



Happy February and Heart Health Month!

Dear SHG Families,

We are happy to be back in our Hybrid model and our students and staff are so excited to see all our students in person and in zoom again. It was wonderful to see our little ones running into school on January 19th so excited to be back in school. Just a few reminders below:

School begins at 8:00 am (students are tardy after 8:15am) and we begin to dismiss at 1:30 pm.

Students who opted for “distance learning” are expected to be present for learning during regular school hours - schedules will be posted in their Google classroom.

Please note: No changes, other than a change from hybrid to distance learning, can be made at this point until after March 31, 2021 to allow adequate time for planning. Depending on the grade level, even an addition of a few students can require significant changes to classroom assignments, schedules and transportation to ensure everyone’s safety.

Parent-Teacher Association

Please look out for the PTA Membership form that was sent home with Hybrid students and sent electronically through School Messenger. We are in need of Executive Board Members for our PTA and increased membership. You can help ‘Be The Change” and make SHG PTA Strong!!!!

Our school has spent the month of January educating our students and celebrating Black History Month with excellent lessons and creative activities.

Below is information to remind you about routines and protocols:

Attendance – Hybrid Learners:

Hybrid Learners are expected to be physically present in school 4 days each week.

Hybrid Learners CANNOT stay at home and “distance learn” on in-person days and get credit for being present. (Even if they log into the google classroom and live-stream lessons.)

Hybrid Learners must also participate in distance learning one day per week - the “learn at home” day. If they do not participate, they will be marked absent.

Attendance - Distance Learners

Distance learners learn from home 5 days each week

Parents/guardians who chose the Distance Learning option for their child should continue to report absences due to illness or otherwise. In addition, if the student cannot be present for learning due to a lack of Internet access or the Chromebook not working properly, the parent/guardian should contact the school to report the problem immediately .

In order for Distance Learning students to be considered present, they must:

- o Log into classes for live-streamed lessons and complete assignments including Dreambox, Lexia and/or Imagine Learning and Epic.

Students must log into lessons and complete work equal to at least a ½ day of school (3.25 hours).

COVID Safety:

Parents should use the quick daily health assessment (on website) to monitor your child's health and assure he/she is well enough to attend school.

All students must wear masks while in the building and on the bus and adhere to social distancing and safety protocols. If students do not have a mask, one will be provided.

If your child is sick or has had direct contact with someone who tests positive, he/she must be quarantined and cannot return without a negative test result.

Bus Students:

Parents should leave a 10-minute window before/after the posted pick up time. Students will be expected to wear masks and must sit in the specific order they are loaded.

The bus company's number is (203) 288-2887.

Breakfast & Lunch:

FREE for all students this year – In person students can take Grab n' Go breakfasts and lunch will be delivered to classrooms. Please see the website for information regarding lunch for Distance Learning students.

Arrivals:

Driving Parents will be asked to remain in their cars and follow directions through the loop in front of the building. Please DO NOT pass cars by driving into left lane. This is very dangerous as there are many students walking, getting out of cars and staff members assisting.

Walking parents are asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines and only staff and students are permitted into the building at this time.

Dismissal:

Buses and K-1 students are dismissed first. All other students in grades 2 – 6 will be dismissed as walkers/pick ups. Grades 5 and 6 dismiss out the cafeteria doors.

Please check out our website, Mrs. Helenski, our SHG Media Specialist does a wonderful job highlighting our classrooms, students, staff and school.

On behalf of the staff of the Shepherd Glen Staff, thank you for your support and as we navigate through this most unusual school year. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Important Dates:

February 25 – Early Dismissal

March 1 – Conference sign ups will be electronically sent to families

March 11 – Early Dismissal

March 24 – Evening Conferences (regular dismissal)

March 25 – Evening Conferences (early dismissal)

March 26 – Afternoon Conferences (early dismissal)

We are In this together!

Barb Perrotti
Principal

