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GRADUATION 2020 to be held June 27

The School District of Shiocton is pleased to announce that the Shiocton Airport and the Shiocton Flyers Club have generously donated the use of their facility and land so that an in-person graduation ceremony can be held on Saturday, June 27.

“The District is sincerely appreciative of the Flyer’s Club’s partnership to afford this year’s graduates an opportunity to experience an in-person, more traditional graduation ceremony,” said Mrs. Schweitzer, District Administrator.

In a his communication to senior students, Mr. Ortlieb commented, “I have some great news. We will be able to hold an in-person graduation ceremony for you. It will be held on June 27th at 1 PM at the Shiocton Airport.

While details will be forth coming to seniors and their parents over the next few weeks, the major plans to hold the event at the airport are solidly in place per Mrs. Schweitzer. “The open-aired venue and large grounds will provide the necessary space for graduates and their six guest to implement common safety protocol such as social distancing of six feet. All attendees, including graduates, will be asked to wear a mask except when speaking or taking photos.”

EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE

As this year has been quite unique for the seniors, the District is seeking to end their career as a student with a unique experience: a parade. The Shiocton-Bovina Fire Department along with the Shiocton Police Department and Outagamie County Sheriffs Department will lead and end the parade of graduates following the commencement ceremony. “The parade will proceed from the Airport down Hwy 54, turning left on Second Street to Rail Road, and then up N Broad Street to Hwy 54.” Residents are encouraged to observe social distancing when watching the graduates on the parade route. It is anticipated that the parade will begin around 2PM.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

“An often used proverb in education, it applies wholeheartedly to this year’s graduation events. The in-person graduation ceremony would not be possible without the helping hands of so many in our village. We are so thankful to everyone,” said Mrs. Schweitzer.



CHIEF CHATTER

SUMMER SCHOOL, FALL RETURN

So much remains up in the air with regard to our ability to see the students returning to the building in August for summer school and in September for the start of the new school year. A few scenarios have been shared among school district administrators and others have been suggested by those in the health care industry, all of which bring with them varying degrees of return and a great deal of continued uncertainty.

Two things that are for certain are : (1) The District’s commitment to providing a quality education for all students while (2) ensuring the safety and health of our learners and educators.

PROTOCOLS ARE HERE TO STAY

I believe it is safe to say that the health and safety protocols we have implemented over the past few months are very likely to remain well into the next school year. We will seek ways to incorporate social distancing while providing instruction for all of our learners. Wearing a mask, washing hands/using hand sanitizer often, and wiping down surfaces before and after use are a few of the additional protocols that are likely to remain as we seek to bring students back together for on-campus instruction.

Making accommodations and modifications for those with health concerns or whom are considered medically fragile are also aspects of instruction that we will have to take into consideration come fall.

LET’S ALL DO OUR PART

In a recent data analysis, ThedaCare shared that persons were 75% less likely to contract the coronavirus if they partnered social distancing with wearing a mask. Parents, please begin to help your child recognize personal space , even if it is not the full six feet. Too, please help your child begin to learn to wear a mask. Both will be very helpful when the new school year begins.

MORE TO COME

Each week, more information, suggestions, and ideas are shared with district leaders across the Valley and the state. As we learn more, we will factor such into our decision making and continue to keep our community up-to-date.

Wishing everyone a great summer!

~Mrs. Schweitzer



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All residents of the school district are welcome to attend board meetings to keep informed on school issues or to voice any concerns they may have.

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If you do not have Internet access, you may request a copy by mail by calling (920) 986-3351 ext. 700. Submit any articles for publication by mail to the school address or by e-mail to: thelink@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

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NEWS FROM GRADES 7-12 OFFICE

I am happy to get the opportunity to update members in our school community on some of our end of year processes and events going on in Shiocton Middle and High School. This has been a very different year, and I appreciate all of the flexibility that students, staff, and parents have shown throughout all of the things that we have worked through in the past couple months. That said, the year is drawing to a close and want to make sure everything stays orderly as we approach summer.

First, I want to thank parents and students for taking the time to come pick up their locker materials on May 14th and May 15th. We were able to get left behind locker materials out to 90% of our students. Follow up deliveries were done during the week of May 18th. A big thank you to the staff who helped, as well.

Second, I would like to remind everyone of our pending plans for end-of-year activities. We are still holding out hope that we can host many of these events 'in-person' sometime during the summer. Please make sure that you are looking out for communication from the district as to whether these events must be moved or when they are finalized. Please see the chart below that will give you an idea of our plans at this time (see highlights).

