



Welcome to **SHELDON MIDDLE SCHOOL #**

We have had a great start to the 2020-21 school year! We look forward to partnering with you to learn, reach success, and have fun.

School Day Info

Classes start at: 8:25 AM
Classes end at: 3:25 PM

COVID INFORMATION

Please refer to the *Return to Learn Plan* for information about safely returning to school this fall. Contact Mrs. Barwick (712-324-4346) with any questions about the plan or your child's return to school.

COMMUNICATIONS

See our web site (sheldonschools.com) for:

- Daily announcements, as needed
- Weekly Friday bulletins
- Teacher's email addresses
- ORAB newsletters at the end of the quarter

See Facebook for announcements and event information.

CELL PHONES

Students may NOT use cell phones between 8:00 AM and 3:25 PM. Cell phones must be kept in student lockers during these times. If you need to get in contact with your student, please call the office at 712-324-4346.

There is a phone in the office for students to use during the school day. After practices, there are phones available to students in both coaches' offices and in the gym.

UPCOMING NO SCHOOL DATES

November 6 (Teacher PD/Workday)

November 25, 26 & 27

(Thanksgiving break)

December 23-January 1

(Winter break)

January 4 (Teacher PD/Workday)

SEND COATS!

As the weather gets colder, please remember to send a coat with your child to wear at recess time. Recess is normally held outside unless the wind chill is below 0. Thank you!

BIKE RIDERS

Bike riders should use the bike trail when possible. Bikes should not travel through the bus area or parking lot area after school.

FREE MEALS!

Free school meals (breakfast & lunch) will continue for the remainder of the school year!

ALA CARTE

Although breakfasts and lunches are free, ala carte purchases such as juice, bottled water, fruit, cereal bars and seconds on menu items, are **not** included. All "extras" are available at a cost.

RED RIBBON WEEK

During the week of October 26-30, SMS students observed Red Ribbon Week, a nationally recognized week to promote substance abuse awareness and intolerance of drugs and alcohol. During Red Ribbon Week students displayed posters regarding staying drug-free. Each day we had a theme: Monday we wore red to show we are Proud to be Drug Free. Tuesday was Peace Out Drugs so we wore tie-dye and all things peace. Wednesday was **Help Everyone Respect Others (HERO day)**, therefore, many Super Heroes were walking around in their capes or military uniforms. Thursday was quite colorful with students and staff wearing leis and tropical clothing standing for "Lei Off Drugs". Friday incorporated Halloween and we all said BOO to Drugs by wearing costumes. Everyone had a great time while standing up for something important. Find some time to talk to your student about the importance of staying drug free today!

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Child going to be absent from school?

Call the school office at 712-324-4346 by 9AM

VETERANS' DAY

On November 11 we will once again honor our armed services veterans by holding a special assembly. As students and staff we will celebrate the solemn pride we have in the heroism of those who have given all or a portion of their lives to defend our country's freedom. Dr. Ryan Becker will speak, the 7/8 band and choir will perform and pictures of family members who have served will be shown in a special Powerpoint presentation. 7th and 8th graders will space themselves out in the gym and a livestream of the assembly will be sent to the 5th and 6th grade classrooms. We will never forget the sacrifices made by our brave service men and women! No outside visitors will be included in our audience.

8TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR

It's back by popular demand—the 25th Annual Sheldon Middle School Science Fair. This year's science fair will be held on Tuesday, November 17 from 7-8 pm in the Sheldon Middle School gymnasium. The 8th graders are identifying and collecting information on their selected projects to experiment. Frequently, students are responsible for meeting deadlines that will help them prepare their exhibit and write their final paper for their scientific investigation. Each 8th grader has received a packet of information which details all they need to know to help prepare their experiment, exhibit, and final report. The science fair can be a wonderful experience if students meet the deadlines on time and have selected an area of interest to them. Be sure to ask your 8th grade child how their project is coming along. If you have any questions or would like to see examples of documents which were handed out, you can contact the middle school (324-4346) or Mr. Gude at jim.gude@sheldon schools.com. Best of luck to all 8th grade participants.

WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

If there is bad weather this winter, announcements will be made on KIWA, KTIV, and the district website. We will also notify all of you via text and/or voice if you have signed up for our messenger services.

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BACKPACK PROGRAM

MS and East offer a weekend backpack program. We are currently handing backpacks to students who qualify for free lunches. Backpacks are provided by Food Bank of Iowa and are delivered each Friday on a weekly basis. These bags consist of about 10 items that help to supplement students' food supplies at home such as heat and eat meals, juices, applesauce, and cereals. There is no fee for families who participate. Thank you for your support of the backpack program for our kids. It is much appreciated! (If you know of a student who needs a backpack or would possibly qualify, please contact the MS office.)

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Board Policy – Code No. 102.E1 Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Sheldon Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (except students), religion, national origin, creed, sex/gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or socio-economic status in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities. The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (except students), religion, national origin, creed, sex/ gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or socio-economic status in admission or access to, or treatment in, its hiring and employment practices. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), § 504 or Iowa Code § 280.3 is directed to contact:

Cynthia Barwick, MS Principal Sheldon CSD
310 23rd Avenue Sheldon, Iowa 51201 712-324-4346

Cynthia Barwick, Middle School Principal, has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, § 504 and Iowa Code § 280.3 (2007).

VISION SCREENING

Vision screens will take place on November 10. All students who do not have glasses or contacts will be screened. Thanks to the optometrists from the Northwest Iowa Optometric Association for donating their time and expertise! If your child fails the screening you will receive a letter suggesting a complete vision exam at the eye clinic of your choice. If your student passes the screening, no notification will be sent. (No News is Good News!) Remember, good vision is very important for learning.

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Picture Retakes

December 10

Upcoming Activities

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Be sure to come and listen to the sounds of the season on December 10 at 7:00 in the high school auditorium. All students will be allowed two guests per concert. The 5th grade band will perform at 7:00. After their performance, all 5th graders and their guests will exit the auditorium. The 6th grade band and their guests will then file into the auditorium for their portion of the concert. On December 14, the 7/8 band and choir will perform. Each student will again be allowed two guests. The band members will arrive for warm-ups at 6:30. The 7/8 band will perform at 7:00. At 7:15 the choir members will arrive at the high school for warm-ups. They will perform after the band members and their guests exit the auditorium. Please join us for a socially distanced concert to help you begin your holiday season.