



*Southwind High School*

# #TunedIn - SHS Community eNewsletter

November 2020

## Greetings From The Principal

Parents, things are off to a great start with virtual learning here at Southwind HS. Our teachers and students have persevered in the face of adversity with virtual learning and have worked tremendously hard to meet and surpass district expectations for district learning. Parents, we ask for your continued support as we finish this first nine weeks of learning. In this newsletter, you will learn the latest parent news on student academic support, important dates to remember, and parent outreach.

Parents, we also are looking for you to join our Parent Teacher Organization. We are looking for parents to join us to help provide support to our amazing teachers and staff. The work happens here cannot be done without support from you. **Please [click here to sign up for our PTO](#).** We are not looking for money, just a community of parents to support our teachers, and most importantly, our STUDENTS. Again, thank you for supporting Southwind, and if I can be of any assistance, please reach out to me via email ([hardimancr@scsk12.org](mailto:hardimancr@scsk12.org)) or via phone call (901-401-1683). Ad Astra!

## Student Academic Supports

Parents, in our support of our students, our teachers have stepped up in a big way to ensure that no student is left behind during this season of virtual learning. Listed below are academic supports that we are offering students who need academic support.

- **Teacher After School Office Hours**
  - All teachers at Southwind HS have virtual office hours one day a week after school to provide tutoring and learning assistance for all students. There are links on the school website for students to access their teacher's office hours.
- **School Counselor Support**
  - If a student is experiencing academic difficulty, parent teacher conferences are still a viable option to speak with teachers to provide solutions for academic success. All parents can request parent-teacher conferences by requesting them through the [SHS School Counseling Website](#).
- **Homework Hotline**
  - Shelby County Schools has an after hours tutorial service for student academic help with homework. Students and parents can call 901-416-1234, or they may access the service from the [district website](#). This service is available from 3 PM - 8 PM (Monday-Thursday). Tutoring is available through the phone and virtually online.
- **ACT Support**

- Students who need ACT support can receive support by signing up for the district Saturday Academy. All high school students in grades 9-12 can receive support to prepare them for the ACT. The deadline for the November 14, 2020 session is this

Friday, November 6, 2020. There will be several more sessions throughout the year. Please click [here](#) to sign up.

- Southwind High School also offers on Thursdays virtually in the afternoon. Please consult our [website](#) for more details.

## School and District Updates

- **Return Stronger: January 19, 2021**

- Superintendent Dr. Joris Ray has indicated that schools will begin the process of reopening schools virtually or in-person for high school students on **January 19, 2021**.
- Schools will only reopen for hybrid learning based solely upon the COVID-19 conditions in Shelby County, Tennessee.
- As a part of this plan, the district has given parents until **this Friday, November 6, 2020** to determine your learning option for the remainder of the school year. **You only have to make a change if and only if you plan to change the learning option made at the beginning of the year.** **For example, if your student is virtual currently and you want them to come back for in-person learning in January or vice versa, you must log into PowerSchool to change your selection. If you are not changing your option, you do not have to make a change on PowerSchool.**
- We will be seeking feedback from parents and providing more information about our school's return stronger plan.

- **University of Tennessee - Knoxville Partnership**

- Southwind High School was recently named a Flagship School by the University of Tennessee - Knoxville.
- **This opportunity allows our students to apply to UTK with no application fees. The big deal is that all students who are accepted to the university can attend tuition free.**
- We are excited about this opportunity. If students are interested in pursuing this opportunity, they should reach out to our college and career counselor, Mrs. Amber Manning, at 901-416-4192.

- **Tennessee Promise Scholarship - Deadline Extended**

- The Tennessee Promise scholarship deadline has been extended. As of right now, 97% of our seniors have applied for this honor. This scholarship provides students with free tuition to one of Tennessee's community colleges.
- The new deadline to apply for this scholarship is Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 11:59 pm. Students can apply by clicking [here](#).

## Dates To Remember

- **Quarter 2 (Second Nine Weeks Begins) - Monday, November 9, 2020**

- Students will receive new syllabi for the new nine weeks marking period.

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- **Veteran's Day - No School - Wednesday, November 11, 2020**
  - **Report Cards - Available on PowerSchool**
    - If you want a printed report card, please call 901-416-4350.
  - **Thanksgiving Holidays - Students Out - Monday, November 23 - Friday, November 27, 2020.**
  - **Southwind HS Data Night - Wednesday, December 2, 2020 - 5:30 PM - Microsoft Teams**

## Contact Information and Social Media

School Phone Number: 901-416-3250

School Website: <https://schools.scsk12.org/southwind-hs>

Social Media:

- Like us on Facebook: The Official Southwind High School Community
- Follow us on Twitter: @southwindhs
- Follow us on Instagram: @southwindhigh