

SHELBY MIDDLE SCHOOL

FIRST QUARTER 2018-2019

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It's hard to believe that we already find ourselves wrapping up the first grading period. Our students have had many learning opportunities inside and outside of the classroom over the last nine weeks. Students have participated in the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C., the 6th graders have attended Camp Nuhop, and all students have had opportunities to make strides in their academic learning. Please take a moment to have a conversation with your child regarding his/her grade card for Quarter 1. We will be recognizing students' academic achievement on Monday, October 29th at 1:15 PM in the SMS gym. We invite you to attend this recognition assembly if you are able.

In order to continue the communication between home and school, I invite you to schedule a Parent Teacher Conference to meet with your child's teachers. We will have scheduled conferences on Tuesday, October 30th from 3-7 PM and Thursday, November 1st from 3-7 PM. Please contact your child's teachers directly to schedule a time that works for you. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be held during the week of October 29th - November 2nd. The book fair will be open daily during school hours and will also be open in the evenings during our conferences. Stop by and find a good book. Your child and our school will benefit from your purchase. We are looking forward to your visit!

Thank you for your continued support of our students, community, and staff. Whether you purchased an item to support our fundraiser, volunteered in a classroom, attended a sporting event or school trip, or helped your child with homework, we appreciate you! Thank you for your ongoing support of Shelby Middle School!

Happy Fall; Go Whippets!



GUIDANCE NEWS

It is hard to believe that the first quarter is behind us. We have a lot of things going on for the 8th grade students during the second quarter. On October 22nd, twenty-one 8th grade students participated in our job shadowing program with the Shelby Rotary. They got to see various jobs around Shelby and had a catered lunch from the Culinary Arts Program at Pioneer. Then, in November, the entire 8th grade class will be going to Pioneer on a field trip. Starting in the 8th grade we look at jobs, education, and high school scheduling. This trip to Pioneer is part of that. Shelby students can attend Pioneer during the 11th and 12th grade years. Once we hit 2019, you will start to receive information about high school scheduling. In the past, Mr. Gies has come over to the middle school and talked to students about the high school and what they have to look forward to.

In fifth grade, Officer Swisher is halfway through his D.A.R.E. Program. He meets once a week with each 5th grade class. This program will finish up at the end of the 1st semester.

2018 FALL ATHLETICS

The fall sports season has come to a conclusion here at Shelby Middle School. All of our teams have shown great enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and have improved immensely. Our football teams concluded the season October 18th. Our 7th grade team unfortunately played against some tough competition and ended the season 2-5. They will be eager to work hard and get back out on the field next year to improve that record. Our 8th grade team finished its season with a record of 3-4. They have played hard the last two seasons and have continued to get better. Good luck as you head to the high school to continue getting better and strive for a league title. Congratulations to both teams for a hard fought season.

Our boys and girls cross country teams had a good season and ended the year on a great note with both teams being crowned MOAC Champions!! The two teams faced some tough competition the whole season. Injuries plagued the young Whippets and many had to run through a little discomfort all season long. Congratulations to all of our runners and best of luck to you in the future!

Our 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams have played hard and improved throughout the season. The 8th grade team capped off a well improved season with a 1st place finish in the MOAC tournament. They defeated River Valley in the championship game to become MOAC Champions! They had an awesome season going 20-1. Way to go girls!! The 7th grade team concluded their season with a loss to Buckeye Valley in the MOAC tournament. Their overall season was up and down and finished the season with a 6-13 record. They played well in their last game and have improved greatly throughout the year! Congratulations to both teams for excellent seasons!!!

We would like to thank the cheerleaders for all their hard work this season as well. They have done a great job keeping up the positive school spirit throughout this fall season. We appreciate the signs, locker decorations, and hard work on the cheers for the games. Great job to all our student athletes, cheerleaders, and coaches this past fall! You have had an awesome opening to the 2018-2019 school year and should be proud of the fine seasons you had!!!

Since the fall sports season has wrapped up, parents are reminded to take care of all paperwork in advance. Every student athlete must have a current physical paper on file in the middle school office. In order to try-out for a team, the athlete must have a current physical. Any student who does not have a current physical should get papers from the office as soon as possible. This paper must be signed by both a physician and a parent, and is good for one year. Another necessary form is a blue card with emergency information on it that can be picked up in the office or a coach will give them out at practice. All other forms must be filled out online from the school district website. Anyone with questions concerning athletics may call Mike Walter at (419) 342-6587.

Another item that is important to be able to participate in an athletic event is grades. Students must be passing at least five (5) academic classes in order to be eligible to play a sport. The grades will be from the 1st nine weeks grading period that ended on October 19th. If you have any questions on eligibility, contact the middle school office.

Speaking of winter sports, our teams will be ready to begin practices soon. The girls and boys basketball programs will start their season October 26th. Wrestling will start November 9th. Conditioning/open gyms/open mats have already begun for these sports. Please call the office to find out the time and location of these open gyms.

