

THE CHRONICLES



From the Principal

A Word from the Executive Director

Happy New Year SHPA Families!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable winter break--here at school we were happy to see the students return ready to learn and grow! The New Year offers a unique opportunity for new learning and growth that is often best achieved when rooted in reflection and contemplation. Here at Seven Hills we are learning and growing in so many ways, including in our awareness and appreciation of equity and inclusion and the values upon which our democratic classicism model of education is based.

With that in mind, we look forward to recognizing and celebrating the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., ahead of the holiday later this month honoring his legacy. Our ongoing commitment to equity in education is inspired by Dr. King's wisdom and efforts to create a more just and civil society. This commitment is reflected in our strategic plan, increasingly represented in our curriculum, and an integral part of our classroom instruction. It is also demonstrated in our professional development, and we are eager to continue our learning and growth when our staff participates in an English Learner workshop followed by a conversation panel on race and equity at the end of this month.

This month also highlights school choice week, and we are so grateful to be able to provide a high-quality, character-based, tuition-free Classical education to our families who have exercised their right to choose a learning environment where students and staff from all backgrounds work hard to prepare for a diverse world in which they make lasting contributions.

May the New Year be one of new growth and learning for all of you,

Sincerely,

Carl Schlueter

New Groups Guided by Ms. Larson, School Counselor

Self Control of Emotions

Students during Guidance this month are learning about the Zones of Regulation. The Zones is a program that teaches students to be in control of their emotions and make good decisions to return to a calm and happy state. Students will learn coping strategies and tools such as deep breathing, positive thinking, body movements that help with anger and worry and being their own inner coach.

Family Change Group

The Family Change Group will be starting in January. I am looking for group members that have had a significant change in their family dynamics in the past year. Some examples of this may be divorce, remarriage or death. Students in this group will be supported by others going through similar changes while learning about how to successfully make it through the 5 Stages of Grief. If you think that your student would be a good fit please email me at klarson@shpamn.org.

DATES AHEAD

January 17-24

Interim Assessments

January 21, 2019

No School

Martin Luther King Day

January 25, 2019

No School

Teacher Workshop

February 9, 2019

Spaghetti Dinner

4:00 – 8:00 pm

Fat Lorenzo's

February 18, 2019

No School

Presidents' Day

March 1, 2019

No School

Teacher Workshop

May 9, 2019

Spring Music Concert

6:30 pm

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School Board Report

Next School Board Meeting:

Thursday, February 7th at 6 pm at SHPA Bloomington Campus

SHPA school board meeting minutes:

<http://sevenhillspreparatoryacademy.org/about-our-school/board-of-directors/#executive>

Meet a Board Member:

Celeste Wiederholt Teacher/Member

Current term: 7/1/16-6/30/19

Committees served on: Public Relations, Human Resources

Connection to SHPA: Founding teacher and parent

Fun Fact: I have lived in Minnesota my whole life. I love cheering for my Minnesota sports teams especially the Vikings, Wild and Twins. Most of the time you can find me cheering on my son Nick and daughter Ava at their sports and events, Go Spartans! My dream was to be a teacher when I grew up and I am lucky to have my dream job.

School Lunch News

In order to streamline our school lunch process, we will begin using PINs (Personal Identification Numbers) for all students. Our first day with the lunch PINs will be on Tuesday, January 22nd. To locate your student(s) PIN you will need to access your Orgs account. Once you're in the system click Manage Family Members on the left side of the screen. You will see the 4 digit PIN next to each student. Please help your student memorize their PIN as this will help get your student through the lunch line quickly.

If you do not have an account in Orgs you must create an account as soon as possible at www.orgsonline.com. The school code is 378SHPAMN.

PTA Update

PTA Meeting: Thursday, February 7th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Bloomington Campus. Free child care provided for all pottytrained children.

K - 5 Family Dance: Once again the PTA will be sponsoring the K-5 Family Dance for all SHPA families. This year the dance will be on **Friday, February 15th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**. Look for more information to be provided over the next few weeks.

Box Tops: Don't forget to continue to be collecting Box Tops. There will be a collection period in February! Do date we are at \$850 towards our goal of \$2,500.

Get more PTA updates by visiting <https://sevenhillsppta.org> or join our Facebook page at Seven Hills PTA.

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School Lunch News Continued:

Please email me at mgihl@shpamn.org if you have any questions.

The **February lunch menu** will be available today, 1/11/19 through Friday, 1/18/19.

Thank you,
Monica Gihl,
Lunch Service Coordinator

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