

MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, April 22, 2016

IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING PSSA TESTING

The students at Shaler Area Middle School will take the PSSA tests throughout the month of April:

April 22	PSSA – Mathematics
April 27	PSSA – Science (8 th Grade Only)

Mr. Martynuska and Mrs. Howard have prepared a letter for parents informing them of encouragement and support that parents can provide to help students achieve advanced and proficient scores on the tests. Also, information regarding the use of calculators and the restriction of iPads, iPod, Phones, Apple/smart watches or other electronic devices in the testing area can be found by visiting <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-JZfozjtlc9c1k3V1dmbW1CM3VIVIZ1UDd2bFpBRkdxWXJN/view?usp=sharing>. After viewing the website, if you have any concerns regarding the content of the tests, please schedule an appointment with Mrs. Howard at 412-492-1200 x2500 to review any concerns.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IPAD USE

As we are seeing an increase in some students not taking proper care of the iPads, we wanted to take this opportunity to review the Student Responsibilities. We ask that you please take a moment to review these expectations with your child.

Please take a moment to review the Student Responsibilities for the iPads (as listed in the Student Handbook and the iPad Agreement):

When using the iPad at home, at school, and anywhere else I may take it, I will follow the policies of Shaler Area School District, especially the Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use Policy, and abide by all local, state, and Federal laws.

I will treat the iPad with care by not dropping it, getting it wet, leaving it outdoors, or submitting it to extreme conditions/temperatures.

I will keep my iPad in its school-issued protective case at all times.

I will not lend my iPad to anyone, not even my friends or family; I will keep it in a secure spot at all times.

I will not remove District-owned programs or files from the iPad.

I will bring the iPad to school every day.

I agree that email (or any electronic communication) should be used only for appropriate, legitimate, and responsible communication.

I will keep all accounts and passwords assigned to me secure and will not share them with anyone else.

I will not attempt to repair the iPad.

I will return the iPad when requested and upon my withdrawal from the School District.

Therefore, students are expected to keep their iPads in good repair and take good care of the device. As part of this, students are expected to keep the front cover over the face of the iPad when it is not in use. Further, students should treat the device with care, even though it has a protective case.

Shannon M. Howard
Assistant Principal
412-492-1200 Ext 2500

KENNYWOOD PARK - SCHOOL PICNIC - May 7, 2016.

School tickets for Kennywood Park will be sold at the Shaler Area Central Office on **Thursday May 5 and Friday, May 6 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. Each ticket will be \$26.00. Only cash or money orders will be accepted. No personal checks. It will be possible to purchase your tickets at your school's Kennywood website at www.kennywood.com/shaler. Tickets are available for purchase up until our school picnic on May 7, 2016.

FIELD TRIPS:

7th Grade Trip to Cleveland: Permission slips and payment of \$60 for the 7th grade trip to the Cleveland Art Museum/Natural History Center are due. In addition, a parent/guardian has to complete the online waiver form on www.zipcityusa.com/Cleveland.

CLUBS and ACTIVITIES

Friday:
Library Lasagna

The results from the Talent Show Auditions will be posted outside the cafeteria and music rooms at lunchtime.

Attention Student Council members: there is an important lunch meeting today. Members are asked to get their lunches and report to Dr. Gerlach's room, during your assigned grade level lunch. 8th & 7th grade will meet separately. Please attend at these times, thank you!

Congratulations to our five Middle School Latin students who placed on the 2016 National Latin Exam. Mara Gillespie, Allison Himrod, Abbey Royer, and Elisa Gabriel earned "silver certificates of merit" for high scores on the National Latin Exam. Ella Mizera earned a "gold certificate of merit" and ribbon for an exemplary score on the National Latin Exam. All five students will be honored in a ceremony at the High School in May.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: For the Math Sections of the PSSA, you will need to bring your calculators to the test on Friday.

REMEMBER TONIGHT IS THE STEELERS FOOTBALLERS BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER

At 8:00 pm at the High School Gym A. Please come and see the Shaler Area teachers play against the Pittsburgh Steeler football players. Doors open at 6 pm. Pizza, Nachos, soft pretzels, walking tacos, bake sale

will be served starting at 6:30 pm. There will be a Chinese auction as well as a 50/50 auction. There will also be autographs during halftime. Preordered tickets will be at the Will Call Table for pick up.

SPORTS:

Friday:

7th/8th Baseball has an away game against North Allegheny.

Students will be dismissed at 2:20. Bus leaves at 2:30.

7th/8th Boys WHITE Volleyball team has a home game against Latrobe at the MS Gym A at 4:00.

