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Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

Important Dates

May 1st
Seniors last day of school

May 10th
Graduation at 2:00
via Striv

May 13th
Last day of school for
PK-11th grades

May 13th
Teacher parade through
town at 1:30 pm

May 15th
All class work must be
turned in today.

May 14th-20th
School materials and
devices to be turned in.

The Grind with Mrs. Coffey

As the 2019-2020 school year comes to a close, we prepare ourselves to send a great group of seniors out the doors and onto the multiple paths into their futures. For the past 13 years plus or a portion thereof, Shickley Public Schools, along with the parents and community members of Shickley have taught these great individuals the academic subjects, important social skills, respect, responsibility, how to take action and control of any situation they may face, and have provided them with the necessary tools they will need as they make important decisions in their future.

This senior year may not have ended with a sense of normalcy, but I am grateful that they have had a supportive community alongside them through it all. No matter what was "lost" through this unprecedented time, what they have "gained" as a Shickley Longhorn and as an individual will forever far outshine what was "lost" this year.

On May 10th, we get to celebrate these great individuals a little differently than we have in the past, as they graduate from Shickley Public Schools. Please be sure to watch the graduation on our Striv channel. Graduation is a wonderful time to celebrate their hard work and educational careers to this point. Oftentimes graduation is seen as a closing on what has been, however, it is also the beginning to what will be. This group of young men and women have not let anything, not even a pandemic, get in the way of their "stick-to-it-ness." It has not been easy, however, I believe it has become a part of their journey that can only make them stronger as individuals and their future selves.

Congratulations to our thirteen seniors, their parents, family, and friends; this is a great accomplishment! At Shickley Public Schools we are very grateful to have had them and to be a part of their educational and life journey. May they always remember where they came from and have Shickley as big a part of their lives as they have been to Shickley.



2020 Shickley High School Senior Graduation: Sunday, May 10th at 2:00 pm

Class Motto: "Do not let making a living prevent you from making a life." - John Wooden

Class Flower: Lily

Class Colors: Cool Grey and Hot Pink



Regan Alfs

Daughter of Kari Jo and Bryan Alfs.
Plans to attend University of Nebraska
at Lincoln and major in Agricultural
Education.



Raegan Fiala

Daughter of Dana and Lance Fiala.
Plans to attend Nebraska College of
Technical Agriculture and major in
Veterinary Technology.



Alexandria Lamely

Plans to attend Central Community
College and major in Interior Design.



Sam Margheim

Son of Karen and Chris Margheim.
Plans to attend Northeast Community
College and major in Agronomy.



Zachary Mosier

Son of Kathy and Matt Mosier.
Plans to attend Northeast Community
College and major in Diversified Ag.



Nathan Nelson

Son of Brenda and Brent Nelson.
Plans to attend Northeast Community
College and major in Diversified Ag.

**Kaylee Noel**

Daughter of Monica and Reg Noel. Plans to attend University of Nebraska at Kearney and major in Chiropractic Medicine.

**Alyssa Nolt**

Daughter of Suzanne and Shawn Nolt. Plans to attend Hesston College and major in Music Therapy.

**Austin Plock**

Son of Michelle Sorsen and John Plock. Plans to attend Northeast Community College and major in Agronomy.

**Justin Stengel**

Son of Brenda and Corey Stengel. Plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University and major in Agribusiness.

**Brock Swartzendruber**

Son of Jackie and Chris Swartzendruber. Plans to attend University of Nebraska at Lincoln and major in Animal Science.

**Josh Swartzendruber**

Son of Linda and Jon Swartzendruber. Plans to attend University of Nebraska at Lincoln and major in Agronomy.

**Olivia Tapia**

Daughter of Katie and Todd Gnuse. Plans to major in nursing.

Library Books Need To Be Turned In

Attention Students / Parents: There are still an abundance of library books checked out to students. Please go through your materials at home and return the books to the box outside the school. If you have questions about what items your child has checked out, please contact Miss Hansel by email: ahansel@longhornpower.org or phone: 402-520-0109. Thanks!

