

SHARON HILL SCHOOL NEWS

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information that may assist during your child's 2020-2021 academic journey.

April Announcements

◆ **PSSA English Language Arts/ Mathematics (gr. 3-8), Science (gr. 4 and 8) — Spring Break**

Boxtops for Education & Labels for Education Drive 2020-21 is continually running. - We will continue this drive all year long. This drive is easy to take part in; simply survey your items at home, clip, and send in the Education emblem with your child to his/ her homeroom.

Parents, please log in to the district website (www.sedelco.org) and complete the district survey by Fri., April 2 (12 noon) for each of your school age children in Gr. 3– 8 to indicate if your child(ren) will participate in the PA state assessment (ACCESS, PASA, PSSA, Keystone) for the 2020– 21 school year.

Spring Recess: March 25- April 4, 2021 (School Resumes on Mon., April 5)

PSSA administration (COMING IN MAY):

Students in grades 3, 5, 7 will be completing PSSA ELA (English, Language Arts) on May 3-5; Math on May 6-7

Students in grades 4, 6, 8 will be completing PSSA ELA (English, Language Arts) on May 10– 12; Math on May 13-14

Students in gr. 4 and 8 (ONLY) will complete the Science PSSA on May 19– 20

Make up Dates: May 17, 21, and 24

Algebra I students in gr. 8 (ONLY) will take the Keystone Assessment on May 25-26

Students are encouraged to give their full effort to demonstrate their educational growth this year.

Monthly Character Trait: *Honesty/ Integrity*

“The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.”

Diogenes Laertius



$$E^3=S^3$$

Encouraging, Engaging, and Empowering = Student and Staff Success

April 2021

Parent Survey for State Assessments	Due by Fri., April 2 (12 noon)
Spring Break Ends	April 4
School Resumes	April 5
ACCESS Testing (for EL students only)	April 12– 23
PASA (for selected SpEd students only)	April 26– May 7
PSSA ELA (gr. 3-8)	May
PSSA Math (gr. 3- 8)	May
PSSA Science (gr. 4 and 8 ONLY)	May
Keystone Assessments (Gr. 8 Algebra I students only)	May

Contact Information

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Staying Safe

To provide convenience and safety for all, we ask families to review:

- Properly wearing a face covering in public settings.
- Practice Social Distancing.
- Stay home when you are sick except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. When not readily available, use hand sanitizer until you can wash them with soap and water.
- Clean and disinfect frequently high touch surfaces.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Internet Safety

- **Personal Information.** Don't give out personal information without your parents' permission. This means you should not share your last name, home address, school name, or telephone number. Remember, just because someone asks for information about you does not mean you have to tell them anything about yourself!
- **Downloading.** Talk to your parents before you open an email attachment or download software. Attachments sometimes contain viruses. Never open an attachment from someone you don't know.
- **Bullying.** Don't send or respond to mean or insulting messages. Tell your parents if you receive one. If something happens online that makes you feel uncomfortable, talk to your parents or to

5 Ways to Maximize Student Success

1. **Eat a healthy breakfast before school.**
This wakes up the brain and prepares the child for academics.
2. **Come to school on time everyday!**
This allows your child to advance academically minimizing/ closing the gap in their education.
3. **Provide a quiet, well-lit area for the students to complete homework.**
This provides little to no distraction during their independent display of learning.
4. **Ask your child about what they learn in school a few times a week.**
This shows that school is important to you and reinforces the skills your child learned in school.
5. **Check in periodically with your child's teacher to evaluate progress or regress in academics/behavior.**
This allows your child to know that school a priority!

Things to Remember:

Please read the Parent Virtual Handbook.

Please ensure that you have completed and returned all the parent questionnaire. **Update information, such as address, phone number, and email address as necessary with your child's teacher.**

School Start Time: 8:40 AM (Students may begin entering teacher virtual sessions at 8:40 AM and follow the prescribed daily schedule.)

Unified Classroom (PowerSchool)- Parents (grades 3– 8) are encouraged to access their child's grades via the on-line Unified Classroom (PowerSchool) at least bi-weekly to monitor the progression/ regression of academics. Parents must sign up for a username and password through our central office to access the system.

Lunch Program: In order to receive lunch, students can go to APHS between 11– 12 noon on Mon., Wed., Fri.



Reading Corner

Simple Strategies for Creating Strong Readers

- * Invite your child to read with you every day.
- * Read a child's favorite book over and over again.
- * Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- * Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- * Read from a variety of books, including fiction and nonfiction.

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