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Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

## **