

2020-2021

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## COMPREHENSIVE DISTANCE LEARNING



SHERWOOD  
CHARTER SCHOOL

Dear SCS families,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer despite the challenges we all face with COVID-19. As I enter my 29th year in education, 15th year as an administrator, and my 9th year leading SCS, I can tell you that I am rested and recharged for the new school year. The big question has been, what will the fall look like? Like you, I have been asked about fall multiple times from friends, family and fellow educators. Now that we know *how* we will be starting the year with Comprehensive Distance Learning, I want to put your mind at ease to say, *we've got this!*

My team and I have been working all summer to learn about how to make distance learning much more engaging, fun, and rigorous. The learning curve is not as steep this time, and the focus is on innovation. We have taken your feedback and teacher feedback regarding spring distance learning, and applied it to our improved roll out this year. My dream team will return to work on August 24th to start a comprehensive two week training to raise the bar on distance learning. Everyone is excited to get back to work and see our SCS community.

Based on the survey feedback from parent and teachers, we will focus on resources and academics, communication and connection, navigation, and a variety of supports to launch our 20-21 school year with the following upgrades to the distance learning experience.

### Resources and Academics

- Because we are a small school, we can quickly and easily assess where our students are academically. We can then personalize learning so that our students fill any gaps while simultaneously accelerating their learning. SCS has invested in several new online curriculum tools that will give students multiple options to access their learning.
- We have improved ways to work in small groups to help students grow in their skill levels, especially in reading. Progress monitoring during distance learning is critically important

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so that our students thrive this year.

- SCS now has Freckle, which is a program that helps differentiate curriculum practice at all levels. Students can practice at their own pace in math, English language arts, science, and social studies. Teachers will use data to inform their teaching pace for each student.
- Grades 1-8 will be learning how to keyboard with a program called Typing.com

### Navigation

- We have created several resources that will make a difference in the ease of finding and using helpful tutorials for this new way of learning at SCS. We are launching an SCS created teacher resource website that will help us access innovative learning tools for our students.
- Each classroom will have an easy to navigate website that has all you need to find schedules, additional help, resources, and curriculum maps all in one location.
- All classes will have the same learning platform (except kindergarten which will use Seesaw) so that navigating the websites will be much easier.
- We have designed a parent website that we will be launching soon, that gives families the tutorials and resources to make navigating our platforms much easier. We will update these as needed.
- Schedules will be consistent and easy to navigate so that jumping into classes is predictable and simple.

### Communication and Connection

- We believe that teachers need to have a daily live connection with our students. Connection and communication with families will happen more often than last spring. Teachers will have family live visits, driveway visits when needed, notes in the mail, and other modes of communication.
- Parents and students will be given opportunities to participate in surveys giving SCS feedback as we move through the year.
- Everyday, I will send a video message to each class and replicate our morning gathering in the sanctuary. We will focus on different topics each day. It will be called, "Learning Has a Look with Ms. Raboli." I will also have time set aside so that parents can video chat with me with any questions or help needed.
- Our counselor, Kaylie Buchanan, will be doing driveway visits for students who need some extra support. Our special education staff will be checking in with students regarding their IEP goals.



## Launching Back to School

- We will have a “back to school tool kit” video for each classroom, so that parents know how to access all of the tools specific to each grade level, and get organized before the first day of school.
- There will be a classroom resource and Chromebook pick up day where students will have an opportunity to take a picture (socially distanced of course) with the teacher.
- We will have a virtual Meet and Greet event for every family on September 8th. Each family will sign up for a time and have a chance to meet the teacher virtually. More details will come when the time gets closer. Later that day, we will kick off the start of school with a special Meet and Greet parade. Decorate your cars and be ready for some fun!
- We will be having a virtual back to school night in September so that you can ask teachers questions and learn about curriculum for the year. More information regarding this will be coming soon.
- Tips will be provided on how to set up your child’s learning space and help your student get in the mindset about school at home as a routine each day (hint: uniforms). Students are expected to attend a full day each day. The morning will be online with live lessons from 9-12 and the afternoon is offline with time for projects, homework, skill practice and other academics. If this schedule does not work for your family, the teacher will provide links to recording of live lessons. Fridays will be a day to complete any unfinished work from the week.
- Finally, we will continue to do what SCS does best, and that is to build strong relationships and a culture of H.E.A.R.T. as a community. You can look forward to fun virtual community events in the weeks ahead.

