

# Shalom

MENNONITE SCHOOL

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"Teaching and Training for the Glory of God"

## SMS Adventures

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### Calendar

Aug.	23	Mon.	Classroom Visitation 12-3:00 PM, 6-7:00 PM Kindergarten Orientation 12:00-1:00 PM New Patron Orientation 7:00 PM
	26	Thurs.	First Day of School
Sept.	06	Mon.	No School—Labor Day
	07	Tues.	Parent-Teacher Fellowship 7:00 PM
	23	Thurs.	Picture Day- All School (Both K groups)

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came out to help with school & bus cleaning. It is wonderful to have a thoroughly cleaned building and buses for the start of a new school year. A special thank you to Mark & Marian King and Joe & Suzanne King for organizing each one.



### Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Safe.

Dear Students & Patrons,

We have now entered the month known as the final month of summer vacation AND as the beginning of school. I can imagine a few people are sad that summer is coming to an end, and I can also picture a few really excited folks bouncing around at the thought of school starting again. No matter which category you find yourself in, I do hope that your summer has been going well, and I also hope that you are beginning to get excited for the start of a brand-new school year.

Students, do you remember the above statement? Remember we used to say it sometimes at chapel assemblies? And do you remember seeing this on different walls at school? Last year we introduced this to the student body as a way to communicate clearly our behavior expectations here at Shalom. We are again going to be using these statements as reminders to us to be respectful, responsible, and safe when we are in our classrooms, in the hallways, outside on the playground, on the bus, and anywhere at school.

I hope that we also remembered to live these statements this summer. I'm sure there were plenty of opportunities for each of us to show kindness and to think of others this summer. And what happens if we forgot? Well, that is why we need reminders and why we are going to remind ourselves this coming school year to be respectful, responsible, and safe.

As you each enjoy the final days of summer 2021, may you do your best to show kindness to others. Know that the staff here at Shalom is eagerly anticipating the arrival of our students and is busily preparing for a brand new school year.

I personally am excited to see each of you at the main entrance, full of energy and with a big smile, on Thursday, August 26.

See you soon,

Mr. Martin

### ***Patron Contact List***

A Patron Contact Information list is enclosed. **Please double check your family's information and let Ms. Martin know ASAP if any changes need to be made!** A Staff & Patron Directory will be available at the September PTF.

### ***Car Pool Forms***

Also enclosed are Car Pool forms. Please fill out and return the form **only if you are a car rider** by the first day of school.

### ***Hot Lunch Schedule***

Enclosed is a **revised** hot lunch schedule for 2021-2022. Each family has been assigned a date and group with which to make and serve a hot lunch sometime throughout the school year. **Please note changes and keep to reference for all year.**

### ***Health Forms***

Student Emergency Information forms for your student(s) are enclosed. Please fill out **in pencil** for each child and return forms to the office by the first day of school.

All student health forms (3rd grade - dental, 6th grade - physical, 7th grade - dental) are also due by the first day of school.

**Note: All immunization forms must be current and on file within 5 days of the start of the 2021-2022 school year. If not on file, exclusion is possible. Contact the school office if you have any questions.**

If your child will need medication dispensed throughout the school day, please contact the office for a form of authorization.

### ***Monday Folders***

Every student will bring home a "Monday folder" each Monday throughout the school year. These folders will contain communication from your child's teacher and from the school office. Feel free to send any office communication back to school in these folders. Just make sure the envelope is clearly labeled "office." Monday folders will be sent home for the first time on **Tuesday, September 7.**



### ***Classroom Moms***

**Classroom moms** are still needed for 3rd, 5th, 6th, & 8th grade. The **Adopt-a-Teacher** is also still in need of 8 interested patrons. Please contact the office ASAP if you are interested.

### ***Absences***

Prearranged absences must be approved by the school office at least **two weeks in advance**. Request forms are available at the office. Please refer to the student handbook for more information regarding proper procedures for handling prearranged absences for the 21-22 school year.

### ***SMS Association***

Shalom Mennonite School is an association, not a patron-run school. This provides opportunity for patrons and other interested persons to be actively involved in the operations of Shalom. Association members may serve on the board and/or school committees and will have voting privileges at the Annual Association Meeting. If you are interested in becoming an association member, applications will be available at the **September PTF.**

### ***Financial Focus***

Thank you to each who gave to our year end matching fund. We are so grateful for each contribution towards the operating budget. As of this writing, we **met** our \$40,000 operating goal. We will report a final number of donations in the September newsletter. Because we met our goal, we have contributors who will match that amount in order to help meet our operating needs for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

### ***IU13 Services***

If your child benefits from speech therapy or math and reading services, please be patient as the year begins. The IU staff begins their work in full force after Labor Day, so there will be a few weeks window before the IU staff will be coming for speech therapy or reading and math services.

### ***SMS Collects...***

SMS will continue to collect Box Top\$ for Education this school year. Please use the mobile app to scan your store receipts and earn money for our school. Thanks for supporting SMS in this way.