SMS Resources for Students and Families - Taking Care of You & Yours
We’ve compiled all of the family resources we have been sending out via this newsletter. This document will be updated frequently.
SMS Resources for Students and Families

IMPORTANT INFO - Pick-Up of Locker Contents/Turning in Textbooks
*****6th Grade pick up June 2, 2020*****
(7th and 8th grade dates to be determined)

6th Grade - Last Names beginning with:
A-F: 9-10am  M-R: 11am-12pm
G-L: 10-11am  S-Z: 12-1pm

PARENTS AND STUDENTS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR CARS
1. No one will be allowed in the building. Custodians wearing gloves have placed your student’s belongings in plastic bags.
2. Please put a 8 ½ x 11 sign in your car window - please write in large print your child's Last Name, First Name.
3. There will be signs directing you to pull into the bus pickup circle near the gym. Please stay in line.
4. Someone will check you off and get your belongings to put in the trunk of your car.
5. 6th & 7th graders do not need to turn in their textbooks. They will bring them back to school with them in the fall.
6. For 8th graders - Have textbooks ready for dropoff. Please put a post-it note or slip of paper in each book with Student’s Full Name and Subject Teacher Name. Please put the books into a bag with handles - grocery bags or shopping bags are fine. Put the bag in your trunk. When we put the locker belongings in the trunk, we will grab your bag of books.
7. If your belongings are not picked up by June 18, we will discard anything left. If you are unable to make the scheduled times or have another concern, please contact Amy Abrams at aabrams@sharonschools.net.
8. All students will keep their Chromebooks for the summer.
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
8th gr. Cancelled for 6/2
6th grade - Thurs. 12:30 - 2
7th grade - Friday 12:30-2
Email her at mfox@sharonschools.net or send a message on Schoology to schedule an appointment.

Announcing the CocoVanGogo Challenge! Deadline is 6/11/2020
Ms. Coco is challenging students, families, and staff to recreate a work of art. Pick any masterpiece to replicate. Submit with Title, Original Title, Style, Master Artist’s Name & New Artist’s Name. Email your creation to Ms. Wald. Please note that all submissions will be published online in the Official CocoVanGogo Gallery. Deadline is Thursday, June 11th at 12noon.

Here’s CocoVanGogo for an example:

CocoVanGogo
Original Title: Self Portrait with Bandaged Ear 1889
Style: Post-Impressionism
Master Artist: Vincent van Gogh
New Artist: Ms. Coco

Here’s another one:

From the Internet
Artist Unknown

Student Council Officers
Student Council would like to thank all those who interviewed for one of our Officer positions. We are happy to announce that our three appointed Officers are Nasiba Alikulova, Kiran Koster, and Angelina Zhang. To determine our next three Officers, we will be holding an online election starting next Wednesday where remaining candidates will be sharing their speeches virtually via a pre-recorded video. SMS students will then have a chance to virtually vote using a Google form after viewing the speeches. The students who have been selected to partake in the election are: Amulya Ponnapalli, Autumn Simon, Ava Jacobson, Chloe Muzio, Jayani Suresh, Ori Lahav, Ashika Reddy and
Shalu David. These students should check their Schoology messages to make sure they are prepared for the election. To all those who did not move forward in the process, we so appreciate you taking the time to apply, and we encourage you to consider running for a Team Rep position in the fall!

**Refunds for Great East/Canobie Lake Trip**
We are currently working on the refunds for the cancelled trip. Thank you for your patience as we start to return to the building and begin the process of submitting paperwork for the refunds. [Click here for a letter from Mr. Greely about the trip and the refund](#).

**Refunds for Matilda Tickets**
We are currently working on refunds for Matilda tickets. Tickets that were purchased with checks will be receiving a refund by check in the mail. People who purchased tickets with cash will be notified via email to make arrangements for picking up their cash refunds. Thank you for your patience as we start to return to the building and begin the process of submitting paperwork for the refunds. Anyone that wants to donate their ticket money to the musical fund for next year can email Ms. Shuffain at cshuffain@sharonschools.net.

**From the SMS PTO**
The PTO is asking for your generous financial support for a teacher appreciation event. Usually, the PTO runs a few teacher appreciation events a year, but due to the virus we are one short. Teachers and staff have been working diligently and doing great work under extraordinary circumstances.

The PTO is also asking for your generous financial support for a sweet COVID- compliant send off for our eighth graders. It has been a tough year for them - they missed the DC trip, and they won’t bring closure to their SMS experience by leaving class on the last day of school.

**To donate to the SMS PTO:** [https://www.paypal.me/ptosms](https://www.paypal.me/ptosms)

**Sora - A New Middle School Online Reading Option**
We have a new online reading option for the middle school community, **Sora**. Sora is connected to OverDrive, a digital library offering ebooks and audiobooks. More information about Sora is on the [library website](#). You can download the Sora app and a public library app for your student so you can use Sora as we build our own collection there. You will need to use your public library credentials.

**Use the school code:** sharonma and sign-in with your school Google account ([sharonschools.net](http://sharonschools.net))

[Sora App Link](#)   [Brief overview video](#)

[More detailed overview and how-to video](#)
~ SMS Virtual Gallery ~

**From Mr. Greely**
Many band students had an optional assignment to perform a solo from their method book with piano accompaniment, and many successfully performed them on Schoology as a recording. Well done!

*Here’s a sample from an anonymous performer*

**SMS Music Department Quarantine Gallery**
Please check out the [SMS Music Department Quarantine Gallery](#) for some photos and information about what the music teachers and students have been up to during the COVID-19 shutdown.

**Ms. Coco’s Artists of the Week**

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[Images of the artists' work are shown here.]

Kyle Santornino
Leo Lally
Maddie Zimblist
Mr. Ripley’s “Trail Cam Videos” series:

Doe on the Ridge!

It's getting close to the end of May and this doe will be giving birth very soon. The trail cam captures her on a ridge looking over the green landscape. Her territory has plenty of food and many safe places where her offspring will be able to hide from hungry predators. Watch how nervous she gets when she discovers the camera. Maybe the next picture of her will be with her new fawns! Stay tuned.

Here’s the link to the video!
Join Mr. Ripley on Thursdays at 12noon for “What’s Up with Nature”. Email Ms. Wald for the zoom link. If you’ve already attended a session, the zoom link is the same as before.