As challenging as this pandemic has been for all of us, I want to assure you that our teachers and staff are EXCITED! We can’t wait to get back to work and make this year exceptional. We can’t thank you enough for your amazing support of our little school during this time. SCS is special, we will continue to create wonderful learning opportunities for your children.



With H.E.A.R.T.,  
Joy Raboli



# THINGS TO DO

## Back to School Family Survey

To help us prepare for the upcoming school year, please complete the Back to School Family survey. Included is the request for support materials, technology or chromebooks so please be sure to complete the survey by August 28th.

[2020-2021 Back to School Family Survey](#)

## Family Directory 2020-2021

Each year we provide a family directory to current families. To be included in the family directory, please complete the online form by September 23rd using the link below. Participation in the family directory is optional.

[2020-2021 Family Directory Online Form](#)

## Emergency Notification Signup—FlashAlert

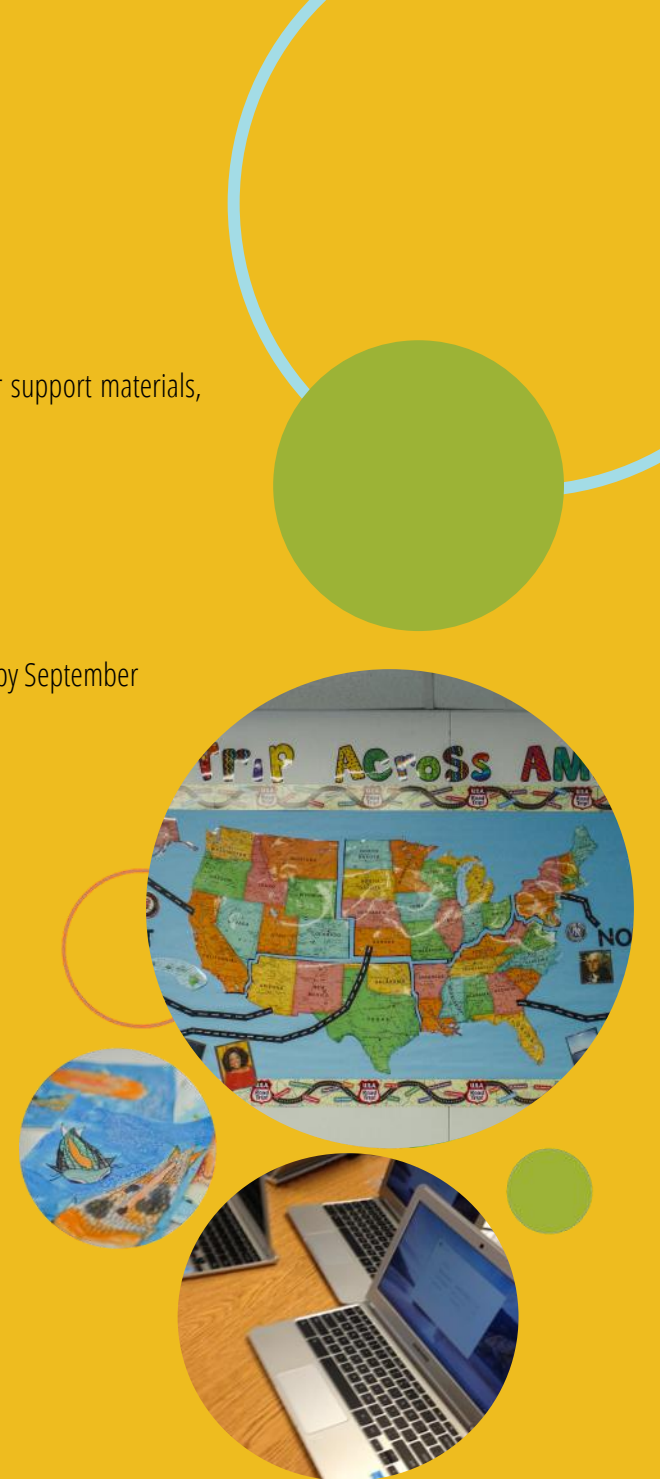
Emergency closure and other important announcements from Sherwood Charter School are sent through FlashAlert. Parents/guardians should sign up on [www.flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net) to receive email, text message, or alert notification of school emergency closures. For inclement weather, we generally follow Sherwood School District decisions, but to ensure you are receiving the most accurate SCS announcements, please click the link below to learn how to sign up:

[FlashAlert Instructions](#)

Although we are starting the year with Comprehensive Distance Learning, we still encourage families to sign up for FlashAlert now to be sure to receive important announcements.

