

Sharon Middle School

Weekly Newsletter - 8/29/2019



Week of Sept. 2-6

Fri., August 30 **NO SCHOOL**

Mon., Sept. 2 - **NO SCHOOL**

Tues., Sept. 3 - Day 3

Wed., Sept. 4 - Day 4

Thurs., Sept. 5 - Day 5

Fri., Sept. 6 - Community Day - (No Day Rotation)

Save the Dates for Open Houses:

Grades 7 & 8

Wed. 9/11 - 7pm

Grade 6

Thurs., 9/12 - 7pm

7th Grade Thompson Island

Parent Meeting

Wednesday, 9/4 7-8pm

Forms & payment due on 9/13. Do not send in forms early.

SMS PTO Meeting

Welcome Back!

We had a great couple of days back to school with teachers, staff and students getting a chance to know each other and get set up for the year.

8th grade Laptop Distribution

Any 8th Graders who have not received their laptops need to come in on Wednesday, September 4th at 6pm for the distribution. Please read over the RUA (Responsible Use Agreement), print out the paperwork, and fill it out prior to attending. **Parents must come in at 6pm with their 8th graders to receive the laptops and make their payments.**

To dos:

- [Read the RUA \(Responsible Use Agreement\), print it out, and fill it in.](#)

7th Grade Thompson Island Trip Fall 2019 - Turn in forms on 9/13.

We are very excited to have fall dates for our 7th grade Thompson Island trips. Each team has separate dates.

Team 7A: 9/26 -9/27

Team 7C: 10/3 -10/4

Team 7B: 10/7-10/8

This team building and leadership opportunity will be a powerful experience for our 7th graders. We will hold a parent information night on **Wednesday, September 4th 7:00- 8:00 pm** to address any questions or concerns. Financial assistance is available. The cost of this trip is \$275.

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS, MEDICAL & LIABILITY FORMS, AND PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. PLEASE DON'T SEND IN YOUR FORMS OR PAYMENT PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 13.

- [THOMPSON ISLAND REGISTRATION FORM](#)
- [THOMPSON ISLAND MEDICAL FORM](#)
- [THOMPSON ISLAND LIABILITY FORM](#)

Wednesday, 9/4 6pm

Instrument Rental Night

Monday, 9/9 at 6:15pm

At Heights Elementary

454 South Main St., Sharon

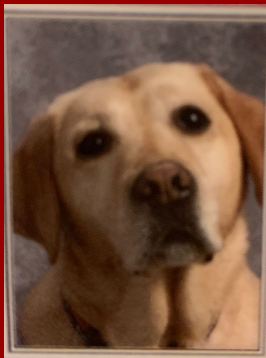
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**SUMMER
READING NEEDS
TO BE
COMPLETED BY
FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6TH
– Community Day!**



**Clover - our 7th
Grade Therapy Dog**

SMS Cross Country Team - Deadline is 9/11

Sharon Middle School Cross Country Team is gearing up for its 5th season. The team is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

Cost: \$95

Signup: Online (see link below). Payment is NOT done online.

Physicals: All athletes must submit a current physical before they will be allowed to compete.

For all of the information about our Cross Country Team, including practice time and the signup, [click here](#).

IMPORTANT

Update Your PowerSchool Profile

Parents/Guardians - Please update your PowerSchool Profile with the best email and phone numbers to reach you. Log in at:

sharon.powerschool.com/public/

Sharon Public Schools Conducting Child Find

In accordance with Federal and State regulations, the Sharon Public Schools provides special education programs for eligible students designed to meet the needs of children attending not only public schools but also those attending private school at private expense and whose parents reside in Sharon. [Please click here for more information.](#)

Clover - Our Therapy Dog

We are very excited to have the opportunity to incorporate a therapy dog – Clover – to the 7th Grade Guidance Program. Clover is a 10 y.o. yellow labrador retriever with an excellent temperament and is beginning her 5th year @SMS. Clover will start her job in the coming weeks and she will be in Mr. Walsh's 7th grade guidance office room, 206c. A sign near the office door will indicate when Clover is in the office. Therapy dogs are highly obedient service animals trained to provide affection and comfort to people. Clover will be used to support many of the common needs of the students, such as increasing self-esteem, improving social skills and creating a sense of community.

Clover can help:

- Strengthen students' overall emotional stability
- Facilitate students learning lessons in responsibility, respect, and empathy
- Improve students attitudes toward school

- Helping students to remain calm during moments of stress or emotional upset.
- Making school a more comforting & enjoyable place.

In previous years, I have worked with students that have allergies and phobias. If I need to meet with a student who is allergic or does not like dogs, I will ensure Clover is not present and find a space where Clover has not been. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns regarding Clover and her role. For those who are interested, I can also provide some great research-based studies on dogs in school settings.

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Reminder from the Nurse



Incoming 7th graders need to have a current physical on file with Nurse Nathan at the beginning of the school year. Physicals need to have taken place after 9/1/2018. You can email it to mnathan@sharonschools.net or fax it to 781-793-5139.

PTO Directory - Deadline TODAY 8/30

SMS PTO will publish a student directory of **ALL** students. This directory will be given to all PTO members.

*If you **DO NOT** want your personal contact information published, please fill out the PTO Directory OPT-OUT FORM by August 30th, 2019.*

PTO Meeting - September 4th at 6pm

Get active with the SMS PTO! Our first meeting of the year is on Wednesday, September 4 at 6pm in the SMS Library. We'll discuss leadership, events and opportunities for the 2019-2020 school year.

Join F.A.M.E. - Friends of Art and Music Education

F.A.M.E. supports the art, music, and theatre education in the Sharon Public Schools. Please join F.A.M.E. at www.tinyurl.com/FAMEMembership2019-2020 or print out the form

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