parents/guardians to be aware of their child’s participation in Google Meets sessions.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these uncertain times and plan for best meeting the needs of our students.

**Meal Distribution Information:** Please know that due to Memorial Day, there will be no meal distribution on Monday, May 25th.

**From Chartwells—Smiles For Seniors:** Please see the attachment for more information on this kind initiative by Chartwells.

**From the District Transportation Office:** Special Transportation Requests (STRs) for the 2020-2021 school year are now open (please see attachment for a copy of the form). These forms do not carry over from year to year and must be completed annually. STRs may now be completed in PowerSchool through your Parent Portal. Please complete as soon as possible. Note that if not completed and submitted by August 25, STRs will not be processed from August 26 through September 9. If you are unable to complete electronically, the attached STR form may be faxed to the high school. If you have further questions, please contact the Transportation Office at 860-291-1252.

Stay safe, stay well, and stay Bobcat Strong!

Sincerely,

Frank Rizzuto  
Principal  
South Windsor High School