**Sherwood Middle School**

Weekly Update to Families

October 9, 2018

“Make every day your masterpiece.”

John Wooden

Dear Families,

 We hope that the weekend provided you with relaxation, comfort, and joy. Students and faculty arrived to school today with stories from the weekend that included road trips to enjoy the New England foliage, neighborhood gatherings, reunions with children home from college, and outings to football games and other sporting events. These opportunities to spend time with families and friends elevate our spirits and fill our minds and bodies with all of the “good stuff” we want for ourselves and our students.

 As we reflect on the past week and the moments of goodness that were present to us, we are grateful to sixth grade student, Riley Manchester, who created “an original quote contest” that invited and encouraged all SMS students to use their creativity and writing skills while sharing heartfelt messages that include life lessons. Several students participated in the quote contest, after being encouraged by Riley over the Morning Announcements. We are proud of her efforts and commend her for taking this initiative. The winners of the contest include 5 Yellow student, Claire Maloney, and 6 Yellow student, Colin Armstrong. Their quotes can be found here:

Claire Maloney 5 Yellow:

"Just be you! Be the smart you! Be the proud you! And be the strong you!"

Colin Armstrong, 6 Yellow:

"You can sometimes feel like you're trapped,

but there is always an open window."

We are very proud of our students’ involvement in the life of our Sherwood Middle School community and are grateful to you, our family partners, for your encouragement and support of the children we serve.

 Finally, thank you to those who attended the Grades 5 and 6 Health Education nights last week, and a special thank you to Ms. Kelley Maguire, health educator, for facilitating both sessions. The information was shared in a clear, concise, informative, and sensitive manner. Thank you to Mr. Jeff Lane, Director of Health, Physical Education, and Family Consumer Science for his participation and support of our middle level programming.

 Respectfully,

 Jane O. Lizotte

 Heather G. Gablaski

 Karen R. Gutekanst

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**Day Schedule This Week:**

**Tuesday-Day 3**

**Wednesday-Day 4**

**Thursday-Day 5**

**Friday-Day 6 (END of Cycle 1)**

**Important Messages:**

1. **NEW:** SMS Speech Team Update
2. **REMINDER:** Sherwood Middle School Musical Update
3. **REMINDER:** Seeking Book Fair volunteers
4. **REMINDER:** Beal Building Project Update and Vote
5. **REMINDER:** *SCAPE* Presents, Middle Schoolers at Risk: What Every Family Needs to Know

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Reminder to all 6th Grade Students interested in joining the Sherwood Speech Team:**

**Today is the last day** to turn in your*Information and Consent Form* (the pink paper from the meeting; it’s also available in Schoology). Please make sure to indicate if you have a first choice for which session you will be in. We will let you know by the end of the week which students have been selected for each session. Session one will begin on Monday, October 15th. Please reach out to Ms. Manos if you have any questions (cmanos@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us).

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**REMINDER: Sherwood Musical Update**

The full schedule is located on the Sherwood School Musical Schoology Page. You will find it under “resources” along with a wealth of other important information. If you’re unclear how to locate this page, ask your child. They all know where it is!

Attached please find our musical update:

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**REMINDER from Ms. Hillary Clegg**

We continue to need volunteers for our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair, which is scheduled to run October 31st to November 6th! You can now view the schedule of class visits [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12ggrCll9qsneEd_dCpLp1VXVWaFPYzW3xuoShFOpAqM/edit?usp=sharing), in case you would like to volunteer while your student's class is attending the Book Fair.

Please [click here](https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/raBEqJ8X0) to sign up to volunteer. You can also email hclegg@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us with any questions. Thank you so much to the wonderful volunteers who have already signed up!

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**REMINDER: New Beal Building Project Update:**

At the October 22nd Special Town Meeting, a vote will be taken on approval to borrow the funds necessary to construct the proposed new Beal School at the current Glavin Center site on Lake Street.

On November 6th, there will be a town-wide election that will decide whether to provide the funding necessary to build the new Kindergarten through Grade 4 Beal School through a debt exclusion ballot question.

For those interested, there are two upcoming opportunities for parents and community members to tour the current Beal School.  The tours will be led by Beal School Principal, Chris Girardi.  These dates are:

Tuesday, October 2nd from 6:30-7:15 pm

Tuesday, October 16th from 5:00-6:00 pm

All are welcome.

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**Shrewsbury Coalition for Addiction Prevention & Education (SCAPE) presents,**

***Middle Schoolers at Risk: What Every Family Needs to Know***

**Please see attachment:**

**REMINDER: You Go Girl~A Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services Offering**

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