

Sharon Middle School

SMS Weekly Newsletter - 4.24.2020



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

**Yearbook Orders
Due TODAY -
4/24/2020**

**This is the final day to
order an SMS Yearbook!!**

**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, please contact
our Administrative
Assistants:

[Cheri Shuffain](#)
[Karen Wald](#)

For more specific
information about
curriculum, 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 of Special
Education, **[Ms. Abrams](#)**.

Sharon Public Schools are closed for the rest of the school year. Remote learning will continue through June 18th.

Currently there is no student or staff access to the building. We realize students have items in their lockers. A plan is being developed to retrieve these items. The SMS community will be notified when this plan is in place.

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

A Message from the SMS Staff to Students and Families

Hey everyone! We miss you ... and we can prove it! Click on the link:

[Three Little Birds mp4](#)

Thanks to Mr. Greely for putting this together.



Music Changes for 6th & 7th graders for 2020-2021

We encourage children to remain in their current music classes during their Middle School years to gain the full benefit of each curriculum. However, it is understood that there may be circumstances that necessitate change. If your child needs to change to a different music class next year, send an email to your child's current music teacher to let them know no later than ***Friday May 1st***.

Ms. Ethier: LEthier@sharonschools.net

Mr. Greely: TGreely@sharonschools.net

Mr. Votolato: RVotolato@sharonschools.net

If your child will stay in the same music class, you do not need to contact their music teacher.

Remote Learning

Now that remote learning is solidly underway, we hope that all students are engaged in learning at this time. These interactions with their teachers and peers are very important. 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.

The [remote learning credit guidelines](#) document is accessible [here](#). This outlines the criteria for students to be able to achieve credit for the classes.

Please be reminded that virtual class meetings are for students only. Your child is to use their full name in these spaces in order to be admitted to the class. Students may not share their passwords or links with other students. Parents are not permitted to join these classes. If you have concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Join the Remote Kahoot! Please share with students

Students! Are you looking for a fun way to interact with your classmates while staying safe during social distancing? Join us **Wednesday, April 29 at 3pm** to participate in our school-wide Kahoot! Student Council has created a fun way for us to see our friends AND play a challenging and fun game together! All you have to do is sign up, join us on Zoom, and play our Kahoot. The sign up link and Zoom meeting ID and passcode are in the flyer, along with more specifics about the Kahoot! We hope you join us! [Click here for the flyer!](#)

PowerSchool and Schoology

PowerSchool - PowerSchool access for families will be restored on Monday, April 27.

Schoology - Students are expected to log on to Schoology or Google Classroom (teacher dependent) for class information, learning opportunities, assignments and information about online engagement. Parents can click on the following link to help control the number of notifications they receive from Schoology.

<https://support.schoology.com/hc/en-us/articles/201000803-Personal-Account-Parent-Notifications>

What's up with Nature? - Join Mr. Ripley on Zoom

Please join Mr. Ripley next Thursday, April 30th at 12 noon for a Zoom presentation called, "What's up with Nature?". Mr. Ripley will lead a discussion about the many critters that live in our backyards. There is so much going on out there! See you then!

Join the Zoom Meeting:

Email ripley@sharonschools.net for Zoom link.

Special Education

All students who receive special education services should have received an individualized remote learning plan on 4/23/2020 via email. If you have not received this document, 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. At this time, names are being put on a wait list for chromebooks. Thank you for your patience.

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 - Serving Free Meals to Any Child 0-18

Where: Sharon Middle School

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

Time: 9:30am - 10:30am

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.

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

Daily Check-In at 1:00-1:30pm.

Email mbalan@sharonschools.net for zoom 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 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

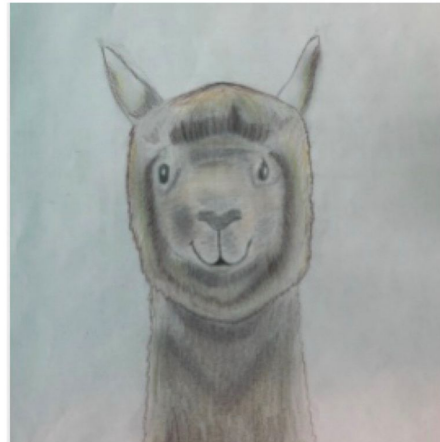
mfox@sharonschools.net or send a message on Schoology to schedule an appointment.

