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# SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ALL HAIL SOUTHMORELAND

### Check Out The Latest Scottie News!!!!

- *Welcome Back!!*
- *School Calendar Reminder*
- *Attendance Matters*
- *Marking Period 2 Ending Soon*



### ***Welcome Back!!***

We hope everyone enjoyed a safe, restful, and joyful Winter Recess with time to relax, recharge, and spend time with family and friends.

As we return to school, we are excited to welcome our students and staff back and begin the next stretch of learning, growth, and opportunity together. This is an important time of year as we continue building momentum in classrooms, activities, and school events across the district.

We look forward to a strong start back and encourage all students to come ready to learn, stay focused on their goals, and continue demonstrating the pride and responsibility that make Southmoreland such a special place.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's have a great return to school!

# UPCOMING SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS 2026



**JAN 14**

**2 HOUR DELAY**

Teacher Student Level Data Meetings

**NO SCHOOL**

MLK Jr Day

**JAN 19**

**JAN 20**

**END OF 2<sup>ND</sup> MP**

Report Cards Posted 1/23



Visit our Website for other Upcoming Events [WWW.SOUTHMORELAND.NET](http://WWW.SOUTHMORELAND.NET)

## ***School Calendar Reminder***

We would like to share a few **important upcoming school calendar dates** to keep on your radar as we move through January:

**Tuesday, January 14 – 2-Hour Delay** for students to allow teachers time for Student-Level Data Meetings

**Monday, January 19 – No School** in observance of **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**Tuesday, January 20 – End of the 2nd Marking Period**

**Thursday, January 23 – 2nd Marking Period Report Cards Posted** to the Parent Portal

We encourage families to review the attached graphic and visit our website for additional upcoming events and calendar information.

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# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

## ***Attendance Matters***

We want to take a moment to remind everyone how crucial regular school attendance is—and share some of the latest research on what happens when students miss too many days. Showing up matters more than you might realize.

### ***Important Stats & Research Findings***

- **Pre-pandemic vs now.** Nationwide, before COVID-19, chronic absenteeism hovered around **15%**; now it's about **23%**.
- **Academic performance suffers.** Missing 10% of school (≈18 days in many districts) is enough to negatively impact reading and math scores.
- **Early years matter.** Students not reading at grade level by end of third grade are **4 times less likely** to graduate high school on time.
- **Attendance is a predictor of success.** Across grade levels, students who are chronically absent are much less likely to meet grade-level standards and more likely to drop out.

### ***Why Attendance Matters***

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- **Learning happens every day.** When students miss school, they miss out on content, discussions, and instruction—some of which can't be fully caught up.

- **Routine builds success.** Regular attendance helps students develop strong habits of responsibility, engagement, and consistency.

- **Early warning sign.** Absenteeism is one of the strongest early indicators that a student might fall behind or not graduate on time.

- **Beyond academics.** Missing school can have social, emotional, and even health repercussions—students miss out on peer interaction, support, and opportunities for growth.

### ***What We Can Do Together***

- **Set routines.** Establish reliable bedtime, morning, and evening routines to help students get enough sleep and arrive on time.

- **Address barriers.** Transportation, health issues, and family stress can make attending school regularly tough. Reach out if you need support.

- **Stay connected.** Teachers, school counselors, and staff are here to help. Communicate when there are concerns so we can work together.

- **Celebrate good attendance.** Highlighting and rewarding students who are present consistently can have real motivational power.

Thank you for your partnership in ensuring every student has the chance to succeed. If you have questions or need assistance related to attendance, please feel free to reach out—our goal is to help every student thrive.

# Marking Period 2 Grades and Comments



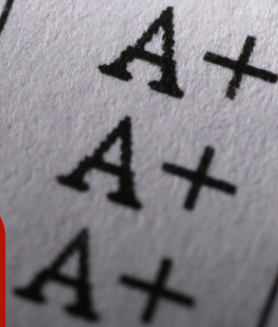
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AVAILABLE IN  
CSIU PARENT  
PORTAL 1/23 @  
4PM

STUDENTS: PLEASE COMPLETE  
AND SUBMIT ANY MISSING  
WORK!!!!

LOG IN NOW TO  
STAY INFORMED



NEED HELP LOGGING IN?  
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR  
CHILD'S MAIN OFFICE!!



### **Marking Period 2 Ending Soon**

This is a reminder that the **Second Marking Period will conclude on Monday, January 20.**

As we approach the end of the marking period, we encourage all students to review their grades, complete any missing assignments or assessments, and reach out to their teachers if they need additional help or resources. Our staff is always willing to support students and work with them to ensure they finish the marking period strong.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting student learning and success.



## **At Southmoreland, we cultivate learners that.....**



# A

**Accountability** is developed through honesty, accepting responsibility, meeting obligations, learning from mistakes, fostering trust and reliability.

# R

**Resiliency** involves bouncing back from challenges, adapting to adversity, maintaining optimism, persisting through difficulties, fostering strength and growth.

# C

**Citizenship** is demonstrated through respectful behavior, participation, volunteering, and community service, fostering positive contributions.

# E

**Empathy** is shown through understanding, compassion, perspective-taking, supporting others, fostering connection and mutual respect.



**SOUTHMORELAND PORTRAIT OF A LEARNER**

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