

SHELBY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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It's hard to believe that we have reached the midway point of the school year! Students have been working hard in their classes and have had lots of opportunities to become involved at Shelby Middle School. Students cannot be successful without the support of their families so thank you for the time and commitment you have made for your children.

The second half of the school year continues to be a busy one . . . with winter sports schedules, Destination to Stardom, spelling bee and academic challenge competitions, and state testing coming our way, we will need your unwavering support through the upcoming months. As always, we are here for you. Please do not hesitate to call, email, or stop in whenever you have a question or concern regarding your child. We will have parent teacher conferences again on February 19th: 3-7PM and February 21st: 3-5 PM, but you are welcome anytime.

Here's wishing you health and happiness in the new year! Go Whippets!



WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP - Fall 2019 (Current 7th Graders)

General Information: Our current 7th graders will be going on their 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip from October 2nd - October 5th. You will only have one more Box Tops collection date to help offset the cost of the trip. All Box Tops must be turned in by February 1st to count toward the trip. Please continue to save for this quickly approaching trip, as we will also need a down payment of \$150.00 due prior to Spring Break on April 12th with the full payment for students of \$300.00 and \$325.00 for chaperones due prior to the last day of school on May 29, 2019.

CHAPERONE INFORMATION



If you are interested in chaperoning this trip, please contact Mrs. Green as soon as possible. All interested chaperones must contact SMS by March 15th. You will receive a packet of papers by April 1st that you will need to complete immediately. Again, thank you for making this trip possible for our students.

GUIDANCE NEWS

This is going to be a very busy quarter with our 8th grade students. This month, Jim Sorenson from Pioneer, will meet with our 8th grade students about the Ohio Means Jobs Website. This is a website that the high school uses when looking for colleges, job, careers, along with other areas. Then, in February, the 8th grade students will start the 9th grade scheduling process. Dates will be given soon when the high school will come in and talk to the 8th grade students about the scheduling process. This will include a day in science class talking about 9th grade classes, a parent meeting on February 12th at 6:30 PM at SHS in the PAC, and a one-on one talk with a high school counselor about the 9th grade classes the students are taking next year.

Also, in February, the students will receive the 9th grade scheduling form and the high school course selection handbook. The handbook is about 40 pages and covers all academic classes that the students can take while at the high school. It also talks about graduation requirements, college requirements, 4 year plans, Pioneer (vocational school), among other things. This is a very exciting time for our 8th grade students and please be looking for the high school information that will be going home. Text alerts will also be sent home when this happens.

STATE TESTING INFORMATION

State testing will quickly be upon us. Students and teachers have been working toward this learning piece all year. State testing provides another opportunity for teachers and parents and students to reflect on student growth throughout the year. Please be sure to check testing dates below and make every effort to avoid conflicts on the dates that your child is testing. Research shows that students do their best when they test with their peers in a familiar setting, as opposed to taking a make up test. Let's do our best on the test! If you have any questions, please stop in or call.

ELA Tests:

Grade 5: April 8 + 10

Grade 6: April 9 + 11

Grade 7: April 9 + 11

Grade 8: April 8 + 10



SCIENCE Tests

Grade 5: April 24 + 26

Grade 8: April 24 + 26

MATH Tests

Grade 5: April 30 + May 2

Grade 6: May 1 + May 3

Grade 7: May 1 + May 3

Grade 8: April 30 + May 2

Grade 8: Algebra 1: May 8 + May 9



DESTINATION TO STARDOM

Destination to Stardom talent show auditions will be held **Saturday, January 12th from 10 AM - 12 PM** and **Sunday, January 13th from 1PM - 3 PM**. Auditions are open to any 7th and 8th grader. We need singers, dancers, and performers of all kinds. If you have an unusual talent, come to the audition and we will help you turn it into an act. The show will also include skits and group numbers. We will also be looking for students to work back stage. If you are interested in being a part of this year's production, come to the auditions or contact Mrs. Swigart during lunch.

This year's show will be Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM.

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.



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.

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.



SEARCH ON FACEBOOK: "Shelby Middle School Box Tops Committee"



If you have not checked it out already, Michelle Briggs and Heather Pohlabel 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 through the years. Michelle will no longer be helping in this area, so we thank her for her years of help and also we want to thank Heather as she continues with this task.