SMS Virtual Gallery

There is a lot of great artwork being created in Ms. Coco' remote art classroom. Check out the Gallery!

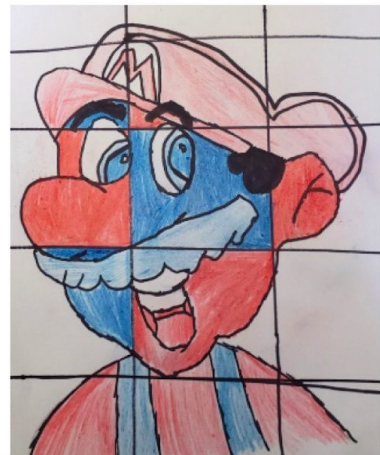
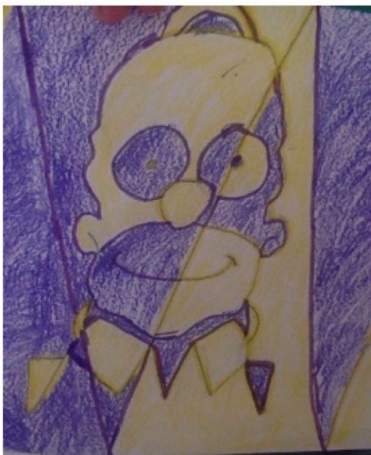
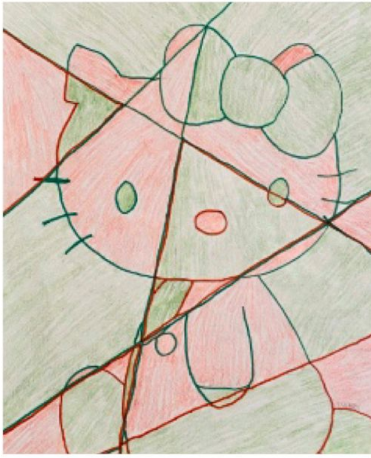
Pet/Favorite Animal Portraits - Grade 8

Isabella Zelenchuk, Sanvi Ronanki, Charles Bielawa, Isabelle Melpignano



Fictional Character Creative Portraits - Grade 7

Chloe Chung, Neha Busannagari, Susanna Bie, Alex Blumen, Ankita Varigona, Maxwell Sheng



See next page for more!!!

Classroom Gallery Discussion of Pet/Favorite Animal Portraits - Grade 6

Robert Lee Fri Apr 17, 2020 at 2:09 pm
Here is my dog, Louie! He's the best ever!



Unlike 🍌 1 - Reply

Dianne Coco Today at 10:28 am
Louie's fur is fabulous! Great job on capturing your special pet, Robert!
Like - Reply

Jaxon Errington Thu Apr 16, 2020 at 3:17 am
This is my final project of my dog named Sage. It is entitled "Sage Relaxing."



Unlike 🍌 1 - Reply

Hide 1 reply

Dianne Coco Thu Apr 16, 2020 at 9:54 am
Love the title and Sage looks very content in his comfy spot! 🐾
Like - Reply

Alyssa Ugent Fri Apr 17, 2020 at 11:52 am
This is a bird that I named Sonny. And my piece is named Sonny outside.



Unlike 🍌 1 - Reply

Dianne Coco Today at 10:23 am
I love the texture of the feathers in Sonny's wing, Alyssa! Great job!
Like - Reply

Malika Siddiqi Sat Apr 18, 2020 at 2:20 pm
I drew a picture of a cute puffin I found on the internet!



Unlike 🍌 1 - Reply

Dianne Coco Today at 10:30 am
Your puffin is so playful, Malika. I can imagine it walking across the pebbles!
Like - Reply

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