

THE TORCH



From the Executive Director

Hello SHPA Families and Happy March!

The past month of February has presented several weather-related challenges for schools, including ours, and similar to other schools, we are assessing the impact of the amount of lost instruction due to weather-related closures, delays, and early dismissals. Thus far this winter, we have closed for five school days, delayed the start of one school day, and dismissed early another day. These decisions were made with the safety of our students in mind, yet given the cumulative learning time lost, I will be bringing a recommendation to the School Board to consider making up one of these student contact days at this time. Although we are still above the minimum number of instructional hours required by statute, much of the winter season remains, and we are committed to the promise of academic rigor in our mission and seek to deliver as much of our curricular content as is reasonable and possible given these exceptional circumstances. Following the outcome of next week's School Board meeting, we will communicate out to our families the decision regarding this proposed makeup day. As always, thank you for your patience, cooperation, and understanding as we continue to manage the various challenges of this winter season.

Additionally, I would be remiss not to include at least a brief statement here recognizing and celebrating March as Women's History Month. Our school, our community, our country, and our world--indeed, each one of us--would not be as just, compassionate, or promising without the many sacrifices and contributions of women. Throughout this month, we look forward to honoring the impact of women upon our society and ourselves through our curriculum and programming.

Warmly,
Carl Schlueter

DATES AHEAD

March 4
Governance Committee
Bloomington Campus

March 5
Finance Committee
Bloomington Campus

March 7
Board Meeting
Bloomington Campus

March 8
Out of Uniform Day

March 9
SHPA Bingo Night

March 19
Town Hall Meeting
Bloomington Campus

March 21
Early Release, 1:30
Evening Conferences

March 22
Day Conferences

March 24-29
Spring Break

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BINGO NIGHT

Saturday, March 9th
4:00 - 7:00 pm

Join us for this Family Friendly indoor activity on a cold winter evening.

Richfield Campus

1401 W 76th St, Richfield

4:00-4:30 pm - Purchase Cards

4:30-7:00 pm - 10 Games of BINGO (Gift Card Prizes

Concessions available - Brats/Dogs

Review the BINGO flyer as linked in Mrs. Farrell's cover letter.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JANUARY VIPs

Kindergarten: Ishwaaq, Palmer, Kayden, Jaycob

First Grade: Samuel, Lola, Adriana, Sophia

Second Grade: James, Miaya, Sam, Faye

Third Grade: Surabhi, Emmet, Kunga, Catie

OUT of UNIFORM DAY

Students can buy a pass for our next out of uniform day on Friday, March 8. Flyers have been sent home with students. You can also link to the flyer as shared in Mrs. Farrell's cover letter.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Upcoming Town Hall

The SHPA school board invites all members of SHPA to join us for our semi-annual Town Hall meeting on Tuesday March 19th at 6:30 pm at SHPA Bloomington Campus in the children's theater. The Town Hall is a great opportunity to meet your school board members and engage in dialogue with school administrators and board regarding SHPA. Also join us for a small reception afterward with cookies/bars and a chance to talk one-on-one with board members. Free childcare will be provided by the PTA for any potty-trained children.

Next School Board Meetings

Thursday, March 7 at 6 pm, Bloomington Campus

SHPA School Board Meeting Minutes

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

Meet a Board Member

Kate Docken, Teacher Member

Current term: July 12018--June 30, 2021

Committees served on: Facilities Committee, Finance Committee
Connection to SHPA: I work at Seven Hills as the Special Education Director for the LEA and this is my 11th year with the school. I have since watched the school merge into Seven Hills Preparatory Academy where we acquired a building in Richfield, moved our middle school, and replicated our K-3 program.

Fun Fact: I enjoy spending time outside of school with my almost three year old who keeps me busy. I work at the state fair in the summer serving tater tots for the Tot Boss food truck.

PTA UPDATE

PTA Meeting: Thursday, March 14th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Bloomington Campus. Free child care provided for all potty-trained children.

More PTA Updates at <https://sevenhillspta.org> or join our Facebook page at Seven Hills PTA.

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