

Sharon Middle School

SMS Weekly Newsletter - 9.11.2020



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

First Day of School
Wednesday, September 16
7:40am-12:00pm
REMOTE DAY FOR ALL

Textbook pickup
REMOTE STUDENTS ONLY
Sept 14 - 8th grade
See info on right

6th Grade & New students
Orientation/Tour
9/14 & 9/15
Sign up in Advance

No Visitors
No visitors are allowed in the building without an appointment.
Please email [Karen Wald](#) with any questions.

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

REMOTE LEARNING MODEL STUDENTS ONLY -

Textbook Pickup Day - 8th Graders

Monday, September 14

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you selected the hybrid learning model in the survey, you do not need to pick up textbooks. Hybrid students will get their books on their first days in school.

Please drive to the bus loop near the gym. Staff will put the books in your car trunk. **Put a sign in your car window with your student's name and grade in LARGE letters.**

TEXTBOOK PICKUP	8th GRADE REMOTE STUDENTS ONLY Last Name A-M	8th GRADE REMOTE STUDENTS ONLY Last Name N-Z
Grade 8 Monday Sept. 14	9/14, 8-9am	9/14, 9-10am

SMS Reopening Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Please see the [FAQs and As webpage](#) for answers to the questions we have been receiving. This page is updated frequently.

Class Schedules

Schedules will be released on PowerSchool next week. **Please note that any teachers or schedules that you have seen online are not final.** Schedules are still being changed. We will send you an email when the final schedules are available.

Cohort Days

Hybrid students are being divided into cohorts this year. **Cohort A** is students with the last names **A-M**; they will attend school in person on Monday and Tuesday. **Cohort B** is students with the last names **N-Z**; they will attend in person on Thursdays and Fridays. All students will learn remotely on Wednesdays, including on the first day of school, September 16. All Wednesdays will be early release days at 12noon. **Please understand there will be several exceptions to the alpha rule. We will need to balance groups.**

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.

Special Thank you to the SMS PTO from the SMS Staff:

We love our Crescent Ridge coupons...the perfect surprise for a Friday afternoon. Thank you for all that you do to support us!

Schoology Parent Accounts

For information on how to Schoology parent accounts, please go to <https://sites.google.com/sharonschools.net/sps-remote-learning/family-resources/schoology>

Updating Your Information in PowerSchool

You should have received an email to update your information in PowerSchool. The email included an individual code that you need to use to access the system. If you didn't receive your code, please email psquestions@sharonschools.net. **If your child has already been in Sharon Public Schools, you just need to *update* this info - you do not need to register your child again.**

Important Information from Our Health Office

[Back to School Letter Nurses to Parent](#) - This letter is for all parents/guardians. It has information about masks, contact information/medical waiting room procedure, and medication drop-off.

[Medication Drop-Off Procedure](#) - This letter states the medication drop-off procedure. Parents are asked to drop off medication by appointment or during the scheduled time slots. Parents are expected to remain in their car and the nurse will come out to receive the medication.

2020-2021 Fall Opening Info

First Day of School September 16, 2020 - Full Remote Day for All

For SMS-specific questions/comments, please use our [SMS Reopening Questions and Comments form](#). We will answer as many as we can in our [FAQs and As](#).

For Sharon Public Schools Updates, please visit:

[SPS Fall 2020 Reopening Planning Website](#)

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

Student Supply Lists

[Click here for the suggested supply lists for students in all grades.](#)

6th Grade Tours - Monday 9/14 and Tuesday 9/15

We've scheduled in-person tours for 6th graders. Each tour will be 1/2 hour long and will include no more than 10 students and one tour guide. Masks must be worn by all participants. Social distancing will be

observed - 6ft. between all students. **These tours are for students only.** No adults or siblings are allowed. [Sign up for a tour here!](#)

New Student Tour - Tuesday, September 15, 11:45am

We've scheduled time for an in-person tour for incoming 7th and 8th graders who are new to Sharon Public Schools. The tour will be 1/2 hour long and will include no more than 10 students and one tour guide. Masks must be worn by all participants. Social distancing will be observed - 6ft. between all students. **The tour is for students only.** No adults or siblings are allowed. [Sign up for the tour here.](#)

Instrument Rentals

If you need to rent a musical instrument for band or strings class, please contact the following companies:

- KC Music Company in Norwood is our vendor for brass and woodwind students. The website is:
<http://www.kcmusicrepair.com/home.html>
- For strings, our vendors are Johnson Strings in Newton at <https://www.johnsonstring.com> and Spencer Brook in Maynard at <https://www.spencerbrookstrings.com>

GREETINGS FROM THE SMS ART DEPARTMENT!!

Students will be receiving a sketchbook that will be used in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade as a textbook. Each page has an assignment and should not be used for random doodles.

Sixth graders and new students to Sharon will receive a brand new sketchbook. Seventh and Eighth graders use the sketchbook that they have used in previous years.

If the student does not have Art in Quarter 1, please place the sketchbook in a safe place until it is needed for their course later in the year. Each student will only be receiving one sketchbook and it **will not be replaced** by the school. All assignments for the year will be completed in the sketchbook.

Ms. Coco & Ms. Ramocki

Join the SMS PTO!

Now is the perfect time to join the SMS PTO and make sure to like us on Facebook – Sharon Middle School PTO (Sharon, Ma)

<https://forms.gle/49hXFhNAn4mBdrgQ8>

SMS Apparel ON SALE NOW

Looking for some SMS swag? Order your t-shirts, sweats, hats, etc now. Here is the online SMS Apparel form:

<https://forms.gle/17rz8nSZ9bj3V2Wr7>

Join F.A.M.E. (Friends of Art and Music Education)

Is your student in the band, orchestra, chorus, musical, play, or art classes? Then they have benefited from F.A.M.E.'s support. From instrument cases for the 8th grade D.C. trip to the pit orchestra for Matilda to the student artwork display strips in the hallway, our mission is to support the art, music, and theatre education your student receives in the Sharon Public Schools. Last year, we funded over \$18,000, but we couldn't do it without your support. Although we don't yet know what the arts in our schools will look like, please join F.A.M.E. in keeping the arts alive in Sharon at www.tinyurl.com/FAMEMembership2020-2021.

For more information ...

Email: famesharon02067@gmail.com

Website: www.sharon.k12.ma.us/FAME

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FAMEFriendsOfArtMusicEducation

Instagram: www.instagram.com/fame4sharon

Twitter: www.twitter.com/JoinFAME4Sharon

The following initiative is coordinated and mobilized by Project 351, a nonprofit organization that builds a movement of youth-led service throughout Massachusetts.

We need your help!
HYGIENE PRODUCT DRIVE
in support of **Hope & Comfort**

When: September 11 to September 18 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Where: Sharon High School and Sharon Middle School

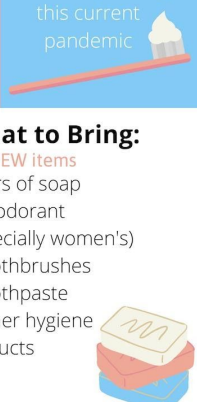
to address the needs of the Greater Boston community during this current pandemic

Or...
purchase an item off of the Amazon wishlist linked below; in-person and wishlist donations will both be donated to Hope & Comfort!

https://www.amazon.com/bsz/wishlist/ls/2GRNH5X3T37BA?ref=wl_share

What to Bring:
all **NEW** items
- bars of soap
- deodorant (especially women's)
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- other hygiene products

Please email miefkowitz04@comcast.net with any questions



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