

5/4/2020

Hello Shumate Families,

We've all heard the term "the new normal" quite a bit lately. It's amazing how much more normal this feels than just a few weeks ago. Through it all, I've been so proud of our staff and students for working together to allow our kids to remain connected, albeit virtually. Years from now the kids will remember the difficulties, the inconvenience, the frustration, and for some the sadness and pain of this pandemic. It's our hope that they'll also remember that their teachers cared about them and checked in regularly to make sure that they were holding up and doing alright academically and emotionally. That being said, I know that every single Seahawk can't wait to get back to the building, back to friends, and back to a semblance of the "old normal".

Please see below for helpful information as enter online week 3!

Within this week's update you'll find:

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Link for Student Work - 4/27/20-5/1/20

You will once again find that all core classes are the same for every student (by grade level), with the exception of math. Please check with your child to make sure that you are looking at the correct math class. Other than that, you'll just need to find your kid's 3rd cardmarking electives for information about their other 2 classes.

Link for the week of 5/4/20 - 5/8/20

https://docs.google.com/document/d/19KEcU2YD2-AcEagO5k623QeUgBIUUnS6hePXB3P7U_M/edit?usp=sharing

Google Meets Expectations - Student Responsibilities - Dispelling Rumors

There is a rumor floating around with some students that Google Meets are optional. This is not the case. The only option is (in some cases) whether a student chooses a 10:00 session or a 1:00 session when both are available. I want to make this perfectly clear to the students. Unless you have a very, very good reason for not attending, you need to be online during the class times. If there is a reason you can't attend, you MUST reach out to your teacher to inform them of why you were unable to connect, and establish a plan to catch up. Furthermore, if there is a situation in your home related to health or connectivity, we need you to contact your counselor so we can make arrangements to help you, or in some cases excuse your participation "absence". Without such communication, you will not receive your participation points for the week.

Google Meets - Connectivity Troubleshooting

We've noticed some commonalities in the connections problems reported by several students. The following 2 tips will solve a ton of student connections issues when attempting to join your Google Meets. If your child is struggling to connect, please remind them of these 2 easy fixes:

1. A reminder that students cannot get into a Google Meet until the teacher has entered. If you get an error message, wait a minute or 2 and try again.
2. The password is case sensitive. Don't add capitals or spaces.

BIG Ideas / Concepts For Students - Remainder of School Year

Please use the link below to view the three or so big concepts for the remainder of the year within each class. This document is a work in progress, and it's only about 97% complete. We'll update it each week until it's complete. That being said, we wanted you to see it as soon as possible to gain a better understanding of where your child will be going throughout the remainder of our online journey. Please don't confuse this with the weekly assignment documents. This will serve as a general overview for the rest of the year, whereas the weekly updates serve as specific notification of assigned work. Here's the link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1q6aq2NXNMCZNmddb9iZ5fAoZ0GuMZP7ZzNWPjnikA/edit?usp=sharing>

NJHS Application Information

All NJHS applications are due Sunday, May 10th. There is an online application on Shumate's website that can be filled out and emailed to Mrs. Gresham along with your essay. If you have any questions or concerns please email Mrs. Gresham at greshaj@gibdist.net.

Food Service and Distribution

Food Service sent out Free and Reduced Meal Applications and informative letters in each meal bag last week. Knowing that these notifications will not reach all families, we will include the following notice in all updates throughout the remainder of the year within the parent update and attach all information and the application. Hopefully this will help those that need assistance and qualify through these difficult times. Those that qualify will also start the new school year with either the Free or Reduced Meal status for the first 30 days of school next year.

For those that **do not already qualify for free and reduced meals and your income has changed**, See attached information and application form.

If you have any questions call Food Service 734 379-7619.

Mental Health - GSD Family Check-In/Student Support Protocol Plan

This will be sent to families on Monday. Please feel free to share:

As you've read in prior updates, we are providing a wide range of mental health supports for our students throughout this difficult time. Please use the link below if you are concerned about your child's current mental health needs. If you are struggling with finding a balance, need family support, or your student is experiencing a mental health concern, please take some time to fill out this quick survey by clicking the link below to access the Gibraltar Schools Family Check-In/Student Support Protocol Plan letter. This letter contains with additional links to the [GSD Family Check-In/Student Support Response Form](#) and [GSD COVID-19 Family Crisis Resources](#).

Gibraltar Schools Family Check-In/Student Support Protocol Plan Letter:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pC6e6TmKjPXVcLVFKNwJLmA--uYFEvY9RC00kZYJVD8/edit?usp=sharing>

Shumate GLOBE

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 marked a very special day. Not only was it Earth Day, the day also marked the 25th Anniversary of The GLOBE Program. To help celebrate, 26 students from Mr. Bouwman's GLOBE Advisory Team signed into their most important online conference of the year - the 2020 GLOBE International Virtual Science Symposium (IVSS) Results presentation hosted on YouTube Live. Joined by NASA Scientists and local representatives from Wayne RESA, the Shumate Citizen Scientists anxiously watched with research teams from every continent (except for Antarctica) as they awaited for Dr. Tony Murphy (The GLOBE Program) and representatives from NASA to release this year's IVSS results. Our research teams were not disappointed! Seven out of Shumate's nine teams earned the highest possible score of 4 Stars. The remaining two teams each earned a very respectable 3 Stars for their efforts throughout the year. To add to the excitement, the team of Charlotte Clavet (8th Grade), Lilyannah Dunigan (7th Grade), and Joselyn Zieleck (6th Grade) were selected as one of the two teams from North America in the GLOBE IVSS Drawing. This marks the second consecutive year that a Shumate team was selected as one of the top two research teams in the North American region. Hopefully Clavet, Dunigan, and Zieleck will be able to once again share their research, "[How Does Aerosol Optical Thickness \(AOT\) Vary Within 50 Kilometers of Lake Erie?](#)" with scientists from around the world in the near future. Go Seahawks!

Class of 2024 Shirts & Decals

Parents of 8th Grade Students - You can use the link below to order a Class of 2024 shirt or decal that will be delivered directly to your house. The link will be active for the next 30 days.
https://letloverule.com/chs_class_of_2024/shop/home

Reminders for students:

All work is due by 4:00 on Friday.

Meet with your class using Google Meets at approximately 10:00am and/or 1:00pm each day following the schedule below. Specific times will be communicated by your child's teacher through Google Classroom.

Monday - Math

Tuesday - ELA

Wednesday - Science

Thursday - Social Studies

Friday - Electives (1st-3rd hours at approximately 10:00 and 4th-6th hours at approximately 1:00)

Please look for similar updates every Monday at 9:00am.

Warmest Seahawk Regards,

Eric Cassie & Dave Anderson