

Welcome to  
Scott Highlands Middle  
School

New Student Orientation  
May 7, 2026



We are a GREAT School because we are:

**Respectful**

*to all people in the building*

**Responsible**

*with ourselves and our belongings*

**Ready to Learn**

*by being prepared and present in the learning environment*

# Veteran District Teacher

- Retired teacher...career at multiple other buildings...subs across the district. He worked here last year teaching just one class. He came in last year at this time and said to me, “I have to tell you, **“This is a healthy, living, breathing, special place...not like other schools. I feel it when I walk in here. This is a special place and it is undeniable when you are in other schools.”**”

# Growth

- **Scott Highlands is #1 for Growth in Math**
- **Scott Highlands is #2 for Growth in Reading**



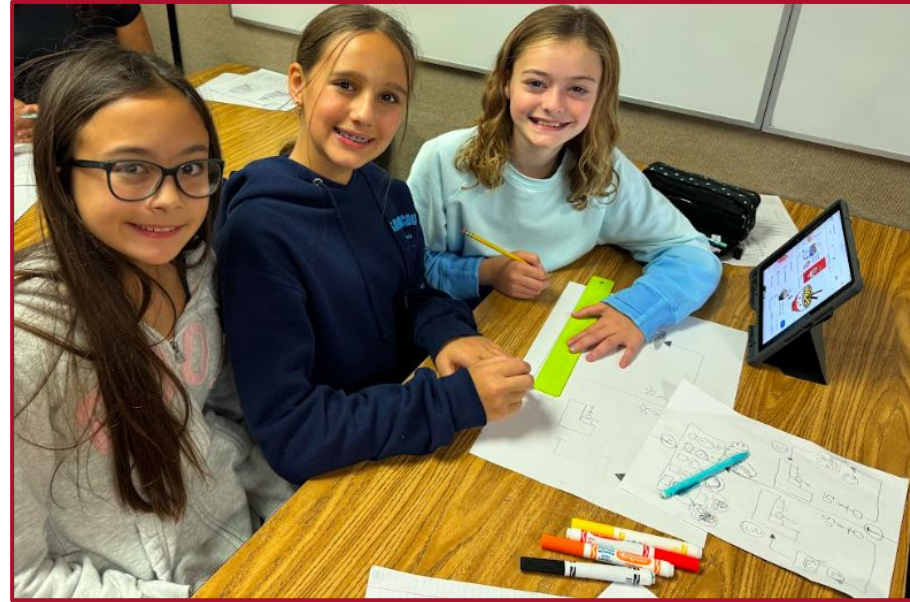
# A 6th Grader's Day at SHMS

<b>Time</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>6th Grade</b>
<b>8:20 – 9:15</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Period 1</b>
<b>9:19 - 10:14</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Period 2</b>
<b>10:18 - 11:13</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Period 3</b>
<b>11:17 - 12:12p</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Period 4</b>
<b>12:16 - 12:46</b> <b>12:46 - 1:11</b>	<b>30</b> <b>25</b>	<b>Period 5</b> <b>Lunch</b> <b>Homeroom</b>
<b>1:15 - 2:10</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Period 6</b>
<b>2:14 – 3:10</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Period 7</b>

# MN Studies

## Period 1

- MN History and its government
- Placing the state and its people within the context of a national story
- Early Minnesotans to present day



## Math - Daily

### Period 2

- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percents
- Geometry
- Graphing

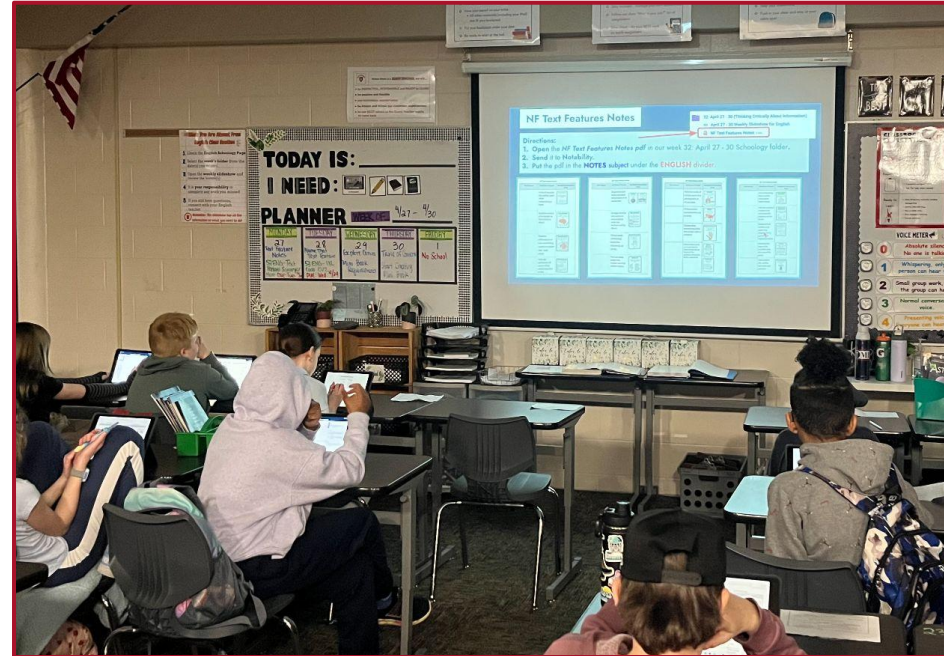
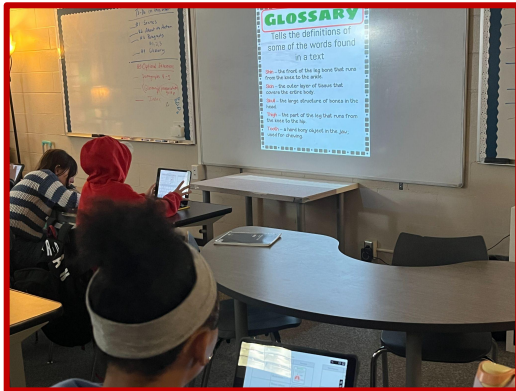


