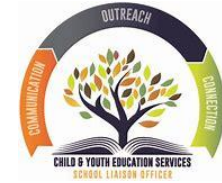




## School News & Events August 2021



### BACK TO SCHOOL

All public, private, and parochial schools in St. Mary's and Calvert counties will start the 2021-2022 school year on various dates later this month. Be sure to watch your school's website or contact the School Liaison for back to school information and updates.

***St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) Back to School Information, including Open House schedules and school supplies:*** <https://www.smcps.org/strategic-planning/back-to-school>

### **COVID19: HELPING PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN TRANSITION BACK TO SCHOOL**

<https://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/features/COVID-19-helping-children-transition-back-to-school.html>

### **ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' (SMCPS) ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF THE SMCPS VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.**

The SMCPS Virtual Academy will be open for any student that is currently enrolled in St. Mary's County Public Schools or plans to enroll for the fall of 2021. The Virtual Academy will provide full-time, online instruction for students in grades 3-12. Using a blend of online educational technology tools and platforms, the Virtual Academy will provide students an opportunity to continue learning at home through a variety of synchronous, asynchronous, and blended approaches to the curriculum. For information on the Virtual Academy visit [schools.smcps.org/virtual](https://schools.smcps.org/virtual).

### **ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (SMCPS) SUMMER GRAB & GO MEALS and ACTIVITY BAGS**

SMCPS Judy Center and Food and Nutrition Services are pleased to announce its free summer meals program in partnership with a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture. Meals are for children 18 and under, free of charge.

On Wednesdays, July 7<sup>th</sup> - August 25<sup>th</sup>, the SMCPS' Food Service will operate a Grab and Go Breakfast and Lunch pick up at G.W. Carver Elementary School and Greenview Knolls Elementary School from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Parents or guardians may visit either site to pick up seven days of nutritious breakfast and lunch for their child. Additionally, on Wednesdays, July 7<sup>th</sup> - August 4<sup>th</sup>, the Judy Center will be offering weekly learn at home family activity bags at G.W. Carver Elementary School and Greenview Knolls Elementary School from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For additional information regarding grab-and-go breakfast and lunch, please contact Food and Nutrition Services at [foodservice@smcps.org](mailto:foodservice@smcps.org). For more information regarding weekly family activity bags, please contact the Judy Center at 301-863- 4068.

## **CALVERT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS GRAB & GO SUMMER MEALS**

The Calvert County Public Schools Child Nutrition Program will continue to offer meal kits throughout the summer to children ages 2-18. Summer meal distribution will occur on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. from June 10 – August 19. The summer distribution locations are Windy Hill Middle School, Calvert High School and Patuxent High School.

Meal kits continue to be available free of charge. Due to the extension of USDA waivers, parents/guardians wishing to pick up meals without their children being present may do so but ***must pre-register***. Families may register by calling the Child Nutrition Office at 443-550-8680 Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Any parent/guardian who is unsure if their child is already registered for the program may contact the Child Nutrition Office. Once registered, parents/guardians may pick up meals without their children being present.

## **PARENT WEBINARS**

The Navy Child and Youth Program, Child & Youth Education Services announces a series of Parent Education Webinars for Navy Personnel and DoD personnel assigned to navy installations. These interactive webinars offer researched based information and ideas for participants. To view a complete list and/or register visit [www.militarychild.org/webinars](http://www.militarychild.org/webinars). Note, if you register for the webinar, but cannot attend the live session, you may access the recorded version at a later time.

***August 3, 12:00 PM EST***

***Navigating Your Student's IEP Meeting***

***August 8, 12:00 PM EST***

***Early Exploration: Math and Science***

***August 17, 12:00 PM EST***

***Advocating for Your Student with Exceptional Needs***

***August 24, 12:00 PM EST***

***Leaving Your Footprint: Helping Children and Youth Struggling with ADHD, Anxiety or Depression***

## **MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN'S COMPACT COMMISSION (MIC3)**

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children IS NOW THE LAW IN ALL 50 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. The Compact address school issues for military students and families in the areas of enrollment, placement & attendance, eligibility, and graduation. For more information on MIC3 visit [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net) or contact the School Liaison Officer.

## **PCSing THIS SCHOOL YEAR?**

Contact the School Liaison for information and resources to help make it a smooth transition.