

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

September 26, 2016

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge>

Dear Families,

Later this afternoon I'll gather with our K, 1 & 2 students for their second School Meeting. When I was a child, this gathering was called an assembly- and it was largely adult directed. Make no mistakes; it takes many adults to facilitate a large group of children. Yet All School Meetings aspire to be a bit livelier, largely because they're designed to be an exchange. The best part of the agenda happens when students share academic projects, songs, slideshows, posters, dances and musical performances. Sharing works two ways: as presenters, students gain confidence. As audience members we demonstrate our core values of cooperation, respect and empathy. It's a powerful combination, and this gathering is one of the highlights of the week. Be sure to look for highlights on FaceBook!

Another group I enjoy meeting with is School Council. In contrast, School Council is a small group composed entirely of adults. When we meet teachers, parents and community members gather for the purpose of improving communication and generally improving our school. Representatives are elected. Members generally serve two-year terms, and we typically meet on a monthly basis. The purpose of the Council is also two fold: they are an advisory group, sharing insights and information about the school community with me. I also enlist member help in crafting a 'school improvement plan'- a template to guide our goals.

At Curriculum Night I shared that I am looking for three interested parents to serve

on School Council. If you are interested, please submit your name and a brief introduction statement explaining your interest to me and/or our school secretary, Cathy Cairns with 'School Council' in the subject line.

Sincerely,
Amy

P.S. We practiced our first lockdown drill last week. I'm pleased to say that all classes followed procedures smoothly and efficiently. We'll continue to practice a variety of drills throughout the year. Please reassure your child (as I do) that we practice so that everyone stays safe at school.



Important Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 28 (Wed)	School Photos 9-11:00 am
Oct. 7 (Fri)	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development
Oct. 10 (Mon)	NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
Oct. 14	School Store
Oct. 28	School Store
Nov. 8	NO SCHOOL – PARENT CONFERENCES & ELECTION DAY

Nov. 11

NO SCHOOL – VETERANS' DAY

ASAP (After School Activities Program) Classes Spaces Available

There are still spaces in the Fall Fitness Club and Coolidge Dance Team classes. The cost is only \$40 for a 6-week session, and classes start October 12th.

Click here to Register:

<https://goo.gl/forms/mvG3ZMrqZyWjjhaM2>

ASAP Course: *Fall Fitness Club*

Instructor: Ms. Cloyes & Ms. Rice

Open to students in grades: 4

Course description: Do you enjoy being active and staying fit? Do you want to get stronger? Then fitness club is for you! During the six sessions, we will learn about and practice several body-weight exercises to help us stay fit! Some examples of the body-weight exercises we will practice are push-ups, sit-ups, planks, mountain climbers, jumping jacks, burpees, squats, running... The list goes on! Join fitness club to have fun while you sweat!

ASAP Course: *Coolidge Dance Team*

Instructor: Ms. Fallis

Open to students in grades: 3 & 4

Course description: Students on "Coolidge Dance Team" will prepare a choreographed dance over the course of the 5 weeks to present to school mates in a fall performance.

Please direct all questions to:

**Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning,
508-841-8727 kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us**

From the Office:

If you filled out a CORI form at the Open House but did not include a photocopy of your license, please either send it to the office or come in and ask to have a photocopy made of your license. You cannot volunteer unless we send in a copy of your license with your CORI form.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE FOR IMPORTANT FORMS AND DATES:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/>

We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool>

If your child will be out sick, out for a vacation, or celebrating a religious holiday, please call the school before 10:00am that day to let us know.

Child Safe line (for absences): 508.841.8886

Coolidge Main Line: 508.841.8880

Cathy Cairns, Coolidge Secretary: 508.841.8884

Mark your calendars with No School Dates, Early Release Dates and Holidays.

Shrewsbury Public Schools 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

FINAL
Approved 2-3-16*

**Note: The first day of school, holidays, and school vacations will not change.
Professional development days and early release days could change as a result of negotiations with the teachers' association.*

AUG/SEP 22 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER 19 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

NOVEMBER 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

DECEMBER 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY 20 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

August/September

8/25 & 26 New Teachers' Orientation
 8/29 Opening Program for Staff
 8/30 Students Return/Full Day
 9/2 Professional Development/No School
 9/5 Labor Day/No School

October

10/7 Professional Development/No School
 10/10 Columbus Day/No School

November

11/8 Election Day/Pre-K-8 Conference Day/No School
 11/11 Veterans Day/No School
 11/23 - 25 Thanksgiving Vacation

December

12/6 Professional Development/Early Release
 12/26 - 12/30 December Vacation

January

1/2 New Year's Day (Observed)
 1/16 M.L. King Day/No School

February

2/7 Professional Development/Early Release
 2/20 Presidents Day/No School
 2/21 - 2/24 Winter Vacation

March

3/7 Professional Development/Early Release

April

4/4 Professional Development/Early Release
 4/17 Patriots Day/No School
 4/18 - 21 Spring Vacation

May

5/2 Professional Development/Early Release
 5/26 Last Day for Seniors
 5/29 Memorial Day/No School

June

6/1 Graduation Day
 6/12 Last Day for Kindergarten & Preschool
 6/14 Last Day/Half Day for Students

February 15 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

MARCH 23 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
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APRIL 15 Days				
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24	25	26	27	28

MAY 22 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

JUNE 10 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
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12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

0 snow days = 6/14 last day
 1 snow day = 6/15 last day
 2 snow days = 6/16 last day
 3 snow days = 6/19 last day
 4 snow days = 6/20 last day
 5 snow days = 6/21 last day