- Statistics
- Problem Solving
- Measurement
- Probability
- Number Sense
- Algebra: Linear Equations and Functions

# English - Daily

## Period 3

- Mini-Lesson/Direct Instruction
- Differentiated Guided Practice
- Building Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking Skills



## Science - Daily



### Period 4

- ◉ Geology: Rocks and Minerals
- ◉ Astronomy: Moon Phases
- ◉ Meteorology:  
Weather/Climate/Atmosphere

## Lunch

- All 6th grade students eat together
- Same lunch number
- Hot and Cold Entree Options
- Veggies, Fruit
- A La Carte for Purchase
- Treats, Ice cream, chips



# Homeroom

## Period 5

- Monday - DP
- Tuesday - Homeroom
- Wednesday - Homeroom
- Thursday - Homeroom
- Friday - Homeroom



Homeroom is a time to complete work and conference with your HR teacher to monitor your grades and goals

# Developmental Psychology

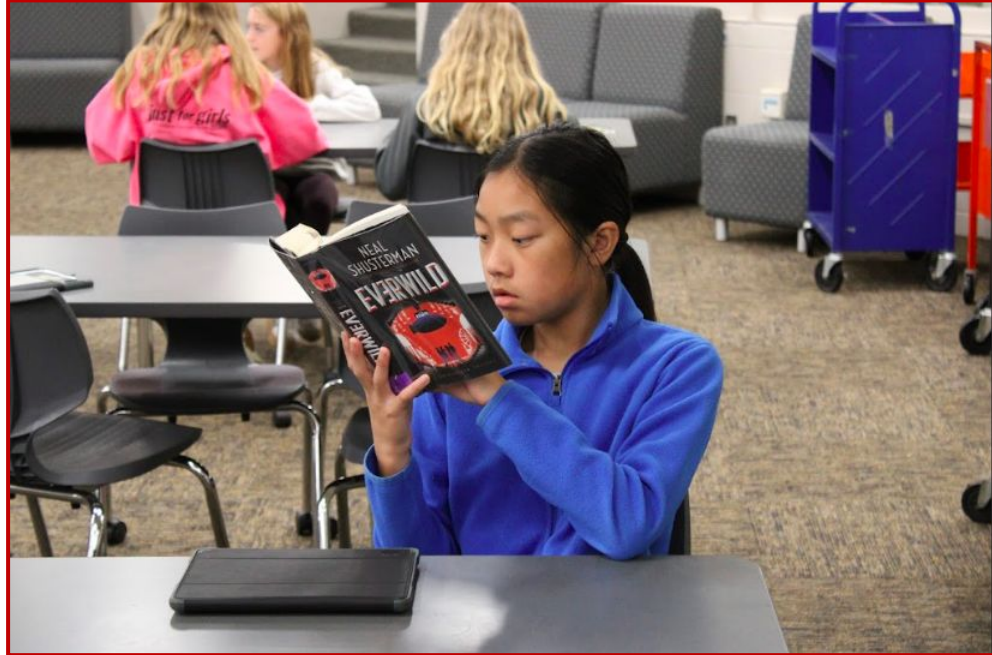
- District Program
- Good Decision-making
- Weekly, October - June
- High school mentors -  
Seniors enrolled in DP
- Small groups of 6th grade  
students



## Reading – Alternating Days

### Period 6 SILVER Day 1

- . Types of Literature
- . Elements of Fiction and Non-Fiction
- . Writing about what you read
- . Reading Strategies
- . Book Shares/Discussions



## Physical Education – Alternating Days

### Period 6 **Red** Day 2

- Indoor games
- Outdoor games
- Team sports
- Individual sports
- *Change of clothing required*
- *Padlock for locker*



# Applied Arts – Alternating Days

## Period 7 Silver Day 1

*1 trimester (12 weeks) of each class*

- Technology Education/STEM
- Art
- Family and Consumer Sciences



# Band or General Music – Alternating Days



## Period 7 **Red** Day 2

### Band

- Full Band Rehearsal
- Small group lessons
- Home practice

### General Music

- Music Theory
- Music History
- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Vocal
- Famous Composers



## What about Talent Development/High Achieving Programming?

- We believe **all students** have talents that can be developed when instruction is matched to their needs.
- Provides learning opportunities for **all** students.
- Additional challenges are available for students who demonstrate high levels of academic performance or potential.
- Our program is designed to provide students with different levels of support based on their learning needs.

