

Shalom

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SMS Adventures

NEWSLETTER

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Summer Trivia

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The 2020-2021 school year marks what anniversary of SMS?

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How many noses does a slug have?

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How many new students will be joining the SMS student body?

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Will there be more boys or girls for the 2020-2021 school year?

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Which staff member traveled the farthest during summer vacation?

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Which grade will have the most students?

1) 15th 2) 27 3) Ms. Sensenig-Greece 4) 4 5) girls 6) 2nd

Calendar

Aug. 04	Tues.	School Cleaning 5-8 PM
06	Thurs.	School Cleaning 5-8 PM
24	Mon.	Classroom Visitation 12:00- 3:00 PM 6:00 - 7:00 PM New Patron Orientation 7:00 PM
25	Tues.	Kindergarten Orientation 9:00 - 10:00 AM
27	Thurs.	First Day of School

Bus Driver Wanted

We are still looking for a full time bus driver for a 5th bus route. If you are interested please email principal@shalommennoniteschool.com.

A Note from the Board

As I reflect over the last few months, many modifications and cancellations impacted each one of us to varying degrees in many areas of our lives. It is in these times of challenge and disappointment that the strength of an organization is validated.

I would like to thank you all for your efforts as we navigated the various aspects of change. First, a word of appreciation to our staff for their creativity and commitment to teaching in new ways, including themed homework exchange days. To our patron body, we certainly appreciate your willingness to adapt to changes that were initiated by the school; a special thanks to parents who were willing to become teachers. (Many of us gained a new appreciation for the energy it requires to educate.)

Finally, I have seen again the blessing of unified leadership as the board and administration addressed uncharted territory. Our core values brought us together as decisions needed to be made. The challenges of the next years are unknown, but with shared commitment and vision we can face uncertainty with peace.

Shalom! (Peace and Blessing)
Delvin Martin

School Cleaning

School cleaning is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 4** and **Thursday, August 6 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM each day**. As with previous years, around half of the patron body is needed to complete school cleaning. You should have received the assigned patron list with the June newsletter if your family is assigned to clean.

Please report to Mark or Marian King upon arrival at school on either of these days and they will assign you your portion of the school to clean. **Please bring buckets and cleaning supplies with you. If you are unable to attend cleaning, please notify the school office immediately.**

Matching Fund

We want to thank those of you who contributed to the 15k matching fund. All donations given toward the matching fund will be evenly distributed: 15k to the operating budget and 15k toward capital funds. We received \$15,037.50 in donations. Thank you for helping us reach our goal as we finish out the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

New Hires

We are delighted to have most of the staff in place for the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Tasha Fox will be teaching second grade. Ms. Fox attends Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church. She is a Schaefferstown Mennonite High School graduate and is involved with 6th St. clubs.

Mrs. Eunice Shirk (Ms. Shirk's sister) will be teaching sixth grade. Mrs. Shirk has 10+ years of classroom experience, mostly in Honduras. In Honduras is where she met her husband Carlos. They have two children Katherine and Angel who will be joining our student body. Carlos and Eunice attend Palabra de Vida church in Harrisburg which is a church plant with Urban Lighthouse Ministries.

Ms. Rhonda Mast will be joining the Resource Room staff. Ms. Mast also has 10+ years of classroom experience and attends Mine Road Church. Ms. Mast is from Oklahoma and has lived in PA since 2002.

Ms. Rose Newswanger will be joining our staff as a teacher's aide. Ms. Newswanger attends Living Hope Christian Fellowship and participates in her church's inner city children's ministry.

Mrs. Teresa Sensenig will be joining our staff as a teacher's aide. Mrs. Sensenig is married to Shane Sensenig (Ms. Sensenig's brother). They attend Myerstown Mennonite Church. Mrs Sensenig is a THMH graduate.

We are still in need of a 7th & 8th English & history teacher. We would appreciate your prayers and sugges-

tions. A full staff introduction will be given at the September PTF.

Tuition Invoices

Patrons on the 4 or 10 payment tuition plans will be receiving invoices for 2020-2021 tuition near the end of July. After receiving the initial invoice, you will receive monthly or quarterly statements depending on your payment plan. Patrons on the 1 payment plan will be receiving invoices near the end of August.

Direct deposit is also available for tuition & busing. If you are interested, please contact the office for more information.

If you were not previously on SMS's e-mail list for tuition statements and invoices and would like to be added to the list, please contact the office at secretary@shalommennoniteschool.com.

New Patron Orientation

New Patrons: Please plan to attend New Patron Orientation on **Monday, August 24, at 7:00 PM.**

Classroom Visitation

All Patrons: Monday, August 24, each classroom will be open with teachers present from 12:00–3:00 PM and 6:00–7:00 PM **for any student** who wants to stop by and see his/her classroom and meet his/her teacher.

Kindergarten Orientation

Please mark your August calendar for **Tuesday, August 25.** Please bring your kindergarten student at 9:00 AM for an orientation hour in the kindergarten classroom. Ms. Sensenig will introduce herself, read a story, play a game, introduce some school rules, and give a building tour. Students should be ready to leave by 10:00. Thank you for putting this in your schedule!

Reminder to Quiz Team Members

Quiz team members should have memorized **up to Acts 16:14 by July 31.** If you are not up to schedule, you have time to catch up by the end of summer, if you work diligently!

Website Reminder

Check out www.shalommennoniteschool.com for calendar and newsletter updates. This is also a great place to refer interested families.