

South Hunterdon Regional School District News

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Deadline to return to in-person instruction

Just a reminder that if you have a child that is 100% remote and you would like for them to return to in-person instruction starting on Wednesday, November 11 (first day of the 2nd marking period), you must notify your child's Principal by Wednesday, October 28. The next opportunity to return to in-person learning will be at the start of the 3rd marking period which is Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

District Parent Council (DPC)

We had 89 parents who expressed interest in serving on the District Parent Council. A random drawing was held to determine the parents that would be selected for the council. Here is a list of parents that will be serving this year. If you have an idea or question you would like them to ask at one of our meetings, feel free to reach out to them. <u>District Parent Council 2020-2021</u>

Substitute Teachers Needed:

Are you looking for part-time work that fits your child's schedule? Do you have at least 60 college credits? Apply to be a substitute teacher! No teaching experience necessary; training is provided. Flexible hours, per-diem pay, positive work environment. Work where your kids learn! Contact: stephanie.zorn@shrsd.org or call 609-397-1888 x1216

Virtual Day Tuesday, November 3rd - Election Day

As per the guidance from the Governor and NJ Department of Education, all students will have a virtual day on Tuesday, November 3. We will follow the same schedule as we are using each day except **all** students will be virtual.

District Goals It is important that we continue to move forward as a district and the best Issue: October 2020

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS way to do this is by setting goals each school year. I am sharing with you the <u>District Goals</u> for the 2020-2021 school year. I will provide updates to the board and the community as to how we are progressing with each one of our goals.

Governor's Educator of the Year Nominations

Each year, South Hunterdon Regional School District participates in the Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) program. The intent of this program is to recognize the hard work of outstanding teachers and educational services professionals. I am sharing with you a nomination form if you are interested in nominating a teacher or educational services professional. You can type directly on the form. I am also sharing information about educational services professionals. Principals will be establishing a building committee to review nominations and make a selection for their building before winter break. We have wonderful teachers and educational services professionals in our schools and now is the time to recognize them for their hard work and dedication to our students, parents, and community. **Please return nomination forms directly to your child's building Principal by Friday, November 13, 2020.**

Nomination Form

Educational Services Professionals

<u>Reminder</u>

As we head into the 2nd month of the school year just a reminder of the norms we sent out for our students attending class via Zoom from home. Please make sure you review them with your child.

K - 4 Remote Learning Norms

5 - 12 Remote Learning Norms



South Hunterdon Middle/High School

Attend a <u>Virtual College Fair</u> featuring 600+ colleges from all over the world. There are 4 dates to choose from, or you can attend them all! Sign up at virtualcollegefairs.org.

The <u>Middle School Student Council</u> will be hosting two virtual events: 10/11/20 Virtual Escape Room 10/30/20 Virtual Pumpkin Carving

Halloween Boo-ing

The junior class will "boo" any person you wish by delivering a candy and treat filled jack o'lantern! You don't want your family and friends to miss out on Halloween this year!

All proceeds will go to benefit the junior class at South Hunterdon. Cost of "boo-ing" your family & friends: \$10 per jack o'lantern

Orders due by: October 15th

Date of delivery: deliveries will begin October 10th *local deliveries only (Lambertville, Stockton, West Amwell)

Underclassman Picture Day Monday, 10/19 and Friday, 10/23

Picture Order Forms are available at <u>mylifetouch.com</u> SHRHS Picture Day ID is: **EVTXRNBMB** Please click link for picture packages and pricing information: <u>Underclassman Picture Day</u>



SOUTH Holiday Store is opening soon...

The Class of 2021 is partnering with <u>Sneakers Plus</u> this holiday season. The Senior Class Officers have stocked the online store with both fun and practical gift ideas. Show your school spirit this holiday season and support the Class of 2021 at the same time. You will be able to browse and place your orders from **October 15th thru November 25th.**

Attention 10th and 11th Grade Students and Parents - The **PSAT** will be offered to all 10th and 11th graders at South this year on <u>Tuesday, January</u> <u>26, 2021</u>. Students will automatically be registered to take the exam so there is no further action needed by students and parents. Additional details about the format of this day will be shared with all SHRMS/HS students and parents in the coming months. If you have any

* Dates to Remember *

Senior Day Games

- Football/Band/Cheerleadin g: 10/9 @ 7pm vs. Belvidere
- Girls Soccer: 10/10 @ 11:00am vs. Bound Brook
- Field Hockey: 10/10 @ 10:00am vs. Delaware Valley
- Boys Soccer: 10/17 @ 6:30pm vs. Belvidere

Homecoming Game

• Football 10/30 vs. DelVal

Middle School Events

- 10/11/20 Virtual Escape Room
- 10/30/20 Virtual Pumpkin Carving

questions, please reach out to Joanne Fenimore at joanne.fenimore@shrsd.org.