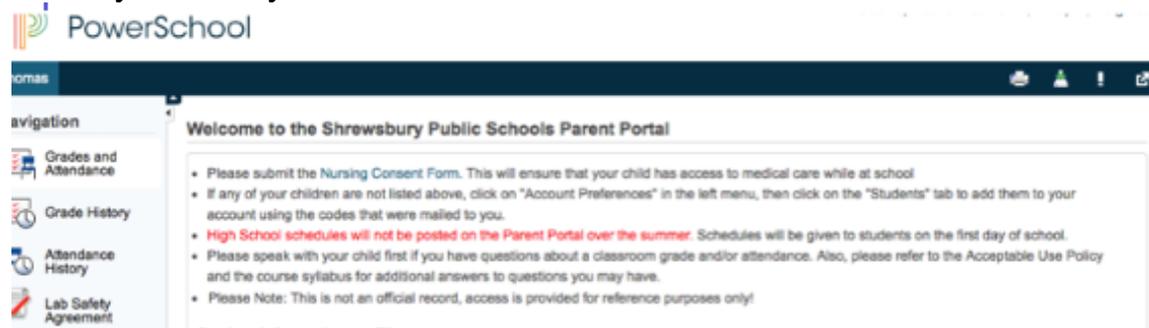
UPDATE - From the Nurse:

Please look below for information on medical health from Mrs. Zimmermann, our school nurse. Having standing orders ready is another way we seek to help support students and families.

As of this morning, 198 parents out of 404 have done the consent. Please do your consent asap!

Action Required - School Nurse Consent Form: The school nurse consent form that has traditionally been sent home on the first day of school for parents to sign and return is now available to complete in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please log in to the portal [here](#) as soon as possible to complete the form. This form is required for all students in order to be treated by and receive medications from the school nurse.

When you click you should see this:



The first line includes a link to the form. If you are still having trouble, let me know.

Calvin Coolidge Elementary School



No time for breakfast at home?

We've made it easy for your student to enjoy a healthy breakfast at school. School breakfast is proven to improve student behavior, test scores and attendance, so don't let your student miss out on the most important meal of the school day!

BREAKFAST IS SERVED

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE
OF A WELL-BALANCED
SCHOOL BREAKFAST AT
THE LOW PRICE OF:

\$1.50

Visit

e.g. <https://shrewsburypublicschool.apsva.us>
to learn what's on the menu.



Cheerleading Clinic

Sponsored by
Shrewsbury High School Cheerleaders

Monday, October 10, 2016

9:00 am- 12:00 pm

For boys & girls in grades K-8



Shrewsbury High School
64 Holden Street
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Cheers, Dance, Tumbling, Jumps & Stunts
Performance at the end of the clinic

Cost- \$25.00 per child before 10/10/16
\$30.00 per child at the door



Shrewsbury High School Cheer Clinic

Monday, October 10, 2016
Registration and Release Form

Participant's Name _____ Grade _____
Address _____ Phone _____
Email _____ (email will be used to confirm registration)

Emergency Contacts:

1. Name _____ Phone _____
2. Name _____ Phone _____

Shrewsbury Public Schools Athletic Parental Consent, Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

We the undersigned guardian of _____, a minor, do hereby consent to his/her participation in voluntary athletic programs and do forever RELEASE, acquit, discharge, and covenant to hold harmless the Town of Shrewsbury, a municipal corporation of the State of Massachusetts, and its successors, departments, officers, employees, servants and agents, of and from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims, demands, damages, costs, loss of services, expenses and compensation on account of, or in any way growing out of, directly or indirectly, all known and unknown personal injuries or property damages which we/I may now or hereafter may acquire, either before or after he/she has reached his/her majority resulting or to result from his/her participation in the Shrewsbury Public Schools Athletic Programs; FURTHERMORE, we/I hereby agree to protect the town of Shrewsbury and its successors, departments, officers, employees, servants, and agents, against any claims for damages, compensation or otherwise on the part of said minor growing out of or resulting from injury to said minor in connection with his/her participation in the Shrewsbury Public Schools voluntary athletic programs, and to INDEMNIFY, reimburse or make good to the town of Shrewsbury or its successors, departments, officers, employees, servants, and agents any loss of damages or costs, including attorney's fees, the town or its representatives may have to pay if any litigation arise from said minor's intentional, grossly negligent, or reckless acts or omissions while participating in said programs.

Signature of Guardian

Date

Mail form & payment to: Colleen Grocer, 5 Hobblebush Rd, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Make Checks Payable to: Shrewsbury High School Boosters

Cost: \$25 per child before 10/10/16; \$30 per child at the door

Questions??? Email Colleen at cgrocer30@gmail.com

PTO NEWSFLASH

Email: ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Blog: <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and notices. Come check it out!

Facebook Group: "Calvin Coolidge PTO"

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/coolidgepto/> All parents, guardians, and staff are welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community or ask a question.

Direct Donation: <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

1. Volunteers needed for Boys Fall Formal
2. Volunteers needed to help run talent show

1. We need Volunteers for the Boys Fall Formal which will be on November 5th from 6-8pm. Please contact Amanda Tanaka at amandatanaka@ymail.com if you can help. This is a fun event and a great fundraiser, but help is needed.

2. We need volunteers to help run the talent show. This involves people to help with three Friday's after school for rehearsals, the day of the event before and after. This is usually held the Friday before thanksgiving and is a big fundraiser for the school. Several people can help to run it together. Please contact Jenn at ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us if you can help

To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes, please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at kbiando74@gmail.com and Rachel Reeve at rachelreeve@yahoo.com

