

Sharon Middle School

SMS Weekly Newsletter - 5.15.2020



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

QuaranTube Video Contest!

Deadline is Friday, 5/22

Student Council Offices Applications due
Friday, May 22

Peer Leader Applications Due
Tuesday, May 26

Weekly Chat & Chew with Ms. Clark
Mondays 12pm - 8th Gr.
Wednesdays 12pm - 6th Gr.
Fridays 12pm - 7th Gr.
Email [Ms. Wald](#) for the Zoom links.

What's up With Nature? With Mr. Ripley
Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12pm.
Email [Ms. Wald](#) for the Zoom links.

Mr. Balan's Daily Check-In 1:00-1:30pm daily
Send an email to [Mr. Balan](#) for the Zoom link.

Free Meals for ages 0-18

SMS Resources for Students and Families - Taking Care of You & Yours

As a staff, we are regularly discussing how to take care of ourselves, our families and our students from a distance. We will continue to share some resources that might help you do the same. In an effort to consolidate all of this information in one place, we have created a document with all of the resources we have been sending out via this newsletter. This document will be updated frequently.

[SMS Resources for Students and Families](#)

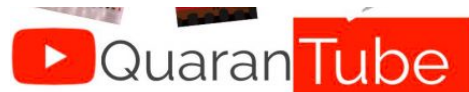
Student Council Officer Elections

Want to be a leader at SMS? Want to create fun events, start new initiatives, and make a difference? Then consider becoming a Student Council Officer! Please review, fill out, and send back the application packet to Mr. Marrone by next **Friday, May 22nd**. Contact [Mr. Marrone](#) with any questions. (* Please make a copy of the packet, rename, and save that copy **as your copy**)

[See the StuCo Officers Application Packet for specific details.](#)

QuaranTube Video Contest - Deadline is extended to FRIDAY, 5/29 QuaranTube Update!

We have been so happy to see the many cool talents of our SMS community so far ([check out this amazing video of Mrs. Herbstzuber!](#)), and we are happy to announce that we now have **AMAZING PRIZES** to give to the winners of the competition, including **\$50 Amazon Gift Cards!** Please see the [updated flyer](#).



Attention 8th Graders! SHS Student Mentors Program Virtual Visits

The Student Mentors Program provides guidance and support to 8th grade SMS students in preparation for their transition to 9th grade at Sharon High School by giving advice and by sharing and answering questions about SHS. Our current Student Mentors Leaders proposed a virtual Mentors event as a means to provide this important peer to peer guidance since Step Up Day at SHS and physical SMS visits cannot

Mon - Wed - Fri
Pick-up at SMS - Breakfast
& Lunch for 7 days
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.

**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!

Math Specialist Help
Ms. Fox is offering extra
math help for any student
who needs it.
The weekly schedule is:
8th grade - Tues. 1-2:15
6th grade - Thurs. 12:30 - 2
7th grade - Friday 12:30-2
Email her at
mfox@sharonschools.net
or send a message on
Schoolology to schedule an
appointment.

occur. Advisory Team leaders [Ms. Gulley](#), [Ms. Hadden](#) and [Ms. Smolcha](#) planned the virtual meeting in collaboration with Ms. Clark; SHS Mentors Advisor, [Cathy Collins](#), and Jessica Kalmowitz, student leader of the SHS Mentors. Contact any of the program advisors or [Ms. Wald](#) for the Zoom links to participate.

- 8B Wednesday May 20th 3:00
- 8A Wednesday May 20th 4:00
- 8C Friday May 22nd 3:00

Peer Leaders 2020-2021 Apply Now

Students - become a SMS Peer Leader! Peer leaders are seventh and eighth grade students who work with students in the school to raise awareness of issues such as stereotyping, gossiping, issues on line, racism, and other issues that make our school less inclusive and safe. The following video will explain the program and what you can do to apply: <https://youtu.be/dLrCU0aLqUI>

If you are interested, please complete [the application](#). All interested students should complete the application, even those who were Peer Leaders last year. The applications are due by the end of the day on **Tuesday, May 26**. Questions? Email [Ms. Miller](#), [Ms. Laithy-Berens](#) or [Ms. Abrams](#) for more info.

Peer Leader Application: <https://forms.gle/ZWnyMySYwmjFEpw5>

Share with your Children!

A Tip From School Psychologist, Mr. Oppenheim

It has probably been a pretty crazy period for all of you, both understanding how to be safe during COVID-19 and adjusting to remote learning. Here is a tip to hopefully make being inside with your family a little more tolerable.

