



# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHIOCTON

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Dear Parents and Family Members,

It's time to celebrate as we have successfully schooled our students through the first semester and into the second. This is usually nothing to write home about, but this year, during a pandemic, I proudly place news of this accomplishment in the opening paragraph. Along with it, another word of 'thanks' to each of you for your role in helping us maintain a healthy and safe learning environment for over 90 days.

Unfortunately, we have experienced the stark reality of life with COVID-19 as we made the difficult decision to transition our **sixth grade** into digital learning for fourteen days. This action was largely precautionary, giving us time to complete the necessary contact tracing. We will continue these efforts while parents monitor their students for symptoms. Classroom and specials teachers will begin digital instruction on Monday.

**Four- and Five-Year Old Kindergarten Enrollment for 2021-2022** - We will hold four- and five-year old kindergarten enrollment the week of **March 1 – 5 from 7:30AM to 4:00PM** each day. Enrollment packets will be mailed home in early February or sent home with those 4K students currently enrolled in our program. During the week of March 1, parents are asked to drop off the completed enrollment packet and to bring along the child's birth certificate. Please contact the elementary school office. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

**2021-2022 Calendar** - The Board of Education recently approved the calendar for next school year. You can access the calendar at <https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/district/calendars.cfm>.

**Youth Apprenticeship Parent Meeting:** We will be hosting an in-person YA parent meeting on the evening of Monday, February 8. So that we can adequately prepare seating with social distancing in mind, we will be asking parents to sign-up to attend by February 4. Watch for more information via email, including a link to the on-line sign-up program. Unfamiliar with the Youth Apprenticeship Program? Click on the links that follow to learn more: [YA Informational Handout](#) [YA Program Application](#)

**Parents & Caregivers Workshop (free)** - As part of our focus on enjoining the school community in the development of all children, our Title I Educational Team wanted to share the following opportunity with each of you. This *free* workshop will help parents and caregivers learn ways to support the literacy development of children in Grades K-8. Visit the website to learn more: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl=inbox/WhctKJWJKghgKbghKZPmswxDbjRqtlfbPfgkgVGjTgptmVtCRhWDqvBFmqbFDhGGPqMsBpQ>

**Referendum 2021** - A reminder that the District is engaged in the referendum process, asking community members for your continued financial support of the total educational experience that we offer our learners. Upcoming referendum in-person meetings include:

- January 26 – Town of Maine Hall @ 6:30PM
- February 2 – virtual meeting @ 6:30PM\*
- February 10 – Shiocton school cafeteria @ 6:30PM

Learn more about the referendum by visiting: <https://edembowski7.wixsite.com/referendum2021/about>. Register for the virtual meeting by visiting: [https://shiocton-k12-wi-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMoc-rj8uG9AxFP9qTeB\\_nZOVomGRglb](https://shiocton-k12-wi-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMoc-rj8uG9AxFP9qTeB_nZOVomGRglb)

Wishing each of you a great weekend. **GO Pack, GO!**

*Mrs. Schweitzer*

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