

SHARON HILL SCHOOL NEWS

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information that may assist during your child's 2020-2021 academic journey.
 Monthly Character Trait: Respect/ Responsibility

October Announcements

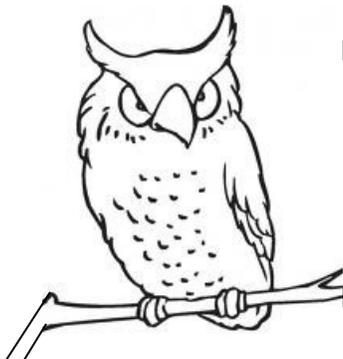
Sharon Hill Home & School Association is looking for parents, teachers, and community members who are willing to work together for our children to make a difference in their education, health, welfare and safety. It is a far larger job than any one of us could do alone and the reason why we need your 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 Mr. Ruane (Assistant Principal) at 610-522-4355 x4577 or Mr. Baxter at x4599.***

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS): Students should continue to implement and practice the Monthly Character Trait, Monthly Growth Mindset Goals, and the PBIS info during class sessions.

All parent volunteers MUST complete the required background checks in order to participate in school sponsored events (ex: field trips, classroom volunteer, etc.).

SHS Owl's Salute

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



" Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

– John Dewey

$$E^3=S^3$$

Equitable learning opportunities, not equality = Student and Staff Success

October 2020

Dates to Remember

Progress Notice #1 (Check PowerSchool)	October 9
Professional Development Day	October 12 (No School for Students)
Southeast Delco School Board Meeting	October 22

Contact Information

Sharon Hill School
 701 Coates Street
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*Principal: Mr. Baxter (x4599)

*Asst. Principal: Mr. Ruane (x4577)

*Guidance Counselor: Mrs. J. Thomas (x4534)

*Secretary: Ms. S. Thompson (x4530)

*Attendance: Ms. Schrader (x4532)

*Nurse: Mrs. 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 the progress or regress in academics/behavior.** This allows your child to know that school a priority!



Facts About Reading Aloud

Reading Aloud Important, but Too Many Children Neglected

Reading aloud to children is vital because it helps them acquire the information and skills they need in life:

- Knowledge of printed letters and words, and the relationship between sound and print.
- The meaning of words.
- How books work, and a variety of writing styles.
- The world in which they live.
- The difference between written language and everyday conversation.
- The pleasure of reading.

Source: U.S. Department of Education.

(<http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/facts-about-reading-aloud.htm>)