~Nick Ortlieb, Grades 7-12 Principal

	Plan B	Plan C	Plan D
Prom	June 20th at 7:00 PM	July 18th at 7:00 PM	August 1st at 7:00 PM
NHS Induction	June 25th at 7:00 PM	July 9th at 7:00 PM	August 6th at 7:00 PM
8th Grade Celebration	June 26th at 11:00 AM	July 10th at 11:00 AM	August 7th at 11:00 AM

	Plan B	Plan C	Plan D
Graduation Practice	June 26th at 8:00 AM	July 10th at 8:00 AM	August 7th at 8:00 AM
Senior Supper	June 26th at 5:00 PM	July 10th at 5:00 PM	August 7th at 5:00 PM
Senior Awards	June 26th at 6:30 PM	July 10th at 6:30 PM	August 7th at 6:30 PM
Graduation	June 27th at 1:00 PM	July 12th at 1:00 PM	August 8th at 1:00 PM

Prom postponed to Winter 2020

The continued concerns regarding the spread of the coronavirus led school administration to more closely examine the feasibility of providing an authentic Prom experience to the high school students. Following discussion with class advisors and parents, as well as consideration regarding researched various options, the District has made the decision to postpone Prom 2020 until next school year. "While we tried our best to create opportunities, even trying to wait out COVID-19, we find that we just cannot hold the prom that we want our students to have while successfully implementing the many safety and health recommendations, including social distancing, set forth by various health organizations. The School District also cannot promote gatherings of students that require close proximity during a pandemic of this nature," commented Mr. Ortlieb, MS/HS Principal.

The plan is to reschedule Prom for sometime this coming winter. This will give the students a third opportunity to socialize outside of the class setting next year. It will also mean that the hard work of planning the event will bear fruit in the end. Watch for more details in the coming months.

IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

The following are the immunization requirements for the **2020-2021** school year for your child. Unless a waiver has been signed, all students are required to have their immunizations up to date on the **first day of the new school year**. Students **entering 6th grade** will need to receive a Tdap vaccine. Students **entering K5** will need to have a series of vaccines to be compliant with immunization law. Please provide the school with a copy of any new immunizations your child has received. Plan ahead and have your child immunized prior to the beginning of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse, Victoria Fors at 986-3351 ext. 714.

<u>STUDENTS ENTERING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DOSES AND VACCINE REQUIRED</u>					
Pre K (2 yrs. - 4 yrs.)	4 DTP/DTaP	3 Polio	3 Hep B	1 MMR	1 Varicella	
Grades K- 5	4 DTP/DTaP	4 Polio	3 Hep B	2 MMR	2 Varicella	
Grades 6 - 12	1 Tdap	4 DTP/DTaP	4 Polio	3 Hep B	2 MMR	2 Varicella



NEWS FROM GRADES PK-6 OFFICE

Hello families! I really want to take some time to thank each and every one of you for all the work you did, on your end, to help make this transition to remote teaching and learning as smooth as possible over the last few months. Never did any of us think our situation was going to last as long as it did. I know that every family situation was and continues to be different, but please know how thankful we all are for all of your efforts during this unique time. Our families and our entire community has been so noteworthy! Our entire staff is so thankful for the school com It is truly the B-E-S-T!

We will continue to do our best to keep you informed throughout the summer months as the social distancing guidelines will likely still be upon us. We know there are still many changes that could be taking place in the future. Let's not worry about all of that right now - - since it is all "unknown" at this time. Instead, let's make sure to take time to *CELEBRATE* all of our accomplishments since March 18, 2020. We persevered and will, hopefully, all come out stronger because of it. One more time:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for everything!



Because of everything that has happened, we were not able to have our K4/K5 Orientations in May. We do have packets of information made up for all of our registered families. We will be mailing this information out in late June. We also are in the midst of putting together a slideshow or presentation of some sort to send out to our registered families. This will give families the opportunity to "hear" about all of the things that would have shared in person. So, please give us a little time to put this together and we will share the information with you later in June.

In regards to Summer School, we are still hoping to offer some classes in August (August 3-21). We are in the midst of surveying our families to see if they have any interest in sending their child/children to summer school if we do offer certain classes in August. Stay tuned for more details in June.

Current Sixth Graders: It has been such a pleasure working with every single one of you. Some of you have been in this school the entire time and some have joined on at different times throughout the years. I am so thankful to have had such great students as you as our leaders all this time. I am proud of you and the work you have accomplished - - and especially in all the ways you have grown over the years! There is no doubt in my mind that you will continue to move through the upper grades as leaders and kind-hearted souls. I, along with all of the staff, look forward to continuing to watch you grow in the coming years; we can't wait to see all of the things you will accomplish! We know you will continue to make us all proud.

