

The Hawkeye

Oakhaven High School Memphis, TN

Newsletter

December 2020



Motivational Quote



"Self-discipline is the center of all material success. You cannot win the war against the world if you can't win the war against your own mind."

-Will Smith

TO RETURN, OR NOT TO RETURN?

Shelby County Schools dropped a surprising announcement on October 19, 2020 launching a phased return to in-person learning beginning in mid-January of 2021. Since the beginning of the school year, all SCS students have been attending school virtually via Microsoft TEAMS due to the covid-19 pandemic that made its entrance into the United States in March of this year. The rising number of cases in the West Tennessee area, along with the adverse effects the virus has on African Americans, was a major factor in the district's decision to attend school virtually and remotely. This was a very unpopular decision made by Superintendent Dr. Joris Ray as many parents were left with the burden of having to make alternative arrangements for childcare and food preps for their children. Two months into the school year, the district developed a plan attempting to help alleviate some of the pressure parents were facing with having students at home full-time. The plan was to offer the option for students to return to school starting January 19, 2021. Several parents were excited and relieved by the announcement that their children could return. However, that decision to return was abruptly reversed by the district on last week as the number of cases and deaths from covid-19 continue to skyrocket by doubling at a rapid paste. The announcement came as no shock for many as the numbers for covid-19 in Shelby County have become astronomical, but some parents were sorely disappointed. The superintendent announced that the district will revisit the plan to return in mid-February. For now, it remains unclear if or when students and teachers will be able to return to school. Until a decline of cases occurs, teachers and students will continue to operate in our new normal of virtual school.



Student spotlight!

Sarah Douglas is our December Hawkeye Student Spotlight. Sarah is recognized by her peers at Oakhaven as a positive and cooperative student and was nominated by them to be spotlighted. Sarah is noted for her Hawk's school spirit by serving during school functions and participating in extra-curricular activities. She has maintained exemplary grades and is a member of the Oakhaven girls' varsity basketball



Season's Greetings Teachers!

"I love Ms. Shaw and Mrs. Suber because they make the work fun while learning and care a lot about us students. Happy Holidays to you both. I hope you have a wonderful time with friends and family during the holidays. Thanks for all you do."

"Ms. Green and Ms. Ford are my favorite teachers because they greet students and answer questions when we are confused. I would like to wish them a happy holiday."

"My favorite teachers are Mrs. Jimerson and Ms. Grundy because Mrs. Jimerson helps me to understand better and enters with a joyful attitude and Mrs. Grundy makes sure we learn everything before we leave the class. Enjoy your holiday ladies!"

"Sarge Dailey & Ms. Rayner are my favorites because they make learning fun. They make you never want to miss class. Merry Christmas to you guys!!!"

"Mr. Jackson, you have a sweet, bubbly spirit and are so kind to all of your students. Mrs. Holman treats all her students fairly. Enjoy your holidays and Happy New Year".

"Mrs. Dinkins is my favorite teacher because she's super chill and funny and she's not so hard on us as incoming Spanish students. I hope Mrs. Dinkins has a wonderful holiday!"



Admin Spotlight of the month!

Mrs. Jocelyn Mosby was named as the principal of Oakhaven High School in the spring semester of 2019 and is thrilled to lead in the school system where she has been teaching for 15 years. Mrs. Mosby graduated from Whitehaven High School in Memphis, TN and went on to earn her bachelor's degree from The University of Memphis and a master's from Union University. Throughout her total of 19 years in education, Mrs. Mosby has served in various roles to include Instructional Facilitator and Assistant Principal at Booker T. Washington High School. When asked what made her want to become a principal, Mrs. Mosby responded, "My servitude and love to educate and elevate people is why I have taken on the roles and responsibilities as principal. My prayer is that I leave a lasting impression on the thousands of people that I have interacted with over the lifespan of my career and that my principalship at Oakhaven creates a culture and climate that exudes all norms with increased school spirit and high-quality teaching and learning every day."

Principal Jocelyn Mosby

Congratulations to our students who scored 22 on the ACT!



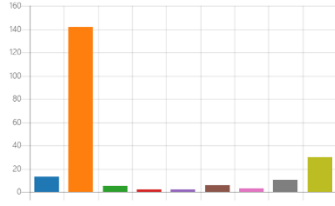
The results for the Oakhaven mock presidential election


The student body at Oakhaven overwhelmingly Voted for Joseph R. Biden and running mate Kamala Harris for United States President and Vice-president.

1. Candidates for President of the United States Vote for One (1) "I declare my preference for the office of the President of the United States to be:"

[More Details](#)

Donald J. Trump - Republican	13
Joseph R. Biden - Democrat	142
Don Blankenship - Independent	5
Rogue "Rocky" Del La Fuente ...	2
Howie Hawkins - Independent	2
Joe Jorgensen - Independent	6
Alyson Kennedy - Independent	3
Gloria La Riva - Independent	10
Kanye West - Independent	30





STUDENT DEVICE REPAIR & SUPPORT UPDATES

- Effective October 30, the only Technology Repair & Assistance Center (TRAC) location available for device drop-offs is 3237 Knight Rd. (former Knight Road ES building).
- All devices must be picked up from the TRAC location at 3030 Jackson Ave. by November 6. After November 6, devices can be picked up at 3237 Knight Rd.
- The TRAC will be closed on November 3 because students are not in class for the scheduled Teacher PD day.
- Contact your child's school for instructions on lost, stolen or damaged devices.
- Standard TRAC Hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. COVID-19 screening is required for all visitors.

**Congratulations to our Hawks
Students of the month!!**

DeMarius Anderson (SENIOR)

Juan Valadez (JUNIOR)

Amia Johnson (SOPHOMORE)

Jabria King (FRESHMAN)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- When is senior week? senior week and senior prom activities are currently pending due the SCS district has a temporary ban on all school activities due to covid-19.
- When are sports going to resume? The district is currently discussing the possibility of returning to sports but have not reached a decision at this time.
- Who do I contact when I am having technical issues with my device?
- Where can I find a FAFSA application? Students of SCS can access the FAFSA application on Clever; google search FAFSA in the Wikipedia and click the hyperlink to apply; or search directly at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- What is the date for class of 2021 graduation? This date has not been determined but will be communicated to students and parents upon confirmation from the SCS district.
- Will we have to wear our masks all day if we choose the in-person learning option upon returning to school? Yes, masks are mandatory.
- Will in-person learning allow students face-to-face time with teachers? The in-person learning option does not mean you will receive face-to-face time with your teacher. All instruction and tutoring interaction will continue virtually, even if student is learning in the building as all students will still be on Microsoft TEAMS.