

# Shalom

MENNONITE SCHOOL

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"Teaching and Training for the Glory of God"

## SMS Adventures

NEWSLETTER

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### Calendar

Oct.	02-03	Fri.-Sat.	Jr. High Fall Adventure
	07	Wed.	7th Grade Class Chapel
	12	Mon.	Staff/Parent vs. Jr. High Soccer Game 1:15 PM
	13	Tues.	Jr. High vs. Fairview Soccer Game (home game) Girls - 12:00, Guys - 1:00
	14	Wed.	Absentee Picture Day
	15	Thurs.	NO SCHOOL (Teacher-In-Service)
	16	Fri.	No School (Staff Retreat)
	20	Tues.	1st Grade Field Trip
	22	Thurs.	K Field Trip (both groups) 3rd Field Trip
Nov.	02	Mon.	End of 1st Quarter
	03	Tues.	5th Field Trip
	10	Tues.	PTF 7:00 PM
	18	Wed.	3rd Grade Class Chapel
	25	Wed.	Early Dismissal - 11:30 AM
	26-30	Th.-M.	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation

### SMS Expectations

**BE RESPECTFUL**

**BE RESPONSIBLE**

**BE SAFE**

SMS expectations provide staff and students greater consistency and common language across all grade levels for reinforcing positive behavior.

### What's Happening

IU13 offers reading and math assistance as well as speech to students in need of an extra boost. Returning this year as our specialists are Ms. Diane Good and Ms. Cindy Cowan.



### Jr. High Functions

Once a quarter, Jr. High students can participate in a function as a way to award and encourage the students to continue doing their best at school. Here are the 20-21 events:

Fall Adventure—Oct. 2-3  
Christmas Celebration  
Winterfest  
Spring Shindig



### Bible Memory Reminder

Our school-wide Bible memory schedule for the 20-21 school year is up on our website: [shalommennoniteschool.com](http://shalommennoniteschool.com). Click on the Resources tab and you will see links to the song and sheet music. Join us as we hide God's Word in our hearts.

### **Upcoming PTF**

We are excited to announce that Anthony Hurst will be having the topic, *Teaching to Embrace Diversity*, at our next PTF on **Tuesday, November 10**. We look forward to this event and your participation!

### **Absentee Picture Day**

Absentee Picture Day is **Wednesday, October 14**. Any students and staff not present on Friday, September 25 should be available on this date.

### **F. B. Scholarship Fund**

F.B. Scholarship Fund applications are available in the office. You can also have it emailed to you by emailing [secretary@shalommennoniteschool.com](mailto:secretary@shalommennoniteschool.com). An application is to be completed *annually* by those families interested in participating in this tuition assistance program. Completed applications need to be mailed to the F.B. Scholarship Fund's address in Guys Mills, PA by **November 1**. If you are a business owner or if you work for a business that would be interested in providing tuition assistance through the F.B. Scholarship Fund, please contact the SMS office.

### **Book-It**

Students in grades K-6 are being given the opportunity to participate in the *Book-It* program. Please be aware of the *Book-It* reading goals set for your child by his homeroom teacher. This optional program runs October through March and allows students to receive a certificate for a *free* personal pan pizza at Pizza Hut for each month they reach their reading goal. We hope that *Book-It* is a creative incentive for your child to spend time reading. Please keep an eye out for communication from your child's teacher.

### **Box Tops**

This year, we are again excited to be collecting Box Tops which will go toward the addition and expansion of our playground here at Shalom. We encourage each student to collect and bring Box Tops to school. We will be holding drawings throughout the year with the chance for a student to win one of three prizes available. Our first drawing is **Wednesday, October 14**. Not only will the students be entering for a prize, but it is a very beneficial project to work towards. Thank you for your participation and support!

### **Soccer Game**

We are hosting our fifth annual Staff/Parent vs. Jr. High Soccer Game on **Monday, October 12, from 1:15-2:45**. Please contact Mr. Caleb at [gointoaltheearthmark1615@gmail.com](mailto:gointoaltheearthmark1615@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating. Activities that bring parents and students together help encourage positive school culture. We look forward to seeing you there!



### **Looking Ahead...**

On **Wednesday, November 25**, SMS students will be participating in our annual Thanksgiving Service Day. We feel it's a holiday in which we can give back to and bless our community and show God's love while serving. Due to COVID-19, students unfortunately will not be able to visit personal care homes but the focus will still be on serving our community in helping with autumn clean-up at area parks, organizations, and places of residence.

More details will be coming once the service projects and different locations are finalized. Classroom moms, please be aware that if you help with a younger grade, you may be asked to help plan a craft or game. If any parent would like to help during the day, please contact the school office.

### **Directory Updates**

#### Address change:

Conrad & Katie Swartzentruber  
741 E. Metzler Rd.  
Ephrata, PA 17522



#### Phone # change:

Shawn & Cheryl Stoner: 717-575-1408

Please update your directory with this information.

### **Attendance**

*Good school attendance is an important step in a student doing well in his studies. While doing make-up work takes care of homework missed, it does not entirely compensate for classroom attendance.* (p.11 parent/student handbook)

Parents, please use discretion when planning family trips during the school term. Thank you!

Note on Perfect Attendance for the 20-21 school year: We will not be awarding students a perfect attendance certificate due to the current health situation.