Tip #1: When your parent or guardian asks you to do something and you REALLY can't do it at that moment (you might be battling a boss on a video game or on a zoom call with friends), try this:

- Take a deep breath where you put your hand on your belly and feel it rise and fall. When you do this, your body naturally calms down and will be less likely to react like a range monster.
- Calmly say, "Would it be okay if I do that in ten minutes?" This may sound obvious, but it helps parents know you will do what is asked. If the adult says yes, set a timer (maybe on a mobile device or cooking timer) and follow through with the task. It might even be wise to make a plan on how to stop within ten minutes. If your parents say no, you will obviously have to listen, but you can talk to them later about tasks that are really hard for you to just stop so they understand you better when this happens again.
- This tactic is so much better than saying, "Go away!" because adults will just come back, probably be more annoying to you, and it may get both of you into an emotional place where

things will be said that are hurtful. If you're stuck in the house, that tension could continue to boil until apologies are made. Good luck and let me know how it goes! – Mr. O

Free Webinars for Families

The Brookline Center for Community Mental Health is offering free webinars to help families during this time. Please see the attached flyer for the topics and links or [click here](#).

Remote Learning

Zoom Expectations for SMS Students

Due to ongoing security concerns you must:

1. Use your complete first and last name when in a Zoom meeting.
 - a. If you are using an account of a parent or another family member, please let your teacher know so that we can note this for the future.
2. Have your video ON for at least 30 seconds in order for the teacher confirm that it is you that is logged-in.
3. We *request* that your video remains on and that you are actively involved in the meeting. It is very difficult to communicate using Zoom when people are not virtually present.
4. If you are not comfortable with keeping the video on, please email beforehand or privately chat with us to let us know!
5. DO NOT record any Zoom meetings, and DO NOT share the meeting link with anyone else.
6. Do not change the background or your avatar during the meeting.

Sharon Recreation Department Youth Running Program

Youth Running Program is run and developed by Sharon High School volunteers to educate and excite kids about the sport of running. Although the program has been cancelled, the executives have created fun virtual activities to keep kids active! For more information visit sharonyrp.weebly.com.



~ SMS Virtual Gallery ~

Thank you to the SMS PTO for this Teacher Appreciation Week Video

[Click here for the video.](#)

Ms. Coco's Artists of the Week

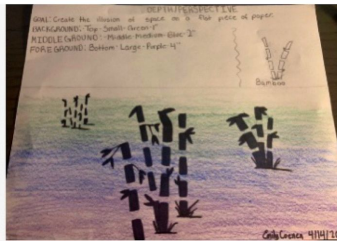
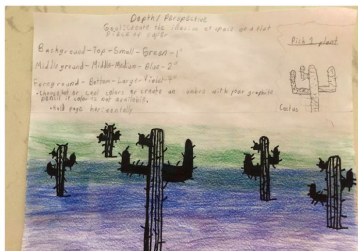
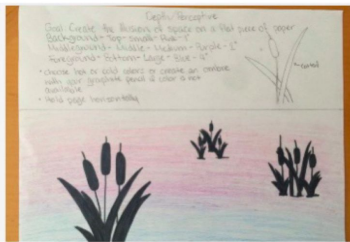
Grade 6 Depth/Perspective Landscapes

From top to bottom

Ava Vo

Luke Forster

Emily Coenen



Grade 7 - 1 point perspective interiors

From top to bottom

Victoria Henry

Danica Dulong

Lauren McLoughlin

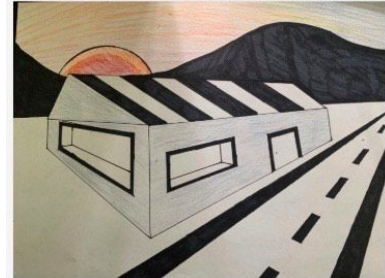


Grade 8 - 2 point perspective exterior

From top to bottom

Aviva Young

Ashaz Chowdry



Mr. Ripley's "Trailcam Videos" series:

A Fawn and Her Mom Near a Pond

We are approaching the time of year when the Does will be giving birth to fawns. Keep an eye out for little spotted deer in the next few weeks. Fawns are born with over 300 spots to help camouflage them as they lie still on the forest floor. Here is a fawn that walked in front of the trail cam last year. [Here's the link.](#) Enjoy! Come visit Mr. Ripley on Zoom! Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon! Email [Ms. Wald](#) for a Zoom link.





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