

Sharon Middle School

SMS Weekly Newsletter - 8.21.2020



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

First Day of School
Wednesday, September 16
7:40am-2:10pm

Learning Model Choice
Deadline 8/24

Technology Repairs
Drop Off
Monday, 8/24
See schedule at right.

SMS PTO Meeting -
8/25 at 7:30pm via Zoom
See link at right.

Textbook Drop-off and
Yearbook Pickup
Wednesday, 8/26
See schedule at right

Summer Office Hours
through Wednesday, 8/26
8:30am-3:00pm

No Visitors
At this time, no visitors are
allowed in the building.
Please email [Karen Wald](#)
with any questions.

SMS 2020 Summer Reading
[Check out the list!](#)

Learning Model Choice Form - Deadline is August 24!

Hybrid or remote? Choose your learning model here: [SPS Learning Model Choice Form](#). If you don't choose a learning model by the deadline, your student will be automatically assigned to the hybrid model.

Class Schedules for Fall

We continue to develop student schedules for fall. Please note: **no students schedules or teams are finalized at this time.** Schedules will be released on PowerSchool the week before school starts. We will send you an email when these are available. Thank you for your patience.

2020-2021 Fall Opening

First Day of School September 16, 2020

SMS Reopening Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Please see the new [FAQs and As webpage](#) for more information. This page will be updated frequently.

For SMS-specific questions/comments, please use our [SMS Reopening Questions and Comments form](#).

For Sharon Public Schools Updates, please visit: [SPS Fall 2020 Reopening Planning Website](#)

- [Local Resources and Support](#)
- [Sharon Public Schools Counseling Staff 2020-2021](#)

Technology Repairs for SPS Devices

If you currently have a SPS device that needs repair before the coming school year, [please fill out this survey](#) and drop the device off at the Middle School (in the bus loop near the gym) on Monday, August 24th from 10-Noon. When you arrive at SMS, please do not leave your car. Please make sure the device is labeled with the student name and

**SMS Summer Math
Enrichment and Practice
for all grades.**

**Incoming 6th Graders -
Check out the virtual
greeting for our incoming
6th graders. Click [here](#).**

**Rising 7th & 8th grades
[All About 7th Grade](#)
[All About 8th Grade](#)**

**Sharon Public Schools is
serving FREE MEALS to any
child under 21
through August 27th.
Monday and Thursday only
9:30am-10:30am
Pick-up at SMS - Breakfast
& Lunch for 7 days**

**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. For
more information call
781-784-1560 x6024**

**Withdrawal from Sharon
Public Schools**

**If your child will not be
returning to SMS or is not
going to Sharon High
School in the fall, please fill
out the official [Withdrawal
Form](#), and email it back to
[Ms. Wald](#). We cannot
remove your child from the
schools and forward**

grade, put the device with all cords in a bag in your trunk. When you arrive, SMS staff will come to your car and take the device from your trunk.

Textbook and Library Book Returns - Wednesday, August 26, 2020

In order to prep and disinfect last year's textbooks to distribute to this year's classes, we need to collect them from all students. Most rising 9th graders already returned their books in June, but there may still be some people who were unable to return them at that time. Please bring all textbooks and library books to the Middle School (in the bus loop near the gym) on Wednesday, August 26th according to this schedule:

- **Rising 9th graders Wednesday, 8/26 10am-11am**
- **Rising 8th graders Wednesday, 8/26 12noon-1pm**
- **Rising 7th graders Wednesday, 8/26 11am-12noon**

When you arrive at SMS, please do not get out of your car. Please put a piece of paper in each book with the name of the student and the teacher for that subject. Please put all of the books in a bag in your trunk. When you arrive, someone will come to your car and take the bag from your trunk. If you preordered a yearbook, you'll be able to get the yearbook at the same time. See below for details.*

Yearbooks are Here!*

We have received the shipment of yearbooks. We will distribute yearbooks on Wednesday, August 26th at the same time that students are dropping off their books from last year. *Only those who have pre-ordered yearbooks will be able to pick them up.*

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For pickup: Drive into the bus loop near the gym. Do not get out of your car. Put a sign in your car window with the name of the student, the grade from last year, plus the word YEARBOOK in large letters. *If there is more than one person in your car who ordered a yearbook, please put all of the students' names on the sign and we'll give you all of your orders at once.* We will bring the yearbook to you and put it in your trunk at the same time that we get the books that you are dropping off.

We have a very small supply of extra yearbooks that are available for purchase on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$30. If you would like one, please have a check made out to Sharon Middle School. Put a sign in your car window that says EXTRA YEARBOOK and hand the check to an SMS staff member. If we still have yearbooks available, we will bring the yearbook to your trunk.

SMS PTO Meeting - 8/25 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Topic: PTO Engaging Families

records to the new school if we do not receive a Withdrawal Form. Chromebooks, textbooks and library books must be returned to school as soon as possible.

FROM THE SMS HEALTH OFFICE - Incoming 7th Graders - IMPORTANT
All 7th graders need to have a current physical on file with our Health Office. The physical needs to be dated after August 2019. The paperwork, including immunization records, can be emailed to Nurse Nathan at mnathan@sharonschools.net or faxed to her at 781-793-5139.

SMS Library
Please visit the [Library Webpage](#) for access to ebooks, audiobooks, podcasts, and more.

Time: Aug 25, 2020 07:30 PM US/Eastern

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2865491220?pwd=d3d3N1o3RVlKcnhuazZhem9PSC9kQT09>

Meeting ID: 286 549 1220

Passcode: 7mqP1n

Practicing Mask Use

Masks are required for all SMS students and staff when inside the building and on busses. Students may want to “practice” wearing masks for longer periods of times in preparation for the return to school. We hope to model positive views of mask-wearing to our students and help them understand the importance.

Check out these links for some strategies:

1. [Tips for Getting Comfortable with your Mask](#)
2. [Feeling Anxious About Wearing A Mask? Here Are 5 Ways To Overcome It](#)

Need masks?

A grandmother from our SMS community has been making masks. If you're looking to buy some, feel free to contact the family. These masks are made based on CDC requirements (2 layers of high quality cotton, a filter in between, along with metal nose bridge). She has an abundance of masks ready for pick up. Contact Helen Shknevsky at 781-858-5278 or HShknevsky@wachusetthc.com.

Middle School Hockey Tryouts - 8/26

Hockey is back! Each year the towns of Sharon and Norton combine to form teams for middle school hockey. We feel confident in our ability to start the season and have set a date for our MS tryout. We are hoping to start the season on September 11th. The tryout will be Wednesday, August 26th at 7:10pm. We will be fielding only one team this year, so depending on the numbers, there may be some players who will not make the team.

Please [see this flyer](#) with all of the information on the tryout. Please feel free to be in touch with me if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing everyone on the ice!

Thanks, Pat Leahy 617-694-4367

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