

# SHELBY MIDDLE SCHOOL

SECOND QUARTER 2019-2020

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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 20th from 3-6 PM and March 4th from 3-6 PM, but you are welcome anytime.

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



## 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.

## Washington, D.C. Trip Fall 2020 (Current 7<sup>th</sup> Graders)

**General Information:** Our current 7th graders will be going on their 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip from October 13 - October 16, 2020.

You will only have **one more BoxTop collection date** to help offset the cost of the trip. All BoxTops must be turned in by **February 7, 2020** 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 9, 2020 with the full payment for students of \$300.00 and \$325.00 for chaperones due prior to the last day of school on MAY 27, 2020.



## WASHINGTON, D.C. Chaperone Information

If you are interested in chaperoning the DC trip, please contact SMS. All interested chaperones must call the SMS office by March 1st, 2020. Your name will be put on the preliminary list and you will be considered an "official chaperone" once we have received confirmation of your approved BCI/FBI background check and paid your chaperone fee of \$325. Please let us know if you have any questions.



## 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.

### SMS Facebook Group:

Please check out the SMS Facebook group. Simply make a request to join the group and you will see updates and postings about the events here at SMS.

### Twitter & Instagram:

You can follow Shelby Middle School on Instagram @sms-whippets and Shelby City Schools on Twitter and Instagram @shelbywhippets. You can use the hashtags #whippetpride or #shelbywhippets.

### Check out our Middle School Website:

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.



## 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.



## BUS CONDUCT

Riding a school bus is a vital key for many of our students to attend school daily. With so many students riding on a bus, and safety being our number one priority, it is important that all students understand their role in keeping themselves and others safe. We try to keep things very simple: stay in a seat, talk quietly and respectfully, keep hands to self, and listen to the driver's directions. Please have conversations with your student(s) about their responsibilities on the bus, and that we hope they act as if they are riding in a car with you. If any problems or concerns arise, please encourage your student to talk to a driver, or someone at school so that we can resolve the issue.

## ATHLETIC NEWS

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. A complete schedule is online at the athletic page.

The boys and girls basketball teams officially started their season Monday, November 25th against Galion. So far the 8th grade boys have a record of 6-1 and the 7th grade boys are 7-0. On the girls side, the 8th graders are 5-2 while the 7th grade are unblemished with a record of 7-0. The wrestling team has had a couple of tournaments to this point. They finished 4th at the Crestview Junior Cougar Classic and 5th 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!!

We also want to thank our winter cheerleaders for decorating and supporting our school! Winter cheerleaders are 8th grade: Karlie Barnhart, Alainah Carmel, Channon Cundiff, Angelena Gerrell, Maryn Lantz, Emma Opie, Alyssa Thomas, and Maylin Thurman. Our 7th grade cheerleaders are: Katie Cole, Jaime Fields, Loran Hockenberry, Bri Hughett, Allie Phifer, Maddie Smith, Kacie Wade, and Nevaeh Zellner.

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. Please 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!!!!



## GUIDANCE NEWS

This is going to be a very busy quarter with our 8th grade students. In February the 8th grade students will start the 9th grade scheduling process. In the middle of January, you will be given dates when the high school will be at SMS to talk with 8th grade students about the scheduling process. The process includes a day in science class talking about 9th grade classes, a parent meeting in February and a one-on one talk with a high school counselor about the 9th grade classes the students are taking next year.

The students will receive the 9th grade scheduling form and the high school course selection handbook, during this time in February. 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 Career Technology Center, etc. This is a very exciting time for our 8th grade students. Please be looking for the high school information that will be going home. Text alerts will be sent home when this happens.



### NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



**\*Monday, January 20th**  
**Martin Luther King Day**

**\*Monday, February 17th**  
**President's Day**

**\*Friday, March 13th:**  
**Teacher Inservice**

**\*Friday, April 10th-**  
**Sunday, April 19th**  
**Spring Break**

## CHECK 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.

## PROGRESSBOOK PASSWORDS

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



Search "Shelby Middle School



### Box Tops Committee" on Facebook:

If you have not checked it out already, Heather Pohlabel has a Facebook page with Box Top information, which can be found by searching Shelby Middle School Box Tops Committee. Mrs. Pohlabel does a great job of reporting and keeping track of all of these details. A big thank you goes out to Heather for all of her hard work as she continues to tackle this enormous task each year.

**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 each student's account to pay for the 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip.

The next Box Top Collection Day will be on February 7th. **This will be the last collection date for this years 7th graders to use their Box Tops toward their Washington, D.C. trip in October.**



## ATTENDANCE

As the first semester comes to an end, please keep in mind some of the basics of Shelby City Schools attendance policy when allowing your student to miss class time. Students may miss up to 65 hours (10 days) in a school year before an official excuse is required in order to be considered excused. Please notify the school the day of your child's absence before 8 AM, and send in a note or doctor's excuse upon their arrival.

