

Sharon Middle School

SMS Weekly Newsletter - 2.14.2020



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

NO SCHOOL
February recess -
Feb. 17-21

Week of Feb. 24-28, 2020
Mon., Feb. 24 - Day 6
Tues., Feb. 25 - Day 7
Wed., Feb. 26 - Day 1
Thurs., Feb. 27 - Day 2
Fri., Feb. 28 - Day 3

Matilda Program Ads Due
Monday, 2/24

Superhero Spirit Day
Wednesday, 2/26

Math Team Meet
2/27

United Nations of
Sharon Middle School
International Event
Sunday, March 22, 3-5:30p

Sharon Math and Science
Tournament
Saturday, 3/28

Looking Ahead
FREE Speaker Series
3/26, 7pm at SHS
Ken Nwadike, Jr. -
The Free Hugs Project
[Click here for more info.](#)

SMS 2020 Yearbook Orders

What's happening:

Black History Month

The Black History Month observances continued this week with SHS students visiting SMS to collaborate on the Black History assembly scheduled for Friday, February 28.

SMS Mathcounts Chapter Competition Winners

Congratulations to the SMS Mathcounts team members for their third place win at the 2020 MetroSouth Chapter competition on Saturday. Additional congratulations to Rohith Ragahavan for winning second place in the individual competition and in the countdown round. The SMS Mathcounts team will go on to represent SMS at the state competition on March 7th. Well done, Mathletes!

8th Grade Course Selection Begins

8th grade students will begin the course selection process for grade 9 at Sharon High School over the coming weeks. There will be an informational assembly for all 8th grade students during advisory on Tuesday, 2/25. In addition, students and parents are invited to the annual Curriculum Q&A Fair on Thursday, 2/27 at 6:30 PM in the SHS Gym. Currently, the 2020-2021 Program of Studies is awaiting approval by the Sharon School Committee. Once it is approved, it will be posted to the Sharon High School website. Until then, the [2019-2020 Program of Studies](#) and [department-based informational videos](#) will serve as an appropriate guide for this portion of the course selection process.

Advisory Lesson News

In advisory this week, students reflected on their performance for Quarter 2 and set goals for Quarter 3. We asked students to consider what they can do and what assistance they need from their advisory teachers to meet their goals. Students also reflected on how they have worked to make sure they and those around them feel like they can "Be Here. Be You. Belong." - our theme for this year. Students had the opportunity to conference with their teachers about their goals. We encourage you to have conversations with them at home about what their goals are and what they need to do to meet those goals.

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.

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 runs every morning from 7:30-7:50am and on Day 7 during advisory.

Student Vaping Awareness Presentation - Now Available to View
A Serious Talk about Vaping, which was presented to parents last month, is now available to View - check the schedule at [Sharon Cable](#).



Time to Restock!
Just a reminder to ask your students to check their supplies - do they need some more pencils? Pens? Paper? Replenish over vacation!

Hoops for Heart Finals

Thank you to all who donated and played in this year's Hoops for Heart tournament. On Friday, the following teams played in the championship games. **Winners are in BOLD and RED.**

- 6th Grade: **Celtics 2.0** vs. Teenage Mutant Ninja Noodles
- 7th Grade: **The Boomers** vs. The Ballers
- 8th Grade: **Kobe 8-24** vs. The Kobes

Two New Community Ed offerings:

Chess Club & Dungeons and Dragons Club

Mr. Balan is offering two clubs from 2:30-3:45pm in the SMS cafeteria. :

- Dungeons and Dragons Club will meet on Mondays.
- Chess Club will meet on Wednesdays

Register by 2/14/2020 at <https://sharoncommunityeducation.com>

Auditions for SHS Honors Orchestra

Any student who plays a bowed string instrument, and would like to audition for the SHS Honors Orchestra for next year, should take a packet from outside room 106. Email [Mrs. Ethier](#) with any questions. Auditions are due no later than 2/27 (not 2/28 as stated in the packet).

SMS Math Team - 2/27

The Sharon Middle School Math Team has their next competitive meet on Thursday, February 27th at Pierce Middle School in Milton. Please return permission slips no later than Tuesday, February 25.

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. [Click here for the Matilda Ad Form](#). The deadline for ads is 2/24 - the Monday after vacation.

Superhero Spirit Day - 2/26

On Wednesday, February 26th, SMS will enjoy a fun spirit day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear any attire that represents their favorite hero. This could be a hero from comics or movies, or a hero from a book, a historical figure, or even a personal hero from your own life. Remember to be respectful when representing your hero. No masks and no prop or toy weapons are allowed. After school we will be holding a Marvel / MCU Kahoot Trivia Challenge! For \$3, students and staff can play this fun trivia game and will have the opportunity to win Marvel-themed prizes. So get your hero gear ready!

GLI Club - Free Screening: Documentary *What Tomorrow Brings* - 3/11

The SMS Girls Learn International Club is excited to host a free screening of the award-winning documentary, *What Tomorrow Brings* on Wednesday, March 11th, at 2:15 in the SMS auditorium. *What*

Tomorrow Brings is the story of Razia Jan and her quest to create and sustain an all-girls school in rural Afghanistan. SMS's GLI Club has been proud to partner with the Zabuli Education Center, the school featured in the film, since 2012. Through this screening, we hope to raise awareness about both the need for and impact of girls' education in the world today. The screening is free and open to students and staff of SMS; the club will be collecting donations to help fund more scholarships in hopes that even more girls will be able to attend the Zabuli Center.

Save the Date!

**United Nations of Sharon Middle School International Event
Sunday, March 22, 3-5:30p**

The SMS PTO, the DREAMS Club, and the SMS Student Council invite you to celebrate our first annual United Nations International Event. Bring your family for a multicultural experience with entertainment, food, and a museum of our diverse SMS community. Would you like to represent your culture? Students will sign up with their teachers. Parents are invited to volunteer and participate to assist with this fun event as well as performance groups and individuals available to share their culture, please email to unitednations.sms@gmail.com. Stay tuned for sign-up information.

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

The 6th Annual Sharon Math and Science Tournament will be on Saturday 3/28. The competition includes math and science assessments, and a team design challenge. 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 please review the process in the link below and submit forms as soon as possible.
[Student form ~ Private School Application Process](#)

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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