There is a mandatory meeting Monday, October 29th at 6:00 PM for any athlete wanting to play a winter sport. The meeting will take place at the high school and all athletes and a parent must attend. If your son or daughter played a fall sport, you do not need to come to the main meeting but should be in attendance at 7:00 PM for the individual sport meetings.

Many questions concerning athletics can be answered by visiting the Shelby City Schools Athletic Calendar. Shelby Middle School athletic events and basketball practice times are located at this site.



ALL ABOUT COMMUNICATION Shelby City Schools Notification System



If you have not done so already, please sign up for our SMS text alerts. This is a great way to get timely information regarding school cancellations or delays that can be brought on by mother nature. We also send out reminders for school events and deadlines as well. If you have not signed up for these text alerts and have texting or email accessible to you, please do not delay.

7th and 8th GRADE POWER OF THE PEN

**Practices start Thursday, November 8th.
All practices will be held on Thursdays.
Room 103 from 2:30-3:15 PM**

District Competition at Black River
Saturday, January 26, 2019
Regional Competition at Kent State University
Saturday, February 23, 2019

STUDENT IMAGES AND PICTURES

At various times throughout the school year we will be using pictures and images of students to showcase their talents and what is happening in and around SMS. At no time will we use your child's name with their image without permission. Please contact Mrs. Green in writing if you do not want us to use your child's image or picture.



**The SMS production of Madagascar Jr.
will be on Saturday, November 3rd.
Cast members include students in grades 5-8.
Three performances are scheduled for the day
including 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, and 7:00 PM at SHS.
Donation only.
No tickets required.**

**The Shelby City Schools production of
Beauty and the Beast will be on
Friday, December 7th at 7:30 PM and
Saturday, December 8th at
2:30 PM and 7:30 PM at SHS.
Tickets are \$5.00 for students and
\$10.00 for adults.**



SMS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

6th GRADE BAND SCHEDULE CHANGE

Up to this point, students have had instruction specific to their instrument two days each week with a third day of full-band. On non-band days, students have been working on various music concepts with Miss Stehura and Mr. Nabors. Starting the week of October 22nd, the schedule will change for the remainder of the year. The new schedule will be as follows:

Band Only Students Band Class

Monday - Friday

Band/Choir Students Band Class

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Choir Class

Tuesday & Thursday

7th AND 8th GRADE BANDS/CHOIRS UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 27th: Halloween Parade 2:00 PM combined 7th/8th Grade Bands will perform (**meet at 1:30 PM at the corner of Wentz Avenue and the Boulevard**).

Friday, November 9th: Veteran's Day Assembly 9:15 AM combined bands and choirs will perform (SMS Gym)

Tuesday, December 18th: 7th/8th Grade Bands and 6th-8th Grade Choirs Christmas Concert 7:00 PM (Performing Arts Center at SHS)

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Starting the week of December 3rd, the **SMS JAZZ BAND** will begin practice. All 7th and 8th

Grade Band students are welcome, including those who play the piano, guitar, and bass. Practice will be held once a week (day/time TBD). More information and a permission form will be sent home at a later date.

This year we are excited to announce we are offering an 8th grade **Ukulele Class** that meets during the last period of the day (1:38 - 2:25). This class is open to students in choir or those not currently enrolled in a music class. We will learn chords, plucking, music theory, sight reading composition, and improvisation. No prior music experience is required. This class is a semester long, and we are now accepting students for the 2nd semester class. Visit the office to sign-up. Spots are limited, so don't delay!

If you have any questions/concerns, please email:
mayer.tim@shelbyk12.org (band)
stehura.ariel@shelbyk12.org (choir)



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 26th: Cookie Dough Sale Starts
- 27th: Halloween Parade, 7th/8th Grade Bands Meet at 1:30 PM
- 29th: Academic Awards Assembly at 1:15 PM
- 29th: Winter Sports Meeting 7 PM at SHS
- 29th- November 2nd: Scholastic Book Fair
- 30th & November 1st: Parent Teacher Conferences: 3:00-7:00 PM



NOVEMBER

- 1st: Parent Teacher Conference - 3:00-7:00 PM
- 2nd: Veteran Recognition Forms Due
- 3rd: Madagascar Jr. 2 PM, 4 PM, 7 PM
- 6th: Election Day
- 8th: PTO meeting 6 PM
- 9th: Veteran's Day Assembly, 9:15 AM
- 9th: Cookie Dough Sale Ends-Turn in Day For Money and Orders
- 9th: 7th and 8th Grade Dance - 7-8:30 PM
- 12th: 8th Grade Pioneer Career Center Trip - During School
- 13th: SMS Picture Retakes and Candid Shots
- 15th: Julia Cook Author Visit/Dinner-Dinner at 6 PM and Presentation at 7 PM
- 16th: 5th and 6th Grade Dance - 7-8:30 PM
- 20th: Interim Reports Sent Home
- 21st-25th: Thanksgiving Break; No School