Our school day tardy bell rings at 7:30 AM daily. At that time, students are expected to be in their classroom ready for the day to begin or they will be marked as tardy. **So far this year, SMS students have been tardy more than 400 times!** Please help minimize that number by encouraging your student to develop a morning routine, getting them on the bus, or dropping them off at school in time to stop at their locker and get to class.



## BOX TOP TURN IN DAY

The next Box Top Collection will be February 7, 2020. 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.



## DESTINATION TO STARDOM AUDITIONS

(SMS Talent Show-7th/8th Graders)



### GET YOUR ACTS TOGETHER

Saturday, January 11th: 10 AM

Sunday, January 12th: 1 PM

SMS - Little Theater



I've Got Talent!



# STATE TESTING

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 6 & 8  
Grade 6: April 7 & 9  
Grade 7: April 7 & 9  
Grade 8: April 6 & 8

## SCIENCE TESTS:

Grade 5: April 22 & 24  
Grade 8: April 22 & 24

## MATH TESTS:

Grade 5: April 28 & 30  
Grade 6: April 29 & May 1  
Grade 7: April 29 & May 1  
Grade 8: April 28 & 30  
Algebra 1: May 5 & 6

**Please note: There are not ANY state Social Studies tests this year.**



## SMS MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

### SMS JAZZ BAND

All 7th and 8th grade band students are welcome, including those who play piano, guitar, and bass. To begin, practices will be on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6:40 AM in the SMS band room. Our first practice will be on Tuesday, January 14th.

**ANY QUESTIONS**, please contact Mr. Mayer.

email: [mayer.tim@shelbyk12.org](mailto:mayer.tim@shelbyk12.org)

phone: 419-342-6580 option #3



### UPCOMING BAND EVENTS

#### MIDWINTER BAND CONCERT

Sunday, February 23rd

7-12 Grade Bands

SHS Gym/2 PM



#### DISTRICT 10 OMEA MS SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

Saturday, March 28th

7-8 Grade Bands/Choirs (Volunteer Participants)

All Day/Northmor Schools





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## JANUARY

Saturday, January 11th: Talent Show Auditions–10:00 AM in SMS Little Theater

Sunday, January 12th: Talent Show Auditions–1:00 PM in SMS Little Theater

Monday, January 20th: **NO SCHOOL** – Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday, January 29th: Pictures–Staff/Candid/Groups

## FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 5th: Early Release for School District –  
Students Dismissed at 12:25 PM

Friday, February 7th: Box Tops Turn in Day

Friday, February 7th: 3rd Quarter Interim Reports Sent Home

Tuesday, February 11th: PTO Meeting in SMS Library – 6 PM

Monday, February 17th: **NO SCHOOL** – President’s Day

Wednesday, February 19th: SCRAP Recycling at SMS

Thursday, February 20th: Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3 PM–6 PM

Sunday, February 23rd: Midwinter Band Concert, 7–12 Grades in SHS Gym at 2 PM

Thursday, February 27th: SMS Spring Pictures



## MARCH

Monday, March 2nd: DEADLINE For Chaperones For October D.C. Trip

Wednesday, March 4th: Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3 PM–6 PM

Tuesday, March 10th: PTO Meeting in SMS Library – 6 PM

Friday, March 13th: **NO SCHOOL** For Students – Teacher–In–Service

Wednesday, March 18th: SCRAP Recycling at SMS

Friday, March 20th: 3rd Quarter Grades Sent Home

Friday, March 27th: Destination to Stardom–SMS Little Theater at 7 PM

Saturday, March 28th: Destination to Stardom–SMS Little Theater at 7 PM

Saturday, March 28th: 7th/8th Grade Band/Choir Solo and Ensemble Contest

Monday–Friday, March 30th–April 3rd: Art Palooza at MOESC



## APRIL

Tuesday, April 7th: PTO Meeting in SMS Library – 6 PM

Thursday, April 9th: D.C. Down Payment Due–\$150–Today

Thursday, April 9th: 4th Quarter Interim Grades Sent Home

Friday, April 10th–Sunday, April 19th: **NO SCHOOL/SPRING BREAK**

Wednesday, April 15th: SCRAP Recycling at SMS

Friday, April 24th: Box Top Turn in Day



## DESTINATION TO STARDOM – SMS TALENT SHOW

Friday and Saturday Evening

March 27th & 28th at 7 PM in SMS Little Theater

JOIN Our 7th/8th Grade Students For A Fun Evening and Great Talent





