

Sharon Middle School

SMS Weekly Newsletter - 1.31.2020



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Week of Feb. 3 - 7, 2020

Mon., Feb. 3 - Day 3

Tues., Feb. 4 - Day 4

Wed., Feb. 5 - Day 5

Thurs., Feb. 6 - Day 6

Fri., Feb. 7 - Day 7

Coming up:

February recess -

Feb. 17-21

Hoops for Heart

Starts Feb. 5th

Black History Month

Meeting - 2/4

Matilda Makeup Crew

Meeting - 2/5

Mathcounts Competition

Saturday, 2/8

Math Team Meets

2/10 & 2/27

Sharon Math and Science

Tournament

Saturday, 3/28

What's happening:

Quarter 2 Ended 1/28 - Third term began 1/29

The PowerSchool portal is now closed and will reopen on Tuesday, February 4th so that parents/guardians can view student grades.

From the Desks of the School Counselors: Social Media Issues

Social media issues continue to be a regular source of concern for our students. There are benefits to the use of social media (keeping connected with family and friends, communications with organizations and interest groups, etc.), however, in the counselors' office we hear a lot of the negatives including conflict, exclusion, public embarrassment, and, recently, unfamiliar adults' access to children. Students learn here at SMS about the advantages, disadvantages, and risks of social media use during Advisory, Lifeskills, Media Skills, and Connections. We appreciate your partnership with a consistent message at home. Please read the [Tips for Social Media](#) on our website.

Video Game Tournament Success

Student Council hosted a fun video game tournament this week. Students had a great time competing and challenging each other.



Student Vaping Awareness Presentation - 2/3

Students will attend assemblies on Monday, February 3 for student-focused presentations about Vaping. The parent/guardian presentation was on 1/30 and will be available to view on Sharon Cable soon.

Looking Ahead
FREE Speaker Series
March 26, 7pm at SHS
Ken Nwadike, Jr. -
The Free Hugs Project
[Click here for more info.](#)

Matilda Stage Furniture & Props Needed

We're looking for some items for our March musical *Matilda*. Would you be able to loan or donate any of the following:

- a free-standing chalkboard or white board



- 2 teacups
- 3 suitcases, one with fake money
- An old 1980s tube TV (not heavy) on a stand.



If you have any of these items, please email [Mr. Szczepanski](#).

Black History Month at SMS - Meeting on 2/4

Students interested in working on Sharon Middle School's celebration of Black History Month are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, February 4th during advisory in the cafeteria.

Matilda Makeup Crew Meeting - 2/5

The SMS Musical, *Matilda*, is looking for some enthusiastic students who are interested in being part of the makeup crew. Students can pick up an information sheet and sign up outside room 310. The first meeting is after school on Wednesday, February 5th.

Hoops for Heart - starts 2/5

Students can sign up for this year's Hoops for Heart 4-on-4 Basketball Tournament. Students can bring in their entry fee and completed forms **as a team** to the Student Council lunch table on Days 3 or 7. Contact [Mr. Marrone](#) with any questions. Click here for the [Tournament Forms](#).

Tournament Dates:

- Preliminaries - Day 1: Wednesday, February 5th from 2:30-3:45
- Preliminaries - Day 2: Monday, February 10th from 2:30-3:45
- Preliminaries - Day 3 (if needed): Wednesday, February 12th from 2:30-3:45
- Championship: Friday, February 14th during the school day

SMS Mathcounts Chapter Competition - 2/8

Students who made it to the top ten in the SMS Mathcounts competition will have practices after school on Mondays and Thursdays. These students will represent Sharon Middle School at the chapter competition on Saturday, 2/8.

***NEW* Tai Chi and Chi Gung for Students - Morning Mindfulness**

Students in all grades are invited to learn the ancient art of Tai Chi and Chi Gung (Chinese Meditation) which is helpful for controlling stress and focusing. Students can sign up in the office for Morning Mindfulness which will meet in the mornings from 7:30-7:50am and on Day 7 during advisory.

SMS Math Team - 2/10 & 2/27

The Sharon Middle School Math Team will have their qualifying meet on Monday, February 10th after school. The next competitive meet will be on Thursday, February 27th at Pierce Middle School in Milton. There will be no Math Team practice on Thursday, February 13th.

SMS 2020 Yearbook Orders
Go to ybpay.lifetouch.com
with the Yearbook ID code
11804620 to order your
2020 SMS Yearbook. A
hard copy of the printed
form is here.

Health Office - 2019-2020 Postural Screenings

Postural Screenings to check for curvature of the spine will be done for all grades on February 11 and 12. If you want to opt your child out of this screening and did not do so already, please email your request with your child's name and grade to [Ms. Nathan](mailto:Ms.Nathan) by February 7.

Matilda - Program Ads and Shout-Outs - Due 2/24

The school musical *Matilda* will be presented at SMS on March 12, 13 & 15. Place an ad or one-liner shout-out in the program for your favorite thespian or crew member. Proceeds from the ads support F.A.M.E. (Friends of Art and Music Education) and the Sharon Public Schools art, music and theatre programs. [Click here for the Matilda Ad Form](#). The deadline for ads is 2/24.

The 6th Annual Sharon Math and Science Tournament (SMST) - 3/28

The 6th Annual Sharon Math and Science Tournament will be on Saturday March 28. The competition includes math and science assessments, and a team design challenge. Lunch, snacks, and an awards portion will be available. Students can sign up a team between 4 or 6, or as individuals, where they will be assigned to a team. Sign up at <https://sharonmathscitourn.wixsite.com/srst> by Feb. 25th The entrance fee is \$10.00. For questions, please reach out to SMST Advisor [Erinne Silver](#).

8th Grade Students And Parents: Private School Info

If you are applying to a private school, South Eastern Regional, or Norfolk Agricultural School, please review the process in the link below and submit forms as soon as possible. [Student form ~ Private School Application Process](#)

Sharon's Tungurura Marimba Concert February 5 at 7pm at Heights Elementary

The community is invited to a special concert in the Heights Elementary cafeteria on Wednesday, February 5 at 7pm. Students in Sharon's Tungurura Marimba Ensemble along with Medfield's Ngoma Dzakanaka Marimba Band will perform in this concert is to benefit a non-profit organization that supports orphans in Zimbabwe, Africa. Suggested donation is \$5.

Sharon Education Foundation 2020 Spelling Bee - Middle School Teams wanted! Thursday, April 2 at 6pm at SHS

Sign up your team now - adult teams, 5th grade teams, and Middle school teams. Register by February 7th for discounted Early Bee Rate. Final deadline is March 5th. [Check the flyer for more info and registration.](#)

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