The 1st **Key Club Meeting** will be held on Monday Oct. 5th at 9:00am. Any interested new members should email Mrs. Jennifer Grgurich to be added to the Zoom invite.

Ms. Damron's clubs will meet on Tuesday, October 6th. **<u>GSA</u>** meets via Zoom at 7pm and **<u>Drama Club</u>** meets via Zoom at 7:30pm. There's still time to sign up for both clubs. Send an email to Ms. Damron to get the Zoom invites.

The **2021 SHR Yearbook** is now on sale. Please contact Mrs. Lamer at <u>deborah.lamer@shrsd.org</u> with any questions. <u>20-21 Yearbook Order</u> Form.pdf

Week of Respect with the Peer Leaders. The *Week of Respect* is **October 7-11, 2020.** Peer Leaders will be hosting virtual events throughout the week.

<u>Athletics</u>

All high school fall sports will return to competition beginning on October 1st. Spectators are reminded that all those in attendance must follow social distance guidelines and wear a mask while attending all sporting events.

Teams will celebrate traditional senior games early in the fall season. The schedule will be as follows...

- Football/Band/Cheerleading: 10/9 @ 7pm vs. Belvidere
- Girls Soccer: 10/10 @ 11:00am vs. Bound Brook
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All <u>athletic schedules</u> can be found on the athletic page of the website.

Football Game Information

Tickets: South Hunterdon will be moving to an online ticket provider for this year. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets **will not** be sold at the gate. All football players, band members and cheerleaders will be provided an access code allowing 3 tickets per person. All unsold tickets will be rereleased to the general public the day of the game. All ticket purchases will be made online and can be found on our athletics website under <u>Event Tickets</u>. Tickets will be open for sale during the week of each home game. Ticket prices will be as follows...

Adult Tickets: \$5.00 Student/Senior Tickets: \$3.00 *Please note the ticket vendor does include a processing fee and surcharge

to all ticket orders.	
Concessions: Due to current guidelines and recommendations the Eagle Eatery will not be open for concessions during the fall 2020 season.	
Homecoming: The Homecoming Football game will be <u>October 30th</u> . The Homecoming King and Queen and Homecoming Court will be announced at halftime on the football field.	



Lambertville Public School

<u>Take 5 with Ms. Q.</u>

To help us stay connected, the LPS Principal will be offering an opportunity to connect with her on Tuesdays. On Tuesdays Take 5 with Ms. Q. This will be a personalized opportunity to connect. This sign-up is for families, parents, and students. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094AAFAA2FAAFA7-take</u> These will be informal quick meetings. If at any time a longer meeting is needed, just let us know.

LPS & WAS one minute counselor meetings:

To connect with all of our students as we enter a new and unique school year, Ms. Swingle and Mrs. Isabella-Murin will be meeting with every student for a brief check in. Follow-up meetings may be scheduled for children who express concerns or would like to have a more in-depth conversation with their counselor.

Week of Respect 2020

Week of Respect is almost here! The first week in October (October 5th-9th) is recognized as the Week of Respect in New Jersey schools. Our school is excited to be observing this week with your child by providing age-appropriate activities and instruction focused on character building and bullying prevention. In addition to school-wide lessons and activities, Week of Respect will include themed dress up days. Stay tuned for more specific information from Ms. Isabella-Murin. Thank you in advance for your participation and support!

Walk & Roll to school Oct. 5th-9th

Whether you are walking or rolling to school or around town, everyone can take part in this virtual event! From Monday, October 5 to Friday, October 9, 2020, students are encouraged to walk or roll to school, in their neighborhood, or at home! Students are invited to track their activity by day in minutes, and can upload photos and drawings here: <u>https://www.gohunterdon.org/track</u>. As an added incentive, the school that logs the most walking/rolling minutes will be rewarded with a "Pumpkin Smasher" Bicycle Helmet Safety Demonstration! You won't want to miss it! Be on the lookout for a flyer from Ryan Fisher, Safety Programs Coordinator, from Go Hunterdon.

