

## Shaler Area Middle School Announcements

Tuesday  
May 26, 2020

STUDENTS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR @SHALER.US EMAIL ACCOUNT DAILY

Your teachers are sending you replies and posts that you may be missing.

USE YOUR @SHALER.US ACCOUNT TO SUBMIT WORK - DO NOT USE PERSONAL EMAIL ACCOUNTS

**Parents and students, here are directions to access your student @shaler.us email**

1. Go to google.com
2. Hit the 9-dot block in the upper right
3. Select the mail icon (it's an envelope with a red M)
4. Your email address is [lastnamefirstinitial25@gmail.com](mailto:lastnamefirstinitial25@gmail.com)
5. Your password is sa.6digitschoolID (which is also your lunch code)

All google apps are web based. This includes google docs, classroom, and google drive. The google apps can be accessed using any web browser. For example, google classroom can be accessed using the web address [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com)

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Drive-Through Farewell Parade**

On Friday, May 29th at 10:00 am, Shaler Area Middle School will be hosting an 8th grade drive-through parade to say farewell to all the 8th grade students. Starting at 10:00 am, the faculty and staff will be lined up around the building to say "good-bye" and "good luck" to all the 8th grade students. We ask that, from Mt. Royal Blvd, you enter on the library side of the building and proceed around the back of the building. This is a great opportunity to say "good-bye" to the teachers, staff, and administration. Also, if you would like to get into the spirit of this, feel free to decorate your cars in Shaler Area blue, white and red. We will try to choose the best decorated car. We will also take pictures to send out for everyone to see. We look forward to seeing you there Friday! Go Titans!!!

Dr. Stennett and Dr. Howard

Fall Play – Mrs. Paul has created a google classroom code (uiexkht) for the fall play at SAMS. Zero details yet. As of now, Mrs. Paul and Ms. Goetz plan to hold fall tryouts. They are not ready to announce the title either. Please let anyone you know who is interested in participating in the fall play.

Innovations teachers have created an online gallery of student work. Also, Mr. Casey has created a gallery for one remote learning project that produced EXCELLENT work! You can view the students' work at the following links:

Innovations 8<sup>th</sup> Gallery – <https://sites.google.com/shaler.us/innovationsprojectpage/student-gallery>

Foundations 7<sup>th</sup> "Spanish: Alebrijes" gallery -

<https://sites.google.com/shaler.us/japansenzazuru/spanish/los-alebrijes/student-gallery>

Virtual STEM CAMP - now located in the Shaler Area Middle School Virtual Club Meetings Google Classroom. This camp is voluntary and for you to independently work with the iPad and learn new software essential for future careers. We are excited to announce the availability of the first lesson for

our new series “Champion Your Cause”, a series of weekly lessons designed to learn Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) on an iPad for kids in Middle while they explore a cause they feel passionate about and want to champion. We will have a new lesson each week for the duration of this 8-week program. This program was designed with the kids from the Best of the Batch Foundation in mind as part of a collaborative effort with educators from the Shaler Area Middle School

#### **VIRTUAL ‘PATH OF THE TITAN’ TICKET FOR SAMS FAMILIES -**

Have you seen your middle school student go out of his or her way to meet the core values of SAMS (Safe, Respectful, Ready) at home? Just because we’re not physically at school does not mean that positive behavior should go unacknowledged. If you see an instance where your child has displayed our core behaviors at home, use the Google Form to issue a ‘virtual’ Path of the Titan Ticket. Submitted tickets will be added to our Path of the Titan ticket total for the year, and all virtual ticket recipients will be added into a raffle at the end of the year. All SAMS staff members will be giving “virtual” tickets as well.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9xf4e--arn7cGYgWG3Fvqcy7uLVBzLe5fZmLzH\\_je058\\_kw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9xf4e--arn7cGYgWG3Fvqcy7uLVBzLe5fZmLzH_je058_kw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

#### **REIMBURSEMENTS**

Parents please be advised that we are aware that reimbursements are needed for the following trips and clubs: Chorus, Band, and Mt. Vernon. We cannot process reimbursement information or write checks until the Governor reopens the state for business, and we receive instructions to begin conducting normal business again. We appreciate your understanding while we proceed through these unprecedented times. Please rest assured that we will process these payments as quickly as possible once business resumes.

#### **INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE:**

To keep you updated on important health information, Mrs. Erdlen has created a google site. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade dental form and her contact information can both be found on this site. Please check back frequently for new information and updates.

<https://sites.google.com/view/shaler-area-middle-cerdlen/home>

#### **ATTENDANCE INFORMATION**

**We ask that parents or students visit: <https://support.sasd.k12.pa.us> no later than 3:00 p.m. on each day.** If your child is not participating in the daily remote learning activities, attendance should not be submitted. If you need additional information, please read the Remote Learning Student Attendance Portal instructions located on the Middle School website.

#### **GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE:**

The School Counseling Department has created a school counseling site. This site can also be used for you to ask questions or request information from Mrs. Kathy Newport, Student Assistance, Ms. Kristi Coleman, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor, or Mrs. Wolff, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor. This site can also be used if you have any questions regarding attendance. <https://sites.google.com/shaler.us/sams-schoolcounseling/home>

The SAMS School Counselors have a Google Classroom. Please join if you have not already done so. The Code is z3gjahy. Posts are there to help students deal with the stress with staying home during this quarantine period. As well as course information when we get to that in the upcoming month. Ms. Coleman has several very interesting links on practicing mindfulness, relieving stress, mindful breathing techniques and self-care items to help both students and parents.