

**September 30, 2021**

Hello Shumate Families,

As is always the case during these first few weeks, time flies by as students and staff alike work to find routines that will normalize the return to school schedule. These first few weeks can be exhausting for everyone, parents included. To that end, we want to begin by thanking our Shumate families for sending us such terrific young people!

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

### **Cell Phones**

Now that students are using lockers, we need to remind everyone that cell phones should be placed in student lockers each morning with the ringer turned off. The only time cell phones are allowed in the hallways are before and after school. Please see the below section on cell phones from the Shumate Student Code of Conduct:

Code of Conduct

SMS Handbook p.19

Cell phones and other personal communication devices can be a useful tool; however, many times these communication devices hinder the educational process. These devices are allowed in school, and may be used before and after school, however, they must be placed in the student's locker before first hour and must remain there until after the advisory period. Abusing the district's cell phone policy, may result in confiscation of the device. SMS and their staff members will not be responsible for the safekeeping of PCDs, and students assume all responsibility for any loss, damage, or theft that may occur.

Consequences:

Students found in violation of the policy will have their cell phone immediately confiscated and the following actions administered:

- First offense – Returned to student at end of day
- Second offense –Returned to parent
- Third offense –Parent meeting to discuss the rules and consequences

### **MiStar Grades**

Official grades will live in MiStar, and only MiStar this year. Mistar can be accessed through the Parent Portal or Student Portal. This is a return to how we maintained grades prior to last year when we used Schoology to house grades. Students will still see some grades in Schoology, but these are only the grades resulting from Schoology-based assignments that are automatically pushed to MiStar to join non-Schoology grades. Grades in Schoology will not encapsulate your child's entire grade picture.

### **PSAT 8/9-Fall 2021 Schedule and Info**

Test Date - 10/5/21

8th Grade Students:

8th grade students will begin testing at 8:10 within their assigned rooms. Please encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast and arrive well rested.

6th and 7th Grade Students:

6th and 7th graders will remain with their 1st hour class through the entire morning to minimize disruptions during testing . 2nd and 3rd-hour teachers of 6th and 7th grade classes will assign work for students on Schoology that will be completed during this block.

All classes will eat lunch during their normal times, and will attend their 5th and 6th hour classes, as well as Advisory during the afternoon.

### **Picture Retakes**

Picture retakes will take place on October 11th.

### **Gibraltar Kiwanis Club Zombie Body Part Road Rally**

As many of you know, the Gibraltar Kiwanis Club is a wonderful supporter of Shumate and the Gibraltar School District. Please see the attached flyer for information about this family friendly, socially distanced road rally that will take place on October 24th.

### **SMS Parent Group Meetings - REVISED**

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

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

October 18

November 22

January 10

February 2

March 8

April 12

May 10

### **SHUMATE MIDDLE SCHOOL 2021 FALL SPORT SCHEDULE and General Information**

\*\*\*Please See Girls Basketball Camp Attachment for 7th and 8th graders only\*\*\*

#### Football

Wednesday 10/6 Trenton H 4:00

Wednesday 10/13 Woodhaven H 4:00

Wednesday 10/20 Wyandotte A 4:00

Wednesday 10/27 Trenton A 4:00

#### 7th & 8th Volleyball

Monday 10/4 Wyandotte A 4:00

Wednesday 10/6 Taylor West A 4:00

Monday 10/11 Woodhaven H 4:00  
Monday 10/18 Taylor Hoover H 4:00  
Wednesday 10/20 Allen Park A 4:00  
Wednesday 10/25 Southgate H 4:00  
Friday 10/27 Lincoln Park A 4:00

#### Cross Country

All Jamborees begin at 4pm

Saturday 10/02 Marauder Invite H  
Host: Carlson (Lake Erie Metropark)  
Time: 11:30am

Tuesday 10/05 Southgate Jamboree A  
Host: Southgate (Patriot's Park)

Saturday 10/09 Monroe Milers Invite A  
Host: Monroe (Munson Park)  
Time: 10:15am

Tuesday 10/12 Woodhaven Jamboree A  
Host: Woodhaven (Lake Erie Metropark)

Thursday 10/21 League Meet  
Host: Wyandotte

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL NAMES / CITIES

Arthurs MS Trenton  
Hoover MS Taylor  
West MS Taylor  
Wilson MS Wyandotte  
Brownstown MS Woodhaven  
Davidson JH Southgate  
Allen Park MS Allen Park  
Lincoln Park MS Lincoln Park

Warmest Seahawk Regards,  
Eric Cassie & Dave Anderson