



## ***“SPIRIT” the Seahawk***

***Sunderland Promotes Integrity, Responsibility, Independence & Trust***

December 6, 2020

### ***News this week***

- We hope that everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday break! As you know, we are back to virtual learning until further notice. On Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, the BOE will meet and they will be discussing the Hybrid plan again. Our goal is always to have students return to school; the BOE will continue with discussions and presentations from central office regarding the need to return. You may watch/listen to the meeting live or recorded afterwards. Here's the link for the time change that was made and info about the live broadcast. [Time Change for CCPS Board of Education Meeting - Calvert County Public Schools \(calvertnet.k12.md.us\)](https://www.calvertnet.k12.md.us)
- **FSO Wreath Fundraiser:** Next pick up for live wreaths is Dec 18<sup>th</sup> between 4:00-5:00PM. <https://www.sunderlandfso.org/wreaths>
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> will be the date to check grades in HAC for the mid term grade. CCPS made revisions in the grading policy to not issue interims since HAC provides live and up to date grades. You are encouraged to check your child's grades in HAC to see what might be missing. The teachers send emails and reminders to students and parents regarding assignments, but HAC should be checked to make sure you are informed about the grades. When students do not attempt an assignment or submit an assignment, they will receive a zero. One zero will impact grades significantly, so please discuss this with your child and encourage them to submit all work.

### ***Tech Tip for Teams***

#### **Use Essential MS Teams Keyboard Shortcuts**

Keyboard shortcuts are viewed as the quickest way to command more. Keywords shortcuts are used to quickly find whatever you are looking for in Microsoft Teams. To reply to a chat in the Teams app, simply press the R key on your keyboard. You can quickly attach a file to a message by just pressing Alt-A in Windows or Option-A on a Mac. To view all the keyboard shortcuts possible in Microsoft Teams, simply press Alt and the forward-slash key together (Alt-/) in Windows or Option and the forward-slash (Option-/) on a Mac.

1. **Ctrl + Shift + M** - Mute (unmute) yourself during a meeting
2. **Ctrl + Shift + O** - Turn on (turn off) your camera on a call
3. **Ctrl + N** - New chat to start
4. **^** - Use up arrow key to edit the last message sent by you
5. **Ctrl + O** - Select a file to attach and send in your chat
6. **Ctrl + 1 + 2 + 3** - Use the combination to navigate in your left navigation rail. (i.e. Ctrl + 1 = Activity feed; Ctrl + 2 = Chat; Ctrl + 3 = Teams etc.)
7. **Ctrl + E** - Call a search bar at the top of the app to quickly find conversations, files, and more
8. **Ctrl + /** - Check all of the available shortcuts allowing you to navigate to various destinations, access needed content, and change your current status.

9. :word - Use a symbol ':' right before a word of your choice to discover emojis related to this word and use them (e.g. :meeting or :pineapple)

**Please remember to keep the computers plugged in and open over the weekend to receive CCPS updates.**

If you have any device issues, email: [ccpsdevicehelp@calvertnet.k12.md.us](mailto:ccpsdevicehelp@calvertnet.k12.md.us)

If you have any app issues, email: [ccpsapphelp@calvertnet.k12.md.us](mailto:ccpsapphelp@calvertnet.k12.md.us)

## **Equity Across Sunderland**

Habit #3 for culturally effective people is to be aware of your own culture and how it shapes your interactions. How well do you understand your own culture?

See the top ten tips for culturally effective habits by Verna A. Myers, author of What if I Say the Wrong Thing?

<https://www.vernamyers.com/2020/05/15/what-if-i-say-the-wrong-thing-10-tips-for-culturally-effective-people/>

## **FSO Updates**

The FSO has developed a user friendly website that can be accessed through the Sunderland Elementary page at <https://sesweb.calvertnet.k12.md.us/parents/fso> **How can you support SES FSO??**

We would love to have every family join the FSO so if you would like to become a member, please click here: <https://www.sunderlandfso.org/membership>

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**Support the Spirit Nights** at local restaurants where you support local business and our school! Check out the schedule: <https://www.sunderlandfso.org/spiritnights>

## **Counselor's Corner from Ms. Hilton: December 6, 2020**

- The deadline to drop off **UNWRAPPED** gifts is **December 11**. Contact Ms. Hilton (443-550-9387 or [hiltond@calvertnet.k12.md.us](mailto:hiltond@calvertnet.k12.md.us)) to schedule a date and time to drop off Angel Tree gifts. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4EACAF23A5FE3-sesangel>
- If you are interested in joining the SES School Counselor Schoology group (students are already added), you may use the following code: 7MSM-FRZ3-F5XMZ. The following video can assist you with this process: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AY7Rh2Oi\\_0A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AY7Rh2Oi_0A)

*The Sunderland Heartfelt program has begun! The Heartfelt program, supported by community churches, provides a weekly backpack consisting of small meals, snacks, and supplemental food items for the weekend. If your family would benefit from participating, please contact Ms. Hilton (443-550-9387; [hiltond@calvertnet.k12.md.us](mailto:hiltond@calvertnet.k12.md.us)).*

## **Past Information**

On Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>, the BOE voted to suspend the hybrid model for all students and return all students, except special populations receiving IEP services, to virtual instruction until further notice. I have been receiving emails from parents asking to return to the previous time schedule and previous teachers. Our goal is to return to the hybrid plan in CCPS at a later date, therefore, we will be keeping the current schedules and classes as they were for the past two weeks. Our students have had so many transitions this year, we would like to keep as much consistent as possible and prevent changes in the future when we return to the hybrid model. Your child's teacher will continue to communicate with you, as well ,with updates.

Our inclusive Pre K, general Pre K, Head Start and special ed students have been sent more details for their programs from their teachers. For our special populations, Monday and Tuesday will remain as it was over the last two weeks with transportation. Your teachers/case managers have communicated with you.

Below are some questions that we anticipate from parents.

**Q. Will we be reverting back to first MP teachers?**

A. No – to reduce the number of changes to student schedules, students will remain with their current teacher. This will eliminate another change when we transition back to hybrid.

**Q. Will we be changing the times of the school day? Teacher Day? Student Day? Internet Café?**

A. No – to reduce the number of changes to student schedules, students will remain with their current teacher. This will eliminate another change when we transition back to hybrid. Elementary schools will remain on the two tiered transportation schedule. Internet café schedules will remain the same.

**Q. Will related arts schedules continue with the 4 consecutive days?**

A. In order to reduce the number of changes to student schedules, all schedules will remain the same.

**Q. How will this effect calendar changes? (I will send the updated CCPS calendar once it is available)**

A. **Dec. 11 Equity PD** for all staff at for all levels

**Dec. 18 SLO Development** – last 2 hours of the day - teachers may work offsite on SLO development

**Dec. 23 Teacher Work Time** – 2 hour early dismissal for teachers. The last 2 hours of the student day will be asynchronous. Transportation schedule will remain the same.

**Q. Will the week of Nov. 30 – Dec. 4 be 100% virtual, including special populations, internet cafés?**

A. Internet cafés will be open for existing students who attend the café. No students will report to the buildings. There will be no face to face instruction this week to reduce risks for those who may have traveled for the holiday.