FBLA, by Mrs. Yantzie

Although the FBLA State Leadership Conference was cancelled, Regan and Adam Alfs were able to compete in the Business Plan event. Via a virtual Awards of Excellence Ceremony, the sister and brother duo were awarded 2nd place in the event to qualify for the national competition. They have earned the opportunity to compete at the National Leadership Conference in late June via a virtual method.

Senior Regan Alfs was a four-time National Leadership Conference qualifier and finished 3rd in Business Plan in 2019 and 4th in Business Financial Plan in 2018.



Plant Sale Pick Up

Plants will be delivered to school from Janet's Jungle on Monday, May 4th. Staff will need time to sort and get ready for pick up once they arrive.

Due to COVID 19, plant sale pick up will be conducted differently this year. Only Shickley staff will be allowed to be in the building during plant delivery and pick up. We will be limited to 10 staff members at one time to assist with plant pick up.

We have been in contact with the student who took your order. Many have responded back and will be the ones to deliver your plant order. If they are not going to be delivering your plants, we will be calling or emailing you to set you up a time to come drive by and pick up your plants. We do not want anyone to have to get out of their vehicle. This will be a drive through plant pick up for everyone picking up plants. If you ordered a planter, you will be able to select your planter by indicating which planter you want and a "helper" will get it and load it for you. All other plants that you ordered will be boxed up for you ahead of time and brought to your vehicle. We will do a plant check and make sure that you have all of your plants. If you live in town and didn't order a planter there is a chance that we will have someone deliver your plants to your home.

We will start plant pick-up on May 5th. Due to numbers and the way we have to pick up plants this year, the process may take more than 1 day. We are truly sorry for this inconvenience. We hope you understand and we'll do our best to make this process as smooth as possible. Your patience and support is greatly appreciated.

WE VALUE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR BUYING PLANTS THIS YEAR!

Thank You, by Board Member Ambur Hinrichs

I would like to say a big Thank You to our administration, teachers, and staff for the way they have stepped up during this time of uncertainty. I am very pleased as a board member and a parent that our students have continued their education while unable to be in school. It took a lot of hard work and planning to make sure students were eLearning as soon as possible. Many schools in our area had to take a week or more to get organized for eLearning. I also think it is important to note that our students have been taught new curriculum during this time. This means those hours can be considered instructional hours. Mrs. Coffey noted in our last board meeting that a lot of schools in our state are only "enriching" their students. Meaning, reviewing concepts that were taught before school was cancelled. Once again, thank you for making Shickley Public Schools a great place to educate our kids!

Lunch with Noel

Mrs. Noel is inviting students to meet her in her Zoom meeting room on Tuesdays from 12:00-12:45 for K-3rd graders and Thursdays from 12:00-12:45 for 4th-6th graders.

During this time the kids and Mrs. Noel can have lunch together, play some games, and maybe have some other teachers come in and hang out with them. This will be a time to check in with the kids, but most of it will be spent simply hanging out and enjoying each other.

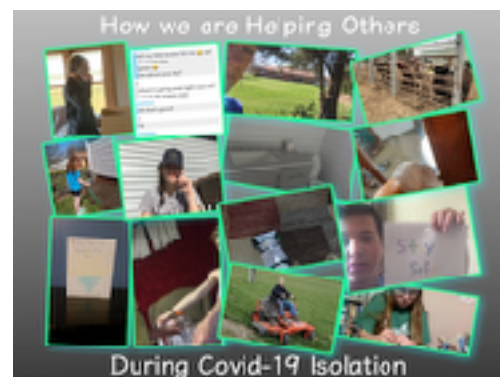
For the safety of your children, please contact either Mrs. Noel for the Zoom meeting room link or your child's classroom teacher.

Pictured is EmyJay Houck eating school lunch while zooming with Mrs. Noel.



