

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHIOCTON

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Dear Parents and Family Members,

I want to start out by expressing our gratitude to you and all of our community members for going to the polls and voting on Tuesday. The three-year, non-recurring referendum passed, with the 'yes' response garnering just over 69% of the votes. We appreciate the message of confidence, trust, and support this positive vote communicates to each of us who are privileged to educate your child(ren) in-person each day.



As more of you are bringing your children to school each day, we are seeing a concerning effect on the traffic at the corner of Hwy 54 and N Broad Street. Most recently, the line of cars to drop off children at the elementary cross walk caused a back-up of vehicles onto the highway, stalling traffic. As this is an obvious traffic hazard, we are asking parents of **middle and high school students to use an alternative route** - **Second to Maple to N Broad streets** - and drop off at the crosswalk in front of our main entrance. Thanking you in advance for helping us reduce the traffic congestion.

The numbers are trending down! For the past two weeks, the number of students who have been out of school for a longer time period due to **COVID** has been in the single digits for each school. This is great news and great progress ...**AND**... great reason to continue observing best practices: social distancing whenever possible, wearing face coverings, and sanitizing hands, shared surfaces, and high touch areas. THANK YOU for all you are doing at home to keep your child(ren) healthy and in school each day.

Fall into spring means a few weeks of rest and 'gearing up'. Earlier this year, schools across the state were able to choose between playing fall sports in fall or postponing their fall sports until spring. This arrangement means that those schools who played fall sports in fall will have a sports hiatus — a few weeks off from scheduled games and meets but plenty of opportunity for personal practice, weight training, and conditioning. Watch for **spring sports** to begin in late April.

We will be holding our **Four- and Five-Year Old Kindergarten Enrollment for 2021-2022** during the week of March 1 – 5 from 7:30AM to 4:00PM each day. For our 4K kiddos, enrollment packets for 5K will be sent home with those students currently enrolled in our program. For all other to-be 4K and 5K kiddos, we are mailing home packets throughout the month of February. 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. Parent orientation dates will be set for late May.

Didn't receive a **4K or 5K packet**? No problem. Contact Mrs. Sell (x721) in the elementary school office to request one.

SPICE will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair February 25 - March 5. See Page 2 for more details.

Parents of **Junior students**: March 9 is the date when all juniors across the nation complete the ACT. Please encourage your child to get a good night's sleep the night before and to eat a healthy breakfast that morning.

Wishing each of you a great weekend – enjoy the warmer temperatures!

Mrs. Schweitzer

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