## Add SCS to your email contacts

Be sure to add [office@sherwoodcharterschool.org](mailto:office@sherwoodcharterschool.org) to your email contact list so that you don't miss any important school announcements or updates.



# THINGS TO KNOW



## School Website

Be sure to check our school website [here](#) for the most up to date information during the school year, including upcoming events and important announcements. Our SCS families will find the [Parent Resources page](#) to be especially useful, as well as the 2020-2021 School Year information page found [here](#).



## OneFund

With Sherwood Charter School only receiving 80% of traditional public school funding, the OneFund is essential in maintaining a balanced budget and closing the 20% deficiency gap, as well as contributing to what makes our school exceptional. OneFund donations are tax-deductible and payments can be processed online via credit card, or by cash or check made payable to Sherwood Charter School. Our suggested donation is \$500 per student, although there is no donation limit. Anyone can make a donation, in any amount, at any time.

Please see [www.sherwoodcharterschool.org/giving](http://www.sherwoodcharterschool.org/giving) to make your donation now. You will also have an opportunity at the Fall Pick Up to drop off your donation.

## Uniform Policy, Student/Parent Handbook, and SCS Policies

Please be sure to review the SCS uniform policy and Student/Parent Handbook before the start of the school year. You can view both on the Parent Resources page of our website [here](#). Please note, at this time the handbook does not account for the current distance learning and hybrid instruction models. If you have any questions regarding uniforms or information in the handbook, please contact the office directly. The Sherwood Charter School Policies can also be found online [here](#).

## 2020-2021 Supply lists

Supply lists for the 2020-2021 school year are available on the [Parent Resources](#) page of our website. This year, to account for both types of learning, the supply lists are separated by items needed for Comprehensive Distance Learning and in-person. Families can buy all items now, or wait to get the in-person supplies once we are able to return to in-school instruction.



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# 2020-2021 SCHOOL ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## Fall Pick Up Day September 3rd

Come pick up classroom resources and chromebooks, turn in registration paperwork, and take a picture of your student with their teacher! More information coming soon!

For events throughout the year, be sure to check our online events calendar! [Click here.](#)

## Virtual Meet and Greet and Back to School Parade September 8th

Join us for our annual Meet and Greet! This year, sign up to meet your teacher virtually, then later that day join the parade on campus! More information coming soon for this event.

## First Day of School September 9th

The 2020-2021 school year will begin online through Compressive Distance Learning. Please see your email for login instructions for the first day of classes, and be sure to review the Back to School Toolkit video from your student's teacher.

### 2020-2021 Sherwood Charter School Academic Calendar

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All Teachers Report .....	August 24
First Day for Students	
All Grades K-8.....	September 9
Statewide In-service.....	October 9
1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester ends.....	November 19
2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester ends.....	March 11
3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester ends.....	June 9
Last Day for (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade only).....	June 9
Last Day for Students ½ day.....	June 10

#### Breaks and Holiday Closures

Labor Day .....	September 7
Veteran's Day .....	November 11
Thanksgiving Day .....	November 26
Winter Break .....	December 21-January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.....	January 18
President's Day.....	February 15
Spring Break.....	March 22-26
Memorial Day.....	May 31

#### SYMBOL KEY

- ☒ First and last day for students
- Holiday Observed
- △ End of Trimester
- Non Student Days
- ☒ Teachers report back
- ◆M Middle School Conference Days
- ◆E Elementary Conference Days
- ◆ Conference Days (all grades)
- Staff Development
- \* Possible school closure make up day

Approved by Sherwood Charter School Board  
January 22, 2020

[Click here to  
download the 2020-  
2021 Calendar](#)



# MEET THE STAFF



Kelsey Connolly  
Kindergarten



Marissa Bradley  
1st Grade



Stacy Tronnier  
2nd Grade



Molly Fleskes  
3rd Grade



Ashley Murray  
4th Grade



Natalie Gaines  
5th Grade



Nora Stuckey  
PE



Amanda DuPriest  
Music



Sara Knee  
Art



Shannon Peterka  
Science



Sarah Richard  
Humanities



Adam Bowers  
Math



Lydia Graeber  
Assistant



Cheryl McLeod  
Admin Specialist



Joy Raboli  
Principal



Angela Havlinek  
Office Manager



Kaylie Buchannan  
Counselor