

# Shalom

MENNONITE SCHOOL

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## SMS Adventures

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### Calendar

May			
02	Tues.	800 Meter Run	2:20 PM
04	Thurs.	Jr. High Softball Tournament @ Paradise Park	
05	Fri.	Spring Program	7 PM @ THMH
09	Tues.	1600 Meter Run	2:10 PM
10	Wed.	Kindergarten Field Trip	
11	Thurs.	Mom's Prayer Mtg.	9 AM
		1st & 2nd Field Trip	
		3rd & 4th Field Trip	
12	Fri.	Track & Field Day	12:30-5:00 PM
		School Picnic	5:30 PM
17	Wed.	Jr. High Track Meet w/ Gehman's @ SMS	
		Jr. High Spring Shindig	
18	Thurs.	NO SCHOOL: Ascension Day	
24	Wed.	SMS Recital	1:30-2:45
25	Thurs.	NO SCHOOL—Records Day	
		8th Grade Graduation	7 PM
26	Fri.	Last Day of School	
		Kindergarten Grad	8:45 AM
		Awards Assembly	9:15 AM
		Early Dismissal	10:30 AM

Last day to collect money for Change for Change is Tuesday, May 9.

### 2022-2023 Support Staff

#### Classroom



Mrs. Mary Ellen Stoltzfus faithfully volunteered every Thursday afternoon by monitoring recess, checking papers, and assisting where needed.

Thank you, Mary Ellen, for being available and willing.

#### IU13



Mrs. McGowan, our IU13 reading & math specialist, assisted students every Tuesday & Thursday. Thank you for committing to seeing your students thrive. We appreciate your service.



Thank you, Ms. Campbell, for providing speech services to our students every Monday.

#### Yearbook

A dedicated team of one staff member and 4 moms: Mrs. Weaver, Renee Burkholder, Rachel Martin, Brenda Newswanger, and Christine Weaver made yearbook happen again this year.

Thank you, ladies!

### **Track and Field Day**

Track and Field has been a tradition here at SMS since the very first year of school. The staff desires Track and Field to be a tradition that fosters positive school spirit and school culture. Four teams are made across the student body so that the older and younger students are all working towards gaining points for their team. Attached is a schedule of events for the day.

### **Busing for Track & Field Day**

Morning Pickup: Busing students will be picked up 4 hours and 30 minutes later than normal. Upon arriving at school, students should go directly to the APR.

Afternoon Drop-off: No bus rides. Patrons are responsible to take students home in the evening after the school picnic.

### **Spring Program**

All are welcome to the Spring Program on **Friday, May 5**, in the THMH gym at 7:00 PM. Like the Christmas Program, **all students should be dropped off at THMH by 6:40 PM.** The dress code for the program is as follows:

**Boys** - light colored dress shirt and dark-colored dress pants (no extra pockets)

**Girls** - light-colored dress or jumper that follows the school guidelines in modesty and length

SMS will be livestreaming the spring program for those unable to attend. Please contact the school office if you would like the link to the livestream.

### **Uniforms**

Attached is a uniform order form for next school year. If you would like to order uniforms through SMS, please return the form by **Wednesday, May 10.**

### **Staff Positions for 2023-2024**

As mentioned at the April PTF, Ms. Delena, Ms. Shirk, Ms. Strahin, and Mrs. Weaver are not returning to SMS next year. We have strong leads on nearly every available position except 8th grade. We are still pursuing applicants to fill the 8th grade homeroom position. Please keep this as a matter of prayer, and refer any qualified persons you know of to the board or administration.

### **Miscellaneous Info.**

- All library books are due **Friday, May 19.**
- 8th grade graduation is scheduled for **Thursday, May 25, at 7:00 PM** at **THMH Chapel, 1416 Union Grove Rd. Terre Hill 17581. Please enter on the east side of the building.**
- Report cards will be sent home with your children on the last day of school.
- Health forms are due by (preferably before) the first day of school, **Thursday, August 24, 2023.**
- Attached is a yearly calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Please note that some of these **dates are tentative**; you will receive a final copy at PTF in September.
- The 2022-2023 yearbooks will be available **Friday, May 19.**

### **23-24 Volunteers**

Please contact the office if you are interested in being a volunteer for the 23-24 school year. We are looking for volunteers who would want to help with recess duty, checking papers, and teacher support.

### **Classroom Moms/Adopt-A-Teacher**

If you are interested in being a Classroom Mom or want to Adopt-a-Teacher for the 23-24 school year, please contact Ms. Martin for more information or to sign up.

### **Performing Arts**

On **Wednesday, May 24, from 1:30-2:45 PM**, the SMS Performing Arts will be happening in the All Purpose Room. Parents are welcome to attend.

SMS Performing Arts is an opportunity for students to showcase their gifts, talents, and skills. We invite individuals as well as peer groups and siblings to participate in one of 5 categories: instrumental, vocal, oral interpretation, artistic creations, and culinary works. Additional sign-up forms are available at the office.