Junior High Students Reaching Out, by Mrs. Noel

During this time of being told, "You can't visit that person," or "No, you can't go do that because of COVID-19 regulations," the junior high students are taking back some of their control and finding different ways to help and bring joy to others. Some of the activities the kids have done include cleaning their house without being told, mowing the grass and picking up sticks for family and neighbors, sending letters and notes to family and nursing home residents, calling family members, texting friends they have not talked with for a while, etc. Each of these acts is bringing happiness to others, but in return, it has given the junior high students a purpose and a desire to continue helping those around them.



Shickley Public Swimming Pool

Public Health Officials have advised against opening the Shickley Pool. They would support an opening if the current social distancing requirements of the Directed Health Measures were lifted.

The Health Department recommends pools, spas, and spray parks carefully evaluate requirements and close or delay opening until the social distancing requirements in the DHM are lifted. Current CDC guidance states the COVID-19 virus is not spread in pool water provided proper pool chemistry is maintained, but there is a concern for common areas, and people being in close contact with one another and in groups of 10 or larger. Local health departments, municipalities, or other local jurisdictions may require pools to close because of the ongoing pandemic.

At this time, the Shickley Pool will not plan to open. We will continue to monitor guidance from our Public Health Officials in order to determine if the pool can be opened later in the season.

Shickley Greenhouse to sell Succulents

The school greenhouse will have succulents for sale on May 4th and 5th. Please contact Miss Witte at kwitte@longhornpower.org for more information.



Kindergarten Students Participate in eLearning by Gwen Schultz, Kindergarten Teacher

Kindergarten students have been busy making the best of the worst. When we began the eLearning process during mid-March, students were simply emailed lesson plans and parents were expected to follow the lesson plans with the students to the best of their abilities. The use of our reading program's website, Wonders, provided tremendous support, so that all families had access to the same materials we would use in class each day. For math, students completed pages in our workbook and for writing, students were given an assignment which they completed in their journals.

As it became clear that our closure would last into May, our lessons needed to evolve and change. For reading, students continued to work from the Wonders site to beef up their reading and decoding skills. In addition, students were emailed videos of myself teaching particular parts of each lesson. The same went for math. Parents and students responded well to the video recordings, and we have continued with those to close out our school year. For writing, students were given assignments for narrative and informative writing and parents explored those ideas with students.

Throughout this time, myself, parents, and each student have met weekly via a Zoom session. We have also had a couple of Zoom sessions as a class, however, they were not instructional meetings, rather just social gatherings. The students loved these meetings as they were able to see many of their classmates and find out what everyone had been busy doing during their time at home.

Enough cannot be said about the dedication of the parents throughout this unprecedented endeavor. Without the continued cooperation of parents, students' skills would be faltering; however the opposite is proving to be true! Students continue to show great improvement and growth! I am so very proud of how Shickley families have persevered through this fourth quarter; I doubt any of them would tell you this has been easy, but I do believe each would agree that it has been worth the effort.

Careers 7 Class, by Mrs. Yantzie

During this unprecedented time for learning, the Careers 7 class was still able to engage with guest speakers by participating in the Mystery Career Monday. Each Monday a guest speaker would join the class via Zoom and the students would have an opportunity to ask questions to assist them in trying to guess the speaker's career. After student guesses, the speaker would reveal their name and career. Each speaker then shared about their educational background, work experience, necessary job skills, and coursework to prepare them for their career. The students enjoyed learning from Taylor Siebert (Striv, Class Intercom), Makaleigh Yantzie (York Elementary School), Madison Yantzie (Braman Mortuary & Cremation Service), and Jennifer Ippensen (Writer/Editor).



2020 Boys Golf, by Mrs. Yantzie

In December 2019, Boys Golf was officially added to the Bruning-Davenport/Shickley coop athletics list. With four returning golfers and two new members from Bruning-Davenport, the team looked forward to their inaugural year competing as the Bruning-Davenport/Shickley Eagles. The boys created team rules, goals, and were on track for a successful inaugural year as B-D-S. In mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Nebraska School Activities Association suspended all spring practices and eventually cancelled the 2020 spring season. The coaches and golfers were truly disappointed as they would not get to compete and see the improvement throughout the season. The coaches are hopeful during the summer months they will be able to host a small B-D-S golf team tournament, take a team picture, and have a team potluck.