* Dates to Remember *

Oct. 5th- 9th - Walk & Roll to school

October 5th-9th - Week of Respect

Oct. 9th - Picture Day outside

Oct. 19th - 22nd -Book Fair outside

Oct. 30th - LPS Halloween (modified) Parade

<u> PTA</u>

LPS PTA Picture Day is October 9th! [Note this is a new date] Picture Day will be held under a tent outside. Remote learners will be scheduled to have their pictures taken in the afternoon between 1:30pm and 3:00pm. Order your pictures online at <u>https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/</u> (picture day ID: EVTMR94BZ)

The LPS PTA Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for October 19th-22th. The bookfair will be held outside this year as we look to make the experience safe and exciting.

The LPS PTA is looking for someone to take over the responsibility to manage online duties (sending emails, setting up sign-ups). If you are interested, please reach out to the LPS PTA.

6th Grade trip to Fairview Lake - Message from Geoff Hewitt

I am sorry to say that after many years of our 6th graders and high schoolers attending Camp Fairview, the current situation that COVID-19 has caused will not allow us to attend this school year. We will, however, be looking for other alternatives to allow our 6th graders to spend time together as they transition from two separate groups to one in 7th grade. I'm hopeful that by the spring we can offer some outdoor experiences that can be done in "day trips" to areas near us. Time will tell.



5 Minute Chats with the Principal

I miss all the times that we pass by each other in the halls, on the car line, at recess, and all around our school. Those are important moments where we can catch up, exchange ideas, and share our thoughts. To help us stay connected, I have created a unique opportunity called "5 Minute Chats with the Principal." These meetings are for parents/guardians and/or students. Feel free to use the link below to schedule a 5 minute meeting for us to connect. These are informal meetings and we can always meet for longer afterwards. Use this link to schedule:

https://calendly.com/david-miller-was/5-minute-chats-with-the-princpal

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Introduction to your School Counselors:

Meet the counselor presentations will be provided for all classes to review with students who their counselor is, how their counselor helps in school, and how they can ask to see their counselor. Videos will also be shared through Google Classroom and Padlet.

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Monday, October 5th: It's World Day of Bullying Prevention. Wear blue! #BLUEUP

Tuesday, October 6th: "Stand up and stand out!" Wear tie-dye!

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October 5th-9th - Week of Respect

October 12th - PTO Meeting Multi-Purpose Room

October 30th - Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 7th: "Be comfortable with who you are." Wear your favorite pajamas or sweatpants!

Thursday, October 8th: "Team up against bullying." Wear your favorite sports jersey!

Friday, October 9th: "WAS Spirit of Respect": Wear your wildcat gear or our school colors (blue and white) to show pride and respect in our school.

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We are excited that West Amwell School has won a regional contest for a school garden through TerraCycle. This initiative began over the summer with the help of our superstar fundraiser, Laura Breuer. Through her efforts, supported by the PTO, the WAS community pledged to reduce water daily through September 30th. The contest ended yesterday and West Amwell School finished in 1st Place. The prize is worth \$15,000 and consists of recycled garden 'lumber' made from toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes. Also included is a gazebo, picnic table and garden bench. We are very excited to bring this to the school and thankful to Laura Breuer and the amazing community that got behind us to make this win possible.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Would you like a community activity or event added to our monthly newsletter? Email Stephanie Zorn at <u>stephanie.zorn@shrsd.org</u> and she will make sure it gets in the next newsletter.

The NJ Division of Human Services just released information on how parents can receive additional support for childcare if their child is attending school remotely full-time or part-time. Click on this link for more information. <u>https://www.childcarenj.gov/COVID19</u>

The Hunterdon Symphony will be performing two outdoor concerts this month at the Rosemont Valley Farm outside Stockton. Admission is by car and will be limited to 100 cars. It's a bring your own chair or listen in your car via FM event. Masks and social distancing are required. Here is a flyer with more information. <u>Hunterdon Symphony</u>

2020 is a great year to join the cub scouts! For more information click on this flyer Join the Cub Scouts

This monthly email is intended to streamline communications between school and home by providing one regular update on topics of general interest, reminders, etc. NOTE: This is an official email of the South Hunterdon Regional School District.