

Sharon Middle School

SMS Weekly Newsletter - 2.7.2020



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Week of Feb. 3 - 7, 2020

Mon., Feb. 10 - Day 1

Tues., Feb. 11 - Day 2

Wed., Feb. 12 - Day 3

Thurs., Feb. 13 - Day 4

Fri., Feb. 14 - Day 5

Coming up:

February recess -

Feb. 17-21

Mathcounts Competition

Saturday, 2/8

Hoops for Heart

Continues 2/10-2/14

Math Team Meets

2/10 & 2/27

SMS Apparel Forms Due

Friday, 2/14

Matilda Program Ads Due

Monday, 2/24

Superhero Spirit Day

Wednesday, 2/26

Sharon Math and Science
Tournament

Saturday, 3/28

What's happening:

Second Quarter Grades Now Available on PowerSchool

The PowerSchool portal is now open. Parents/guardians can view Q2 student grades.

Reporting Student Absences

If your child is absent from school for an extended period (i.e. vacation), please make sure to call the absence line at 781-784-1560 ext. 1 or send in a note to the office in addition to informing your child's teachers. Please leave your child's name, team, dates for the absence, and the reason for the absence.

Absences due to family vacations are considered unexcused. Per the SMS Handbook: *An unexcused absence or tardy may include, but may not be limited to, repetitive or chronic absence or tardiness due to illness or injury not documented by a doctor or other medical professionals, truancy, family vacations, undocumented absences, and non-emergency family situations... Teachers are not required to give out homework assignments prior to a family vacation.*

Student Vaping Awareness Presentation

Students attended assemblies this week about the dangers of vaping. The parent/guardian presentation was on 1/30 and will be available to view on Sharon Cable soon.

Black History Month

The Black Student Union (BSU) at SHS collaborated with SMS students this week for their ongoing work towards building a more inclusive space for all. Be on the lookout for the Black History banner and Black History recognition assembly's slated for the end of the month.

Looking Ahead
FREE Speaker Series
3/26, 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:

- 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](#).

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](#).

SMS Mathcounts Chapter Competition - 2/8

This Saturday, 2/8 the top ten SMS Mathcounts students will represent Sharon Middle School at the 2020 MetroSouth Chapter Mathcounts competition. The results of this competition will determine which students will advance to compete at the state level. Go SMS Mathletes!!!

Chess Club

Mr. Balan is offering Chess Club on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:45pm in the SMS cafeteria. Register at

<https://sharoncommunityeducation.com>

Registration Starts on 2/7/2020

Registration Ends on 2/14/2020



Hoops for Heart - continues on 2/10

The Hoops for Heart tournament started this week at SMS with preliminaries. The tournament continues on the following schedule:

- Preliminaries - Day 2: Monday, February 10th from 2:30-3:45 for grades 6 & 7.
- Preliminaries - Day 3 (if needed): Wednesday, February 12th from 2:30-3:45
- Championship: Friday, February 14th during the school day

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. Morning Mindfulness which every morning 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.

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](#) by February 7.

Social Media Concerns

Social media issues are a source of concern for our students. There are benefits to the use of social media - however, in the counselors' office we hear a lot of the negatives including conflict, exclusion, public embarrassment, and, recently, unfamiliar adults' access to children. SMS students learn about the advantages, disadvantages, and risks of social media use. We appreciate your partnership with a consistent message at home. Please read our [Tips for Social Media](#).

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.

Superhero Spirit Day - 2/26

On Wednesday, February 26th, SMS will be participating in a fun superheroes spirit day! Students and staff are encouraged to wear any attire that represents their favorite superhero. No masks and no prop or toy weapons are allowed. For \$3, students and staff can play a fun trivia game and have the opportunity to win Marvel-themed prizes. Get your hero gear ready!

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. Sign up at <https://sharonmathscitourn.wixsite.com/smst> 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 Middle School Apparel on Sale for February

Looking for some cool SMS swag to show off your school spirit? SMS Apparel is on sale now - Orders are due by Friday, 2/14. [Click here for the order form](#).



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 registration](#).

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