

# ***The Dove's Nest***

The Official Newsletter of SKTCS - January 2021



*Susie King Taylor*  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**January 2021**



## **Happy New Year!**

Dear SKTCS Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the current school year. 2021 has already thrown us for a loop. While we were all planning to return in-person, we have returned to a virtual environment. Please make sure to pay close attention to your teachers' newsletters and information as they will provide the best guidance and help for your students.

While we are learning from home please be sure that:

1. **Your student has headphones with a microphone.** This will allow students to focus on what is going on on their screen and will allow the teacher to hear them better.
2. **Your student has a dedicated learning space.** Students who follow a schedule similar to their in-person day are more likely to experience academic success. If you noticed that your student's grades are slipping be sure that they are sitting up, out of bed, dressed for the day, have eaten, and are away from distractions like siblings, the television, their cell phones, etc. The best learning space is in a quiet room, at a table, with their backs facing the walls so that the other viewers aren't able to see passerbyers. Please be mindful that the cameras and the mics pick up everything. If you cannot ensure your child's back is to a wall, please make sure that everyone in the home is fully dressed.
3. **Your student has school supplies.** Even at home students need crayons, papers, scissors, a sketch pad, pencils/pens, erasers, and a whiteboard. If you are in need of any of these items please let Mrs. Hardy know ([dse1@sktcs.org](mailto:dse1@sktcs.org)) and we will do our best to procure these items for you.

I know that virtual learning can be a burden on households, especially those for whom childcare is an issue. As a working single parent, I am in this struggle with you. We are hoping that the health indicators will return to a level that will allow us to get back in the building as soon as possible.

### **Student- Led Conferences**

From January 5th - 15th students and their families have been participating in student-led conferences. Student-led conferences are an opportunity for students to guide their families through their academic journey. In these conferences you will hear from your student about their strengths and weaknesses, what they enjoy about school, and goals that they would like to set for the future. You will also receive a thorough explanation from your teacher about their progress on standardized tests like MAP and predictions about GMAS.

### **Current Events**

Without a doubt, I am certain that many of you have been watching what is happening in Washington, D.C. and around the country. Despite political affiliation, I am sure many of you have been searching for what to say to your children. As members of this community we have made a shared agreement to resolve issues in a nonviolent and respectful way. At SKTCS we take care of each other through our words and actions. We will continue to work with our students to express themselves through nonviolent means - whether on the playground or in the office - and hope that these are the conversations that are continuing around your dinner tables at home.

**Latrisha Chattin Ed.D.**

School Director

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912-395-4200

# Re-enrollment is now open for current students.

## Re-Enrollment Time!

It's that time of year again! Time for re-enrollment. Each year every family makes make a conscious and physical choice to reenroll for the next school year.

To do this, follow these very easy steps:

**Step 1:** Go to [https://sktcs.schooladminonline.com/users/sign\\_up](https://sktcs.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_up)

**Step 2:** Look on the right side of the page where it says - "Sign In. Whatever you do - **DO NOT "Create an Account."** This will cause two records for your student to appear and that will be very confusing.

**Step 3:** A second screen will appear that looks much like the first. Go to the left side of the screen and use the credentials you used to complete your first application to sign in. If you can't remember your password, click "Forgot Password." If you can remember the email you used, email [registration@sktcs.org](mailto:registration@sktcs.org) and Ms. Ervin will assist you when we return in January.

**Step 4:** On the next screen you will see all of your students listed. There is also a nice green note that says "Please click the green button below ..." Ignore this instruction, there is no green button. However, there is a blue rectangle under each student's name that you need to click to re-enroll them for the 2021 - 22 school year.

### **Step 5:**

If you have a **new student who has NEVER applied before**, who you would like to join us next year click "Add a New Student" to complete an application for 2021 - 22.

If you have a **student who has applied in a previous school year, but did not accept their invitation and/or was waitlisted**, please click "Apply for a New Year" to move their old application to the new school year.

**Step 6:** If your information (address, cell phone number, email, etc.) has changed in the last 12 months, please go into your account by clicking account at the top right of that screen) and update your information. All emails and text messages are sent from this program - not PowerSchool. So, although you may have sent your new information to the office, please make sure you have also updated it here.