On **Saturday** the 7th/8th Grade Boys Volleyball teams will host a tournament at 9:00 a.m. at the High School.

The 9th grade softball team defeated Elwood City yesterday with a score of 10-3. Tori Martrano had 10 strike outs from the mound and several teammates had extra base hits to rally together for the win! The team will next host Seneca Valley on Tuesday at Hilltop Field for a Pink Out.

A Reminder to all Track and Field Athletes, there is a meet on Tuesday, April 26th. Athletes need to be here at the Middle School at 2:00 pm. The bus leaves at 2:10 pm.

Shaler Area Inline Hockey will be holding player evaluations at Alpha Ice Harmarville for all levels on the following dates and times. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the starting time as player evaluations start promptly.

2016 Player Evaluation Dates (based on grade entering in the Fall 2016)

Monday, May 2 @ 6p-8p Elementary (3rd - 6th Grade)

Tuesday, May 3 @ 6p-8p Middle School (7th - 8th Grade)

Tuesday, May 10 @ 6pm-8pm High School (9th-12th Grade)

Everyone must come to a player evaluation or they cannot be placed on a team. Additional information can be found on flyers located on the table outside of the Activities Office or by contacting shalerinline@yahoo.com.

Shaler Area Boys' Basketball Boosters Spring Hoops Camp will be held from May 23rd to 26th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. *Grades 2-4 (6:00 – 7:30 pm), Grades 5-7 (7:30 – 9:00 pm) at the Scott Elementary School Gymnasium. Deadline for registration is Monday, May 16th, 2016. Flyers are available on the table outside of the Activities Office or by contacting Coach Rob Niederberger, Shaler Area Head Boys' Basketball Coach at 4142-780.8718 or at robnieder@yahoo.com.

Directions to all of our games and matches can be found at our website at www.sasd.k12.pa.us. Go to the red ribbon at the top of the page and click on Athletics and then to the drop down menu for directions.

ATTENDANCE:

STUDENTS: Students are reminded that they must provide a written excuse for all absences. Students should report to homeroom then bring their excuse to the Attendance Office.

Students with Early Dismissals should report to homeroom, and then bring their note to the Attendance Office where they will sign the Early Dismissal sheet and obtain a green pass for their dismissal.

TEACHERS: Please remind the students of their responsibilities.

OTHER

ATTENTION - LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL REGARDING THE “WEAR YOUR BEST” DANCE, MAY 6, 2016.

April 20, 2016

Dear SAMS Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce our final dance of the 2015-2016 school year. The theme is “Wear Your Best”, which is known to our students as their annual “Semi Formal.”

This dance will be held on Friday May 6, 2014 from 7:00-9:00 PM in our cafeteria. Tickets must be purchased in advance at our activities office and the price of admission will be \$5.00 per person.

Some simple guidelines for our final dance are as follows:

****Student attire is defined as “Wear Your Best” outfit which is also dress code appropriate, which means the best “dressy” clothes that students currently own. Please do not feel compelled or pressured to venture to the store to buy new clothing such as gowns or suits more suitable for formal occasions. There will be plenty of opportunities for students to shop for more formal attire for high school homecoming dances and the prom. We do not wish for this dance to end trumping a prom, become a high drama event nor a significant added expense for our students/ families.**

****In the past, I have been told that students were dismissed early for hair and makeup appointments, spray tans, and some students even travelled to school in limousines. These types of things are not necessary as it is our desire to make this dance a less complex, fun event. We want this dance to be an enjoyable farewell to the school year for our students, and we wish to keep things as simple as possible.**

We look forward to seeing our students and staff wearing their “Best” as we enjoy our final dance of the school year!

Sincerely,
Mr. Martynuska
Principal

Mrs. Howard
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING END-OF-YEAR EVENT ELIGIBILITY

The end of the 2015-16 school year is fast approaching! We would like to remind all students and parents that attending school-sponsored activities and events is a privilege and we fully expect our students to act and behave in a positive manner.

As indicated in our student handbook, any student who causes excessive discipline or behavioral problems in school, is negligent in paying any school related fines, is not maintaining academic progress, or not meeting attendance requirements forfeits their opportunity to participate in school-sponsored activities, trips, or team rewards.

Students who are suspended (either In-School or Out-of-School) **beginning on April 1 through the remainder of the current school year** will not be eligible to attend school sponsored activities, such as the school dance in May. Any funds paid in advance for school sponsored activities *may* not be refunded. Also, any inappropriate behavior while participating in a school sponsored activity or event activity will result in an automatic exclusion from the next scheduled activity or event for that same school year.

Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support in reinforcing the importance of good citizenship with your child!

Martin J. Martynuska

Principal

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