

Sharon Middle School

SMS Weekly Newsletter - 4.17.2020



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Yearbook Orders Due by Friday, 4/24

These are the final few days to order an SMS Yearbook by Friday, April 24!

Go to ybpay.lifetouch.com with the Yearbook ID code 11804620 to order your 2020 SMS Yearbook ASAP!

Questions?

If you have any general questions about SMS, the school closure, retrieving instruments or locker items, etc., please contact our Administrative Assistants:
[Cheri Shuffain](#)
[Karen Wald](#)

For more specific information about classes, Zoom class meetings, or other school information, please contact your child's teacher or reach out to our Assistant Principal, [Ms. Clark](#), or our Coordinator

First and foremost, we want to thank families for their continued flexibility and support during this school closure. We want to let you know that our top priority is the health and safety of all of our students and families. Please know that we are working diligently to ensure a smooth remote learning experience for your child(ren).

Please Note:

Sharon Public Schools are closed until at least May 4, 2020.

April vacation week is cancelled. There **will be** remote learning during the week of April 21-24. There will be **no remote learning on Monday, April 20** in celebration of Patriots' Day.

All buildings are closed. All activities and special events are cancelled. We will update you as we receive more information.

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

Remote Learning

Now that we are at the end of our second week of remote learning, your child should have received communication from their teachers about their class learning activities and opportunities for engagement. We expect that students are engaging in whatever ways possible with their teachers and classmates as frequently as possible. If your child is experiencing challenges with accessing the curriculum, please contact the teacher directly first. Teachers will continue to be supportive and flexible during this time.

If a staff member has reached out to your child or to your family, please reply! We want to ensure that each student is doing ok. Please help us by ensuring that your child is logging in to office hours, attending online

of Special Education, Ms. Abrams.



classes and submitting assignments as often as possible. If you are having difficulty accessing the curriculum online, please contact us so we can find an alternate method of supporting your family.

Please be reminded that virtual class meetings are for students only. Please remind your child to only use their full name in these spaces in order to be admitted to the class. Parents are not permitted to join these classes. If you have concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.

PowerSchool vs. Schoology Info

PowerSchool - Please note that PowerSchool will be offline for families for the next week.

Schoology - Students are expected to log on to Schoology for class information. Teachers are posting learning opportunities, assignments, information about online engagement (i.e. Zoom, Google Meet). Please note that some teachers are using Google Classroom. This information will be posted on their Schoology pages.)

Special Education: Remote learning plans specific to your child will be sent via email on April 23, 2020. If you do not receive one by the end of the day, please contact your child's liaison.

Need a Chromebook for your Child?

All chromebook requests must go through Ms. Clark and Ms. Abrams. Please email them at tclark@sharonschools.net and aabrams@sharonschools.net.

SMS Library Resources for At Home Learning

Please visit the [Library Webpage](#) for access to ebook, audiobooks, podcasts, and more. In most cases, access to the normally paid for content will be available until the end of June. Don't miss out!

Sharon Public Schools are Serving Free Meals to Any Child.

Where: Sharon Middle School

When: Monday - Wednesday - Friday (Breakfast & Lunch for 7 days)

Time: 9:30am - 10:30am

Update***We are serving on Monday April 20, 2020.

Place a sign in the passenger window of your vehicle indicating the number of children for whom you are getting meals.

Please do not exit your vehicle; a staff member will place the meals in your vehicle.

Thank you.

Socio-emotional Support for Students

During this trying time, we are most concerned about your child's socio-emotional health. Please be advised that our guidance counselors

and school adjustment counselors are available and eager to support your child in this area. Please contact them for support.

Guidance Counselors:

Grade 6 Meaghan Merrigan - mmerrigan@sharonschools.net

Grade 7 Christopher Walsh - cwalsh@sharonschools.net

Grade 8 Rebecca Sisitsky - rsisitsky@sharonschools.net

Marybeth Walsh - mwalsh@sharonschools.net

School Adjustment Counselor:

Mahesh Balan - mbalan@sharonschools.net

Mr. Balan is offering support from 1-1:30 daily on Zoom beginning Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Please contact him via [email](#) or students can send him a message on Schoology for the link.

Math Specialist help

Ms. Fox will be offering extra math help for **any student** who needs it! She is offering weekly Zoom hours which will be posted on the math teacher's websites. The schedule is as follows:

8th grade is Tuesdays from 1-2:15

6th grade is Thursday from 12:30 - 2

7th grade on Friday from 12:30-2.

Students can stop by any time during those hours for a few minutes or as long as they need with any math questions they have. Ms. Fox is also available if a student needs more one on one help. Email her at mfox@sharonschools.net or send a message on Schoology to schedule an appointment.

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