Finally, please remember that as a charter school EVERY SEAT MATTERS. We are funded by enrollment. Therefore, if you are unsure if you are coming back, please wait to re-enroll until you are certain. **ONLY RE-ENROLL YOUR STUDENTS IF YOU ARE SURE that you will be living in Savannah in August and that SKTCS is the school for you.**

All re- enrollments are due by Friday February 26th, but the sooner you know, the sooner we can plan for next year. If you need extra time to make a decision, please let me know.

Here is the SKTCS board approved [2021 - 22 school calendar](#).



## Grading Policy

### Homework Policy

Any classwork that is not completed in class will be assigned as homework.

### Progress Reports vs. Report Cards

Progress Reports are distributed mid-way through every quarter. Progress Reports are not Report Cards. Progress Reports are a formal notice to parents that their students are behind in turning in assignments, not scoring well on assessments, and/or have behavioral/social emotional needs that need to be addressed.

### Remaining Progress Reports Dates for 2020 - 21

Third Quarter - February 5th 2021

Fourth Quarter - April 23, 2021

### Critical Decision Forms

Critical Decision Forms (CDF) are issued with Progress Reports. These forms let families know if a student is having a particular issue and/or are in danger of failing or being retained. Only students who are in danger will receive a Critical Decision Form.

Report Cards are the final recorded grade for a student for that marking period. These are the grades that will be averaged at the end of the year and are the only grades a part of the students' formal transcript.

### Remaining Report Card Dates for 2020 - 21

Second Quarter - December 18th 2020

Third Quarter - March 12, 2021

Fourth Quarter - May 21, 2021

### Roles and Responsibilities

Faculty - Will maintain an accurate gradebook. Grades will be updated in PowerSchool no later than Sunday evening.

Families - Will check their PowerSchool portal as frequently as needed to stay abreast of students' progress and/or missing assignments.

*Either the family or the faculty member may call a conference at any time if a student's progress becomes a concern.*



## Technology Protection Plan (TPP) for Parents and Students

Traveling with technology is hard. We are happy to offer a family protection plan to offset repairs and/or replacement for the technology device that will be issued to students. A one-time charge of \$25\* will cover accidental damage and 2 device replacements for the school year 2020-2021. Without the plan, parents/guardians are responsible for the full cost of repairs and/or replacement costs as stipulated in the agreement that you signed when you took the device.

If you would like to participate in a TPP for your student(s) please complete the form below. You can also download a copy from our website: <https://www.sktcs.org/tech-support>

How to participate:

1. Drop-off your cash or money order at SKTCS between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm.
2. Mail your payment to:

Susie King Taylor Community School  
Attn: Quiana Aikens  
Re: TPP Payment  
1709 Bull St, Savannah, GA 31401

3. Send the forms with cash or money order in with your student. If you do this, please email Mrs. Q ([business@sktcs.org](mailto:business@sktcs.org)) so that we may ensure that it is received by the office.

If there are any questions please contact Ms. Q at [business@sktcs.org](mailto:business@sktcs.org)





# Nothing Bundt Cakes Youth Reading Program: Books and Bundts.

Local cake store "Nothing Bundt Cakes" is rewarding local students for reading!

- This program is for students Pre-K through 5th grade.
- Students will receive a free bundtlet cake for every 400 minutes read each month. They must record minutes read and have a parent signature.
- Students will also receive a certificate and have their picture taken!

The program is currently running through March 31, 2021.

[Nothing Bundt Cakes](#) is located at 1801 E Victory Dr., Suite 102, Savannah, GA 31404 next to Chipotle, across Victory Drive from IHOP.



## In Search of...

[Title 1 Math Paraprofessional](#)



## Save The Date:

### Stay Connected!

Did you know you can link the school calendar to your phone so that you never miss a school event or the end of a marking period?! [Just click here!](#)

Students return to school (In-person and virtually)

## January 5-8

Report Card Conferences

## January 8

Report Cards Issued

## January 18

School Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

# SKTCS 2020-21 Annual School Calendar



## 2020-2021 School Calendar

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