

Sharon Middle School

SMS Weekly Newsletter - 3.6.2020



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Week of March 9-13, 2020

Mon., March 9 - Day 2

Tues., March 10 - Day 3

Wed., March 11 - Day 4

Thurs., March 12 - Day 5

Fri., March 13 - Day 6

2020 MCAS Schedule

****TENTATIVE****

ELA

Gr. 7 - 3/30 & 3/31

Gr. 8 - 4/2 & 4/3

Gr. 6 - 4/13 & 4/14

Math

Gr. 8 - 4/29 & 4/30

Gr. 7 - 5/4 & 5/5

Gr. 6 - 5/6 & 5/7

Science

Gr. 8 - 5/8

Mathcounts Competition -

Saturday - 3/7

8th Graders - 9th grade

Course Selections due

Wednesday 3/11

SMS Presents -

Roald Dahl's Matilda

Thursday, Friday, Sunday

March 12, 13, 15

IMPORTANT Notes from the Nurse

Please see the [district website for updates on the COVID-19 Coronavirus](#). In addition:

- Please keep your children home if they are running a fever; they must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- If students need to go to the nurse, they need a pass from their teachers. **STUDENTS MAY NOT CALL OR TEXT A PARENT/GUARDIAN ON THEIR CELL PHONES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.** The nurse will call the parents/guardians if the child should be picked up.
- Students are NOT to have any medications on them or in their pockets or backpacks, including over the counter medications. Medication must be kept in the nurse's office and dispensed by the school nurse.
- When calling your child out absent, please indicate if your child has a confirmed case of the flu, strep throat or other physician-diagnosed condition. We track this information for public health statistics.
- Please send in physician's notes to notify the school nurse of the following:
 - A new medical diagnosis or change in health status.
 - A newly prescribed medication.
 - A serious injury, illness or hospitalization.

Roald Dahl's Matilda Tickets - Get your tickets now!

Show Dates: March 12, 13 & 15

\$10 General Seating

\$20 for Reserved Seating.

Tickets are available at lunch, after rehearsals, and at quicktix.org/matilda.



8th Grade Course Selection - Deadline is March 11

8th graders must make their 9th grade course selections in PowerSchool by **Wednesday, March 11**. Please review the [informational department videos available here](#). The [2019-2020](#)

GLI Club Screening -
What Tomorrow Brings
Wednesday, 3/18 - 2:15pm

Collections for Animal
Shelter
Deadline is Friday 3/20

United Nations of
Sharon Middle School
International Event
Sunday, 3/22, 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
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. *The deadline
to order yearbooks is April
24th.*

Sharon Middle School
Report Card 2019
Every year, each public
school and school district
in Massachusetts receives
a report card. Please see
our letter to families [here](#).
A link to our school's
report card is available at
[http://reportcards.doe.ma
ss.edu/2019/02660305](http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2019/02660305).

[Program of Studies is available for your review here](#), with [proposed changes for 2020-2021 outlined here](#). There is a [presentation available here](#) that outlines graduation requirements, scheduling requirements, and a guide to using PowerSchool for course selection. Students will meet with school counselors to address concerns and discuss potential overrides.

SMS Super Tuesday Mock Election

Social Studies classes participated in a mock election for the Super Tuesday presidential primary this week. Prior to voting, students explored the meaning of primaries and Super Tuesday and why they are important. Students explored what the issues are by using sites like "I Side With" (www.isidewith.com) to learn about the issues and how the different candidates and parties align. Students saw a copy of what actual ballots looked like. We learned that the ballots are printed well before the date, resulting in candidates listed who had already withdrawn. Classes compared the SMS results to the Massachusetts results. We will continue conversations about the political process.

Sharon Middle School Technology - 6th & 7th Grade Laptops

This week we assigned 6th and 7th graders chromebook laptops that they will use during the day. Students *will not* be taking these devices home but will return the devices to their advisory at the end of the day. Students need to use locks on their lockers when they store their devices during lunch, gym and other classes that don't need technology. Students may bring in their own locks; we also have locks available.