Team Members: Seniors - Isaac Else, Sam Margheim, Josh Swartzendruber; Junior - Nolan O'Brien; Sophomore: Eli Noel; Freshman - Lathen Stanek; Head Coach Karma Yantzie; Assistant Coaches - Amber Taylor and Les Schlegel; Student Manager - Brady Noel.

6th Grade News, by Mr. Schroeder

As I'm sitting here thinking about what to talk about, I am trying to think back to when all this started and I honestly can't remember. In a way though, maybe that's a sign of "our new normal" has become just our "normal". Whether that is good or bad, I don't know, but one thing is for certain, summer is around the corner and hopefully we are able to get back to being able to enjoy that time with our family as close to the "old normal" as possible!

Thinking back on all this I can definitively state a couple things as fact:

1) My thankfulness to our kids (the kids I work with in particular) for raising their bar of responsibility and responsiveness during these past weeks. Whether we at Shickley Public Schools set this up the right way or the wrong way, without our kids stepping up, we would have zero chance of any success with what we are doing.

2) My thankfulness to our parents. I've wondered many times the past couple weeks about what it is looking like at home. I've also wondered what parents are thinking when they are getting emails from myself or other teachers with updates, maybe looking for some missing work, or home life concerns. As a teacher, I feel like during the school day we are able to hopefully take a lot off the plate of parents as far as chasing the kids down for certain things like homework, or meetings, etc... So thank you to the parents for taking on the extra burden because obviously it is hard to do that on our end without the face to face contact and without it, this wouldn't be working.

3) I'm thankful for our small towns and that we have a bit of a bubble around us. Yes we have had to make some changes to our day to day, but can you imagine living in an urban area right now? If anyone is struggling with the changes we've made, take a second to put yourself in a New York City skyscraper apartment building that may house thousands of other people right next to each other. That would be isolation that personally would drive me crazy. I'm very thankful for our part of the world where we can at least get out and stretch a little bit despite all that is going on.

Again, very thankful to everybody involved with what is going on with school. We've been very blessed with the support we've received and the response to the new normal that we are all experiencing.

In 6th grade, our virtual learning has been kind of exciting. Overall, I was expecting things to be okay, but the kids have made this about as smooth as I feel like it could possibly go in our online environment. We meet daily at 8:30 for around an hour and a half to two hours. During this time we cover Reading, Writing, and Math. We have been turning assignments in on google classroom on a daily basis. In Social Studies, we turn in an assignment once a week. We have tried to keep a fairly regular routine through it all, but have streamlined our content and moved more work and self reading to the kids to be done on their time. We try to set it up to where the kids would be done with these core classes by 11:00-12:00 each day assuming they get right to work. This would mirror a typical school day as in the afternoons they go to "specials" (P.E., Music, Spanish, Band etc.). While all this isn't ideal, and I think they all secretly miss school (who would have thought?!), I do think they have realized that if they get to work, they get to play, and I haven't heard one complaint about that yet!

Because of not being in school though, we did get about two weeks of class time back (no state testing, field trip, grandparents day, field day, etc... which has put us in a spot where we are finishing up a lot of our regularly curriculum that we normally would be finishing up in the middle of May about a week before school is getting done. For me, this means I get to be creative and find some new topics for us to look at that we normally wouldn't have. It also gives us some time to cover some things that are a little more low key but of a little more personal interest to the kids.

Obviously we are experiencing some unique times, but I've been proud of the kids for taking advantage of the opportunity to learn what it's like to be in a virtual environment. Many things that they do in their lives will require many of the skills they are practicing daily which is a really neat thing to experience at this age. Again, I've been very pleased and very thankful to all involved in this and how we have taken advantage of the opportunity presented to us.

Thanks for all everyone has done during this time and as always feel free to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns! Hope all is well for everyone!