DECEMBER

- 7th: Whippet Theater Presents - Beauty and the Beast, SHS, 7:30 PM
- 8th: Whippet Theater Presents - Beauty and the Beast, SHS, 2:30 PM, 7:30 PM
- 12th: Cookie Dough Delivery Date - Pick-Up 2-5 PM
- 18th: Christmas Concert - 7th/8th Grade Bands and 6th-8th Grade Choirs Performing Arts Center at SHS at 7 PM
- 21st: End of 2nd Nine Week Grading Period (1st Semester)
- 21st: Early Release - Students Dismissed at 12:25 PM
Last Day of School Prior to Christmas Break



JANUARY

- 5th-6th: Destination to Stardom Auditions (SMS Talent Show)
- 7th: School Resumes
- 11th: Grade Cards Distributed
- 21st: No School - Martin Luther King Day
- 25th: Box Top Turn in Day





CREATING CASH FOR YOUR CHILD Time to Order Cookie Dough!!!!



Your child is bringing home information regarding our Cookie Dough Sale TODAY! This Cookie Dough Sale is not your typical fundraiser where the proceeds go to an organization or the school. **ALL OF THE PROFITS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER GO DIRECTLY TO HELPING YOUR CHILD PAY FOR THEIR 6TH GRADE CAMP NUHOP EXPENSES AND/OR 8TH GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC.**

Here is how it works. From October 26th-November 9th your child will be selling a variety of cookie dough. If your child sells “X” amount of cookie dough; 50% of the total sales goes directly into their student account that can be used for these two trips only. When the date comes to pay for these two trips, your total amount due will be reduced by the amount you have saved during your time here at SMS. So...rather than Mom and Dad digging into their pockets, if your child has \$100 dollars in his/her account from selling cookie dough, that money is deducted from the cost of the trip. This is the same account where we keep your child’s Box Tops money as well. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have. We will offer this opportunity each year for students to help earn money to offset the cost of their trips. Thank you for your support!

SEARCH ON FACEBOOK: “Shelby Middle School Box Tops Committee”



If you have not checked it out already, Michelle Briggs and Heather Pohlbel have created a Facebook page with Box Top information, which can be found by searching Shelby Middle School Box Tops Committee. These ladies have done a great job of reporting and keeping track of all of these details. So a big thank you goes out to both Michelle and Heather for all of their hard work as they continue to tackle this enormous task each year.

5th Grade: The money raised goes into the students’ account and can be used to pay for Camp Nuhop.

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade: The money raised goes into the student's account to pay for the 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip

BOX TOP TURN IN DAY

The next Box Top Collection will be January 25th. Please remember to trim these to the dotted line and leave the expiration date. If not, they will not be counted as they all need to be trimmed prior to sending them in.

SHELBY MIDDLE SCHOOL WEBSITE Check It Out

We are running the same informational slides on our web page that we are broadcasting on our monitors in the entryway and the commons area daily. You can also see student pictures of events and classroom activities that are taking place here at SMS.

TWITTER and INSTAGRAM

You can follow the Shelby City Schools on Twitter and Instagram @shelbywhippets. You can use the hashtags #whippetpride or #shelbywhippets.



WALKING/BIKE SAFETY

We continue to talk about student safety as our children come to and from school, especially in the morning when it is still dark upon their arrival. Please take a few minutes to reinforce to them the importance of making smart decisions as they cross streets and travel on streets that may not have sidewalks. It's also a great time of the year to check their bikes for proper reflectors.



CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S GRADES ON PROGRESSBOOK

Please be sure that you are checking Progressbook on a regular basis. This is a great tool to stay on top of your child's grades. If you are having difficulty accessing Progressbook - please call the office and we can help.



BE ON TIME READY TO LEARN



Doors open each morning at 7:10 AM. Please come to school on time, ready to learn. Students should not arrive early as there is no supervision until 7:10 AM. The tardy bell rings at 7:30 AM. Students must have already stopped at their locker and be in their class before the bell rings, or they will be marked as tardy.



VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

We will have our annual **VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY** on **November 9th**. Veterans and their guests are invited for breakfast at 8:30 AM with the program starting at 9:15 AM. Please fill out the paper your child received, to register a veteran to be recognized. If needed, additional forms will be in the office. All forms are due by Friday, November 2nd.

STUDENT ABSENCES

We would like to see every student in class every day, but we know that there will be times when students will be sick or have an appointment. Please try to schedule appointments after school as much as possible. If your child is absent, please call the office prior to 8:00 AM and let us know that your child will not be in and the reason for their absence. For your convenience, please feel free to leave a message on the school voicemail prior to school opening for the day. Remember, anytime a student misses school for an appointment, please get a note from the doctor stating the time of the appointment. If your child misses school for an extended time due to illness, please call Mrs. Swigart or Mrs. Harvey, who will then notify your child's teachers to gather assignments. When requesting assignments, please allow at least a day for teachers to have enough time to gather the work. If you have any questions regarding our attendance policy, please refer to your child's handbook.

PROGRESSBOOK PASSWORDS

Please remember to document your student's password. **PASSWORDS DO NOT CHANGE** from year to year.



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