



# SHARON HILL SCHOOL NEWS

Monthly Character Trait: Citizenship



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

## December Announcements

**Sharon Hill Home & School Association** is looking for parents, teachers, and community members who are willing to work together for our children to make a difference in their education, health, welfare and safety. It is a far larger job than any one of us could do alone and the reason why we need your support. We would like to build our Home and School Association (both officers or event volunteers) with parents who are willing to sacrifice a little time and effort for a wealth of rewards in the life of your child. Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the most important factors in raising student's self-esteem and academic achievement. Moreover, most experts agree that parental involvement should go beyond attendance at teacher conferences and open house events. ***If you are interested, please contact the school at 610-522-4355 x4530.*** Become a member of Sharon Hill's Home & School today! Dues are only \$5.00 per family.

Power School: Gr. 3-8 parents, remember to log into Unified Classroom to check your child's academic progress frequently. Please contact the school's main office for PowerSchool assistance.

**Monthly School Board Meeting**– December 17, 2020

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### SHS Owl's Salute

"We show **OWL PRIDE** because we choose to be **Outstanding, Wise, Learners, Listeners, and Leaders**".



"Do the best you can in every task, no matter how unimportant it may seem at the time. No one learns more about a problem than the person at the bottom."

– Sandra Day O'Conner

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Equitable learning opportunities, not equality = Student and Staff Success

## December 2020

### Dates to Remember

Southeast Delco School Board Meeting	December 17
Progress Notice #2	December 18
11:30 am Student Early Dismissal Day	December 23
Students' Winter Recess	Dec. 23 — Jan. 3
School Resumes	January 4

### **Contact Information**

Sharon Hill School  
701 Coates Street  
Sharon Hill, PA 19079  
(610) 522-4355  
[www.sedelco.org](http://www.sedelco.org)

- \*Principal: Charles Baxter (x4599)
- \*Asst. Principal: Daniel Duane (x4577)
- \*Guidance Counselor: Jessica Thomas (x4535)
- \*Secretary: Stefanie Thompson (x4530)
- \*Attendance: Malika Oliver (x4532)
- \*School Nurse: Rita Sawyer (x4540)

# 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 a teacher at school.
- **Social Networking.** Many social networking websites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, and Tik Tok) and blog hosting websites have minimum age requirements to signup. These requirements are there to protect you!

## 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.

**Home Access Center (HAC)-** Parents (grades 3– 8) are encouraged to access their child's grades via the on-line HAC System 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.

## 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!



## Facts About Reading Aloud

### Reading, Literacy, & Education Statistics

#### Education Statistic

- Five to six year olds have a vocabulary of 2,500– 5,000 words.

#### Literacy Statistic

- To participate fully in society and the workplace in 2020, citizens will need powerful literacy abilities that until now have been achieved by only a small percentage of the population.

#### Reading Statistic

- Out-of-school reading habits of students has shown that even 15 minutes a day of independent reading can expose students to more than a million words of text in a year.

**Source:** The Literacy Company.

([http://www.readfaster.com/education\\_stats.asp](http://www.readfaster.com/education_stats.asp))