FFA Banquet, by Miss Witte

On Thursday, April 30th, the Shickley FFA chapter held a virtual banquet on Striv. The chapter recognized members' accomplishments and FFA supporters. While it wasn't the banquet anyone envisioned, we were able to present the following awards:

Discovery Degree Recipients - Cloey Carlson, Logan Johnson, Hanna Kadel, Jay Kempf, Lauren Richards, Jada Spurling, Seth Stengel, and Lynley Swartzendruber

Greenhand Degree Recipients - Hannah Miller, Coy Margheim, Ashley Schlegel, Jeff - Rong Yang

Chapter Degree Recipients - Adam Alfs, Taryn Fiala, Jayden Heath, Landon Johnson, Madeline Kamler, Brooklynn Nelson, Elijah Noel, Mariah Sliva, and Taylor Sliva

Scholarship Pins - Ashley Schlegel, Taylor Sliva, Nolan O'Brien, and Josh Swartzendruber

Leadership Pins - Coy Margheim, Adam Alfs, Cadden Carlson, Blake Schlegel, Aaron Mick, Raegan Fiala, Kaylee Noel, and Sam Margheim

Service Pins - Coy Margheim, Jayden Heath, Landon Johnson, Briana Janing, Kenzie Bohling, Reid Richards, Dalton Kleinschmidt, Zach Mosier, and Nathan Nelson.

STAR Discovery - Lynley Swartzendruber

STAR Greenhand - Hannah Miller

STAR Chapter - Maddie Kamler

Outstanding Senior Member - Justin Stengel and Brock Swartzendruber

Outstanding Senior Leader - Regan Alfs

Nebraska State FFA Degree Recipients- Regan Alfs, Raegan Fiala, Sam Margheim, Zach Mosier, Nathan Nelson, Kaylee Noel, Austin Plock, Justin Stengel, Brock Swartzendruber, and Josh Swartzendruber

For their support of the chapter, Honorary FFA Membership was given to 5 Loaves Market and Bakery owned by Chris and Cassie Schlegel.

Congratulations to all award winners.

2020 Math Madness, by Mrs. Snyder

When the calendar flipped from February to March, who would have thought that by mid-month our lives would be thrown for a loop? I was pretty sure math education was going to come to a screeching halt in Shickley. I had no inkling how teaching could continue. Was I ever wrong! Not only did mathematical learning continue, students stepped up, didn't miss a beat, and embraced new concepts without complaint. Each class has carried on. Math 8 is preparing for Algebra I with new vocabulary, writing equations, and solving equations and inequalities. Algebra I is learning about radicals. Geometry students are working with circles, angles in circles, and segments in circles. The Calculus I students are finishing the year with integration. All of the students will receive college credit for their hard work! Algebra II is studying different types of variation. Advanced Math is presently taking the final test. All of these students will also receive college credit! Standards Math has worked hard applying so many concepts in real world scenarios.

I couldn't be more proud of how our students never missed a beat and just went with the flow of having math classes via computer. They have been so patient with a teacher who is NOT tech-savvy! I am so proud to be a Shickley faculty member.

Principal Notes, by Mr. Sokol

Many years ago, I sat in a college class preparing myself to enter into education as a career field. My instructor at the time emphasized two keywords with our class and expressed that they would need to be at the forefront of our minds each and every day as educators. Those two words were: Monitor and Adjust. I can tell you that over the years, I have often echoed those words to myself countless times as I assess, change, and reflect upon the role I have as an educator.

When we transitioned to eLearning, we had no idea for how long this change would be in effect. To have imagined that each day would turn into 9 weeks of remote learning seems unfathomable. Did we hit a home run each and every day with instruction? Will our students' test scores be as strong on our next assessment? Those are great questions and time will tell.

However, will time remember all of the little things done by each and every one of you over the past 9 weeks? As we come to the close of our 2019-2020 school year, we are ending in unprecedented fashion. Not only as educators but as students, parents, families, and members of the Shickley Community. Unlike many schools across the nation, we have carried on the teaching and the learning and maintained the caring and supportive relationships that make Shickley so exceptional. I am so thankful and proud of the efforts that were made by all to keep things as normal as possible. We have certainly dealt with significant change, disruption, and uncertainty. As we have all Monitored and Adjusted, we should be very proud of all that we have accomplished!