## What about Talent Development/High Achieving Programming?

- Part Time Talent Development teachers at every school.
- Opportunities for Math acceleration.
- Differentiated instruction in core class.
- Schoolwide enrichment opportunities for all students before, after, and during the school day.
  - All schools offer opportunities in music, drama, student leadership, sports, debate or speech, math clubs, chess, book clubs, spelling and geography bees.

## 6th Grade Co-Curricular Activities

### **Register in September:**

- 6th Grade Summer Reading Club
- Cross Country
- Future Cities Competition
- Competitive Math Team

### **Register Later in the Year:**

- Battle of the Books
- Speech Team
- Chess
- Wrestling
- Musical
- Dungeons and Dragons

## 6th Grade Co-Curricular Activities



## Student-Led Conferences

- November and February
- Schedule conferences online
  - Parents will receive an email to prompt scheduling a conference for both parent and student to meet with the homeroom teacher.
  - Homeroom teacher is the facilitator for the conference which is student-led.
- Your attendance matters!



# WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS (W.E.B.) ORIENTATION

**Thursday, August 20, 2026**

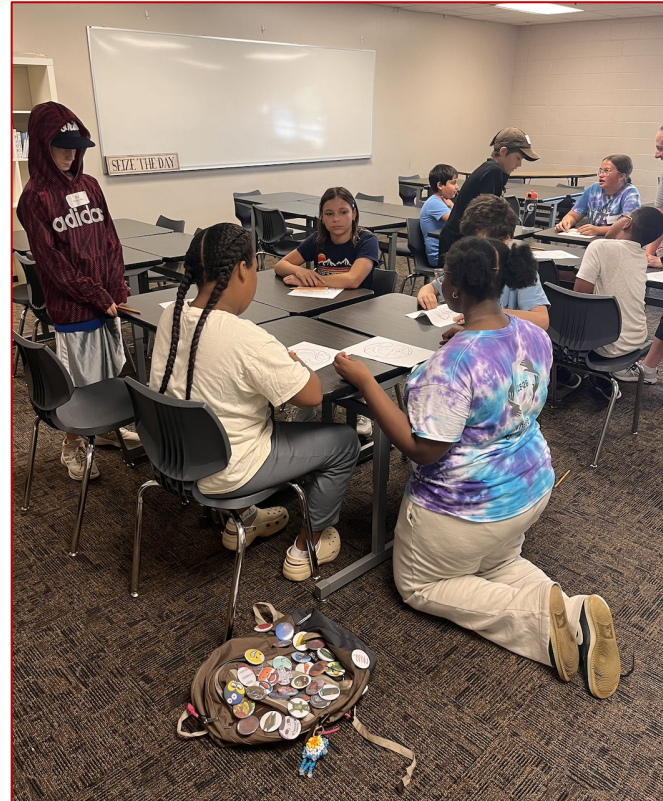
WEB: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Meet 8th grade WEB Leaders
- Small Group Activities grouped by Homeroom
- Tours of School



## SHMS Back -to-School Day Wednesday, August 26, 3:30 - 7:30 PM

- ✓ Your child will locate and try lockers
- ✓ Meet teachers
- ✓ Find classrooms
- ✓ Scott Highlands clothing for sale
- ✓ Put \$\$ in lunch account
- ✓ Register for co-curricular activities



## First Day of School is Monday, August 31

- Schedules & locker assignments will be posted in Campus in mid-August (You will be notified through Parent Square)
- Bus #, Stop Location and Times for pick-up/drop-off will be sent by transportation in the third week of August
- Come ready to go on August 31st! We are SUPER excited to have you at Scott Highlands Middle School!

## Parent Advisory Council

- Meet 3-4 times a year
- **ONE HOUR** each time...from 4-5 PM here at SHMS
- I'd love your **feedback!** You'll look at our goals, know any valuable updates...and we'll talk about how to make SHMS an even better school!
- YOU are a partner in how we make things even better.
- **Call/Email/See us tonight if interested**

# Thank You

**This presentation is available for your  
convenience on the SHMS Website!**

**<http://www.district196.org/shms>**

Our Counselors  
&  
Student Panel

## Student Support Team



Sarah Blasing  
6th-8th grade

Last names: A-Gq



Emily Mueller  
6th-8th grade

Last names: Gr-Nh



Ashley Welke  
6th-8th grade

Last names: Ni-Z



McKinley Lavin  
6th-8th grade

Social Worker

## Self-Guided Tour Of SHMS

- Follow 1-5 with a script.
- Go into areas.
- Take your time.
- WEB Leaders available.

# Scott Highlands Middle School

Thank you!  
See you soon!



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MIDDLE SCHOOL