

February 17, 2022

Hello Shumate Families

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

Spring Picture Day 2/18/22

Please use the link and information below if you choose to order spring pictures tomorrow. We will reschedule to a new date in the event that we have to cancel school tomorrow due to inclement weather.

Link: <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/>

Picture Day ID: EVT9BZWZW

Lunches for Friends

We want to remind parents that we don't allow adults to drop off lunches for students other than their own child. Food allergies and other medical issues make these "good deeds" potentially troublesome, and even dangerous.

8th Grade - Washington DC Update:

Last week, the Gibraltar Board of Education formally approved our planned trip to Washington DC! We are excited to be one step closer to bringing this amazing experience back to reality for our students.

As you may have heard, Washington DC implemented a vaccine mandate at [designated establishments](#) as of January 15. We had been in contact with our trip provider regarding the specifics of our trip and were making plans to avoid establishments that fell under the vaccine requirements. Yesterday, however, Washington DC officials announced that the city's [vaccine mandate has been lifted](#).

With just over 100 days until departure, this sudden change, while good news, highlights the need for our staff, students and adult travelers to remain flexible. We did not anticipate the Jan.15 mandate to have a huge impact on our plans because many of our planned sites in Washington DC are outdoors...for example, Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial and other monuments/memorials. Additionally, we have always stayed outside of Washington DC and have often eaten at venues outside of the city because of close proximity to Maryland and Virginia. As a result, any disruptions to our initial plans were expected to be limited.

While the lifting of the vaccine mandate allows us to revert back towards a more traditional itinerary, we cannot predict what will happen or what may change in the next 100 days. Under normal circumstances, we don't have a final itinerary until three weeks prior to departure. In these ever-changing and uncertain times, we must all remain patient and flexible. In the meantime, we will continue to work with WorldStrides to plan and organize an educational and fun experience for all.

If you have any specific questions, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Dunwoody.  
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#### Coupons For Our Troops

NJHS along with the Gibraltar Kiwanis are collecting coupons to benefit our military troops, and help offset the expense of living overseas. You and your families can help! By collecting coupons, expired or not, your donation can support military troops and their families. Not only will your donation benefit the military troops that constantly defend us and our country, but your child also has the chance to be entered into a raffle for a pizza party! For every five coupons you donate, you will receive one entry into the raffle. Coupons must also state “manufacturer’s coupon” somewhere on them, and cannot be expired for over 6 months. We accept all coupons, but coupons for food, clothes, and other common household items are the top priority. The fundraiser will run from February 9th to the 23rd. You can turn in your coupons into Mrs. Gresham in room 112.

#### Winter 4Frenzy Fan Choice Awards

Our very own CHS Hockey Coach Trent Begeman is in the running for the Winter 4Frenzy Fan Choice Award

PLEASE VOTE: Winter 4Frenzy Fan Choice Awards.

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/4frenzy/2022/02/15/voting-starts-wednesday-at-11-am/#/gallery?group=407072>

You can vote once an hour until Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 11 p.m.

GO BLUE!!!

#### 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:

March 21

April 18

May 16

#### Important Dates

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:

[Full One-Page District Calendar 2021/22 School Year](#)

#### SHUMATE MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 2/23 Allen Park A 4:00

Thursday 2/24 Tay. Hoover H 4:00

Friday 2/25 Trenton H 4:00

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Wrestling

Thursday 2/24 Wdvn/Wy/SG A (SG) 4:30

League Meet

Saturday 2/26 TBD

Warmest Seahawk Regards,

Eric Cassie & Dave Anderson