

## **SHUMATE Family Update January 27, 2022**

Hello Shumate Families,

As the first semester draws to a close and we prepare for the second semester starting on Monday, we would like to thank you for all your support. We would also like to share with you how our families can further assist our students throughout the remainder of the year.

We are extremely proud of the determination and grit our students demonstrated this semester. In particular, we are proud of how our students embraced the return to “normal” after the past 2 years of remote and hybrid learning. This return to normal would not have been possible without a true team effort, including all stakeholders. Thank you for working alongside us to help our children find success during this first semester!

As we approach the second half of the year, we will continue to build on the positive momentum established over the past several months, while striving to achieve increased excellence in all that we do. This requires dedication, determination, hard work and a relentless approach towards achieving our goals.

Parents often ask us how they can support their child and help their middle school student find increased success. While the answer to this question often looks very different from one individual student to another, one commonality that positively impacts all students is a shared and communicated value of scholarly improvement.

Verbally sharing values related to education is extremely important. However, there are other extremely important, yet subtle ways to show your child that their learning is important to you...and should be to them as well. Carving out time for students to complete assignments prior to video games demonstrates that their learning is a priority to you and your family. Checking grades on MiStar and discussing progress not only gives you information as a parent, but demonstrates to your child that you are invested in their learning. Promoting punctual arrival and regular attendance when students are healthy is a key component of showing students that you value their time spent learning.

We are truly blessed to have such supportive families. Thank you for teaming with us to help all of our Seahawks soar!

Please see below for information that will help you through the next week and beyond:

### **Spring School Pictures**

School Name: Shumate Middle School

Picture Day Date: Friday, February 18

Picture Day ID: EVT9BZWZW

Link:

<https://lifetouch.com/>

### **Yearbook Orders**

Have you purchased your yearbook yet?

If not, prices are going up. Purchase your yearbook this week at Jostens.com while the price is still only \$35. Prices will rise to \$40 starting on Saturday. Preorder before the sale ends.

Link:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1063458/Shumate-Middle-School/>

### **The SMS Art Department Needs You!**

The art department is in desperate need of the following:

- Newspapers, newsprint only please, no ads or coupons
- Styrofoam egg cartons, all sizes
- Paper towel cardboard cores

Please have your student drop off items in room 107, Mrs. Walchak's room.

These items will be needed for the remainder of the school year.

### **PBIS Quarterly Positive behavior Reward**

Our Seahawks have selected to celebrate the 80s! On February 4th, the winning grade level will receive popcorn at lunch and be released to watch a movie in the auditorium during 5th and 6th hours.

Locker Cleanout

Advisory

8th - 1/25

7th - 1/27

6th - 1/26

### **SMS Parent Group Meetings**

All meetings take place on Monday evenings, beginning at 6:00.

Here's a list of upcoming SMS Parent Group Meetings:

February 14

March 21

April 18

May 16

### **Important Dates**

January 28 - Half Day for Students (PM Teacher Workday)

January 28 - Last Day of First Semester

Feb 16 - Half Day for All Students (PM Professional Development for Teachers)

February 21 - No School (Presidents' Day)

March 23 - Half Day for All Students (PM Professional Development for Teachers)

March 28 - April 1 - No School (Spring Break)

Please use the link below to access the entire district calendar:

## SHUMATE MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday 1/28 Woodhaven H 4:00  
Monday 1/31 Southgate A 4:00  
Wednesday 2/02 Tay. West A 4:00  
Friday 2/04 Tay. Hoover H 4:00  
Monday 2/07 Wyandotte H 4:00  
Friday 2/11 Woodhaven A 4:00  
Monday 2/14 Lincoln Park H 4:00  
Wednesday 2/16 Wyandotte A 4:00  
Wednesday 2/23 Allen Park A 4:00  
Friday 2/25 Trenton H 4:00

### 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Wrestling

Thursday 1/27 Southgate/AP H 4:00  
Tuesday 2/01 AP/Southgate A (AP) 4:00  
Thursday 2/03 Wdvn/Wy/SG A (SG) 4:00  
Tuesday 2/08 SG/LP/WY A (WY) 4:00  
Friday 2/11 LP/Trenton A (SG) 4:00  
Tuesday 2/15 Wdvn/LP H 4:00  
Thursday 2/17 WY/Wdvn/SG A (WY) 4:00  
League Meet  
Saturday 2/26 TBD

### Competitive Cheer

Saturday 2/05 Grosse Ile  
Friday 2/11 Airport

Warmest Seahawks Regards,

Eric Cassie & Dave Anderson