### Important Dates:

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### General News & Messages

It will be wonderful to see students return to Scotchtown Hills for in-person learning. We hope the transition will be a smooth one for all involved.

We are encouraging families of current virtual students to contact their teacher to review a plan of transitioning back into the building. Virtual families should begin to contact the **Department of Transportation** to confirm or schedule their child’s ability to ride a designated bus once they transition back to the building. Please do this **prior to returning** from virtual learning. It takes a little time for the Transportation Department to schedule bus pick up. Be prepared to provide a ride to and from your child’s school until Transportation gives you confirmation of a designated bus for your child.

To help your child **reacclimate** to being in the school building, think about picking a consistent day to have them come into the building to get used to the daily structure, class environment, learn the school building and meet classmates in person. More importantly, it helps to establish a routine of getting ready for school, riding the school bus (if that’s your choice) to and from school, etc.

Reach out to your child’s teacher to discuss further :)

Our teachers will continue to use Google Classroom as a means of supporting instructional activities like class and home assignments. Be sure to accept the invite when you receive it.

Parents are able to view the platform when they accept the Guardian invite!
We want to make sure that contact between school and home is clear and consistent. Let’s make sure that we have a current phone number (home/cell), home address and email address in SchoolMax. Parents/Guardians should have a current Family Portal account and check it weekly. When you don’t, the system may just disable your account temporarily.

We use School Messenger as our means of communicating with our school community (which is another reason to make sure we have your correct information).

SHES Staff

**Keeping up with your child’s progress:**
Be sure to check-in with your child’s teacher throughout each quarter. Look at the information in your child’s Google Classroom (GC). You should have Guardian access to the GC. This will allow you to see assignments (complete/incomplete) & grades. It is a great tool to help you in seeing what your child is doing in school. Contact your child’s teacher for more information.

**School & County Website:**
Be sure to check our SHES website, as well as the PGCPS site. Lots of information can be found there to help navigate throughout the school year.

Check in with your child’s teacher frequently:

- to discuss your child’s current progress
- keep contact information current
- establish a rapport and best way to keep in touch
- show you are interested in what your child is doing
- keep up with assignments, activities and projects

Transportation (Morning & Afternoon): How students get to school is very important. Particularly when riding county school buses. Please be sure to know the time your student is to be at the bus stop in the morning, as well as when they will be dropped off at the bus stop in the afternoon. This is extremely important for our younger students Pre-K thru 1st grade. Arrange for an emergency pick-up plan in the event you are not available.

Reminder: All Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten bus riders are expected to wear their safety vest each day (AM/PM buses).

Currently, breakfast, lunch & supper will be provided at no cost. Be sure to check the county website:
| Front Office Appointments: Due to current COVID19 restrictions, we will continue to provide access to parents via appointments only. |  |