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Dear SCPS Families and Staff,

I am very proud of the way the Stafford County Public Schools (SCPS) community has adjusted to digital operations amid this global pandemic. Moving forward we will continue to prioritize the well-being of students, staff, and the community by maintaining sound operational and financial decisions, engaging our families in creative learning that allows students to thrive, and empowering our teachers and staff.

This week, SCPS launched the Family Resource Access hotline. This free communication tool helps provide equitable access to SCPS resources. Families can now contact translators and ask questions in seven native languages; Arabic, Dari, Farsi, French, Pashto, Spanish, and Urdu. To access this service please call (571) 492-9270.

We are starting the 2020-2021 enrollment process. Next week, all families with rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will receive an email containing a link to register for elective courses. I encourage you to review course descriptions in the Middle School Program of Studies together with your student, carefully considering your interests as you make selections.

Kindergarten enrollment will begin May 4, 2020 for all children who turn five before September 30, 2020. At the ParentVue login screen, choose “more options” to create your account and begin the enrollment process. Once you have completed the online information, the school registrar will contact you to provide required documents. Due to health concerns, we are not allowing in-person enrollments. I will update you with further guidance for providing required documents at a later date.

At-Home Learning Activities were updated this week with particular attention to our Career and Technical Education resources. Currently, there are more than 4,000 active Google Classrooms for SCPS students to access. Please encourage your student to visit their virtual classrooms, customized by your child’s teacher, to enhance individual learning.

These activities take on many forms, such as the weekly Library Maker Challenge issued to all grade levels. This week, high school librarians invited math and culinary arts students to choose a recipe with a math focus like pi/e, then show their work to reduce or enlarge the recipe. This provided students with a creative, practical, and delicious application of mathematical concepts.

In addition to the SCPS At-Home Learning Activities, I encourage you to take advantage of the many digital opportunities currently available outside our Google Classrooms. NOVA Labs engages teens in games and interactive activities that foster scientific exploration. PBS has listed 19 virtual museum tours that showcase several art forms. There are many more, and I invite you to share your favorites with me on social media. Be sure to include photos of your students participating in the activities and tag them using #SCPSStayEngaged.

I wish you continued health and wellness,

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