5th Grade: The money raised goes into the student's account 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 TOPS TURN IN DAY

The next Box Tops Collection will be February 1st. Please remember to trim these to the dotted line and leave the expiration date. If not, they will not be counted.

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Winter sports are in full swing. Athletic events include boys and girls basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading. We appreciate all the hard work these young people are putting into their specialized activity. If you would like to attend a game here at Shelby Middle School the price is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students/seniors. Yes, that's right, for the low price of \$4 or \$3 you can come support these young people, who would love your support, and see what they have been working on. Wrestling tournaments may cost a little more depending on the school. Most home basketball games start at 5:00 PM with a Saturday morning thrown in there. All basketball games are played at middle school gyms except for Madison which play at their high school. A complete schedule is online at the athletic page.

The boys and girls basketball team officially started their season Tuesday, November 27th against Willard. So far the 8th grade boys have a record of 4-4 and the 7th grade boys are 6-2. On the girls side, both teams are starting off hot, sporting an unblemished record of 8-0. The wrestling team has had a couple of tournaments to this point. They finished 2nd at Upper Sandusky in the East of Chicago Wrestling Invite and 5th out of 15 teams at the Ontario Invite. Our athletes have done a great job to this point and we wish them the best of luck the rest of the way!!

Please make an effort to come out and support these young people. They work very hard and do a great job. They represent our school and community with great pride and enthusiasm. Remember, they are young athletes and learning the game. Please stay positive with all the athletes, coaches, and officials. Everyone is trying to make this a great experience for all. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Walter through the middle school office. GO WHIPPETS and GOOD LUCK THE REST OF THE WINTER SEASON!!!!

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.

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. Please take a few minutes to reinforce the importance of making smart decisions, walking without sidewalks, and crossing streets. It's also a great time of the year to check their bikes for proper reflectors.



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 anytime prior to school opening for the day. Messages are recorded 24/7. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



JANUARY

- 11th: 2nd Grading Period Grade Cards and Newsletters Distributed
- 12th: Destination to Stardom Auditions: 10 AM-12 PM
- 13th: Destination to Stardom Auditions: 1-3 PM
- 16th: SCRAP Recycling at SMS
- 17th: 6th-8th Grade: Richland County Spelling Bee at MOESC
- 21st: No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 23rd: 5th Grade Academic Challenge at MOESC (PM)
- 25th: 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation: SMS at 10 AM
- 25th: Whippet Bucks Incentive Day
- 26th: Power of the Pen at Black River
- 29th: SMS Trip to Snow Trails (5 PM-9:30 PM)
- 30th: 6th Grade Academic Challenge at MOESC (PM)
- 31st: SMS Candid/Groups/Staff Pictures
- 31st: 7th & 8th Grade Academic Challenge at MOESC (PM)



FEBRUARY

- 1st: Box Tops Turn in Day
- 6th: 2 Hour Early Release (SMS to Dismiss at 12:25)
- 12th: 8th Grade High School Meeting at SHS at 6:30 PM (For 9th Grade Scheduling)
- 14th Tri-County Spelling Bee at MOESC at 6:30 PM
- 15th: 3rd Quarter Interim Reports Distributed
- 15th: Whippet Bucks Incentive Day
- 17th: 6th-8th Grade Middle School Mid-Winter Band Concert at SHS PAC: 2 PM
- 18th: No School: Presidents' Day
- 19th: Parent/Teacher Conferences: 3-7 PM
- 20th: SCRAP Recycling at SMS
- 21st: Parent/Teacher Conferences: 3-5 PM
- 23rd: Power of the Pen at Kent State



MARCH

- 11th: 5th Grade Academic Challenge at MOESC (PM)
- 14th: Whippet Bucks Incentive Day
- 14th: Julia Cook, Author: Presentation at 6 PM at SMS
- 15th: Deadline for Those Interested in Chaperoning Washington, D.C. Trip
- 15th: End of the 3rd Grading Period
- 15th: No School for Students, Teacher In-Service
- 19th: 6th Grade Academic Challenge at MOESC (PM)
- 20th: 7th & 8th Grade Academic Challenge at MOESC (PM)
- 20th: SCRAP Recycling at SMS
- 22nd: 3rd Grading Period Grade Cards and Newsletters Distributed
- 22nd: Destination to Stardom: 7 PM