To Our Wonderful Families: Thank you for blessing me with your children! They bring so much *JOY* to my days, weeks, and years. I truly do consider them a blessing and thank you so much for sharing them with me. May you and all of your family members continue to remain happy, safe, and healthy! Have a wonderful summer!



~Mrs. Kim Griesbach :)

Counselor's Corner

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Welcome to the Counselor's Corner. We felt that providing a one stop show for our information would be more useful and convenient to all of our students and their families. Our counseling program offers services of individual counseling, group counseling, or outside referrals. Please feel free to contact us at any time regarding the academic, emotional, or social needs of your child.

Attention Grade 8 Families:

Chief Chats for students headed to 9th grade will take place in August. The Chief Chat will be with the student, parent and school counselor. If they are unable to take place in school, the Chief Chat

will be performed virtually. You can sign up for your August Chief Chat with Mrs. Cornell at scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Attention High School Students:

You will soon be able to view your schedules in Skyward for the 2020-21 school year. After viewing your schedule, if you have any questions, please e-mail Mrs. Cornell.

Attention Seniors:

Scholarship recipients will be recognized following the Senior Supper.

Resources for Families and Students to Access:

Crisis Center: 920-832-4646

Hope Text Line: Text "HOME" to 741741

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Piano and Guitar Lessons

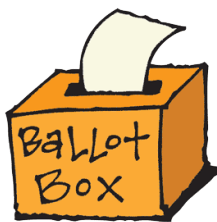
Those students who chose to continue with lessons online have made the transition successfully. There were a couple students with weak internet connections so we have had a few sound interruptions but for the most part things went well. We will be taking a break for the month of June and start up again in July but doing things a bit differently for summer. There will be some online camps and group lessons as well as some private lessons. Please contact me if you have questions. For my students who did not continue online, I hope you are still spending time at the piano! The longer you leave it, the harder it will be get started again. Contact me if you want to try online lessons.

We started something really new too. It is called Piano Pals. My students have been meeting other piano students from all around the nation. They are able to play music theory games online with students their own age from California, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Florida, and etc. It has been very cool to share stories with students who may be learning to attend school from their own homes. If you have any questions, please contact me at sritchie@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

~Sally Ritchie

S.P.I.C.E Board Elections

S.P.I.C.E would like to thank all of our volunteers, school staff, and our Shiocton families for making this another successful school year. Thank you to all of the parents who had to put on the extra "teacher" hat for the remainder of the school year.



At our final meeting of the year in May, we held elections for our open board positions—Chairperson and Treasurer. We are happy to announce that Melissa Dawes has been voted as our Chairperson, and Michelle Pamperin has been voted as our Treasurer. Thank you both for your continued service and support for S.P.I.C.E, our students, and our district!

Our first meeting of the 2020-2021 school year will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00pm. Due to our ever changing daily dynamic with the COVID-19 virus, we will determine the location of the meeting as we get closer to that time. Please join us in August to kick off another great year in Shiocton. Thank you all again, and have a fun, safe, and healthy summer! ~S.P.I.C.E.

A Message from First Grade

Wow! This has been a year to remember! Speaking of that, remember when your little first grader walked in...not really sure or confident in how to read, write, spell, add, subtract, etc? They are like flowers that have bloomed. What incredible growth!

Please remember to continue reading each day through the summer. It is such an important part of your child's future and education.

Thank you for all your parental support and help throughout the year. We couldn't do our jobs without you. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Great Expectations

It's time to say goodbye.

Our year has come to an end.

We've made more cherished memories

And many more new friends.

We've watched your child learn and grow
And change from day to day.

We hope that all the things we've done
Have helped in some small way.

So it's with happy memories
We send them "out the door",
With great hope and expectations
For what their future holds in store.

~Heidi Behnke, Connie Bellin &
Amy Streblow

A Message from the 4th Grade Teachers:

We have all certainly learned a lot about the word "flexible" over the past couple of months. While we weren't able to have a typical 4th quarter, it was an educational one nonetheless. The 4th grade team would love to send our thanks to all of you out there that took on the responsibility of adding 'co-teacher' to your already full job titles. This was no minor task for all of us to adjust to, but the teachers feel so lucky to have had all of you with us in this.

We are hoping that summer school will go on as planned in August. If your child is planning to attend some of the fun offerings there, they will get a good jump start to being back in the classroom next year.

~Mr. Beer, Mrs. Krohlow and
Ms. Schreiter

**Thank
You!**