SMS Students Attending ACDA Conference

This week, five of our students are attending the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Eastern Division Conference in Rochester, NY. Last June, they auditioned to sing in the regional honor choirs. Next week, they will rehearse and perform with the regional honor choir featuring comprised singers from around New England and the Mid-Atlantic. Bravo!

Attention: Parents/Guardians with Hotmail Accounts

It has come to our attention that the application that we use for our system-wide emails (newsletters, all-school announcements) will no longer deliver to Hotmail email addresses. While Hotmail works to correct this problem, we want to make sure that you are still getting our emails. If you have another email address that could be substituted for your hotmail address, please revise your contact information in PowerSchool at <https://www.sharon.k12.ma.us/Page/4860>.

Mathcounts Competition - 3/7

This Saturday, 3/7 the SMS Mathcounts team will represent our school at the MA State Mathcounts Competition. Students participating in the trip should meet outside in front of the school by 7:45 AM on Saturday morning. Please bring a calculator and pencils. Go Mathletes!

TheatreEspresso - *Uprising on King Street*

8th graders gathered for a performance this week from TheatreEspresso, a locally-based theatre company. *Uprising on King Street* is a play about The Boston Massacre.

SMS Community Service Drive - Supplies for Animals

Help us provide animals the supplies they need while they are searching for a new home! SMS is kicking off its school-wide community service drive on Monday, March 9th. The students voted to support four local animal shelters. Students will be collecting until Friday, 3/20. The shelters need paper towels, sponges, wet or dry kitten/cat or puppy/dog food, non-clumping clay cat litter, towels/blankets, and chewy toys. Students can drop off supplies to their designated team collection room.

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and the month we celebrate International Women's Day. Each day the GLI Club is sharing facts about girls' education during our advisory announcements. Our celebration culminates on Wednesday, 3/18, with a film about our partner school in Afghanistan.

National Foreign Language Week

National Foreign Language week is next week, March 9-March 13th. The theme is "Creating Cross-Cultural Connections". Please see the [delicious themed menu](#) and ways that students can earn points. Here is the schedule for wearing the language colors or symbols each day of the week:

Monday, March 9: Chinese - Wear something Chinese or the color red!

Tuesday, March 10: French- Wear a beret, a moustache, a French logo or Pan-African colors (red, black and green) for French-speaking West Africa.

Wednesday March 11: Latin and Italian - Wear Latin words or colors of the Italian flag (green, white and red)

Thursday March 12: Spanish- Wear colors of a Spanish-speaking country or Spanish sports wear!

Friday, March 13: ASL -Wear symbols of non-verbal communication.

GLI Club - Free Screening: Documentary *What Tomorrow Brings* - 3/18

The SMS Girls Learn International Club is hosting a free screening of the award-winning documentary, *What Tomorrow Brings* on Wednesday, March 18th, at 2:15 in the SMS auditorium. SMS's GLI Club has been

proud to partner with the Zabuli Education Center, the school featured in the film, since 2012. 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.



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

International Festival! – We need you!

SMS's first annual International Festival is set to take place on **Sunday, March 22th, 2020 from 3:00 - 5:30PM at the Gym**. This celebration of our school's rich cultural diversity will feature country tables, performances, internationally themed crafts & games, and more. This fabulous event will not be a success without support from our wonderful Sharon middle school families! Please consider helping out.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer to perform, run a country table, share a country dish, and/or RSVP to the event

Questions? please contact the United Nations of SMS committee at UnitedNations.sms@gmail.com. For more information please visit our [webpage](#).

**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](#)

New After School Opportunity - Drop In and Draw Program

Moose Hill and Sharon Community Education Present: *Drop in and Draw*, Wednesdays in the SMS cafeteria from 2:30-3:30pm. All students are welcome to stop by to experiment and explore with art. *Drop In and Draw* is about strengthening your skills of observation, learning new techniques to improve your sketching, and connecting to nature through art. The instructor is Maddy Staples from the Moose Hill Education team. For more information, see the [flyer](#).



70 Days of Summer Vacation,
Plan Them All in One Afternoon.

Discover Summer



SUMMER CAMP & ACTIVITIES EXPO

Saturday, March 7th • 11:30-1:30

Avery School • 336 High Street, Dedham

Ages 2-17 • FREE ADMISSION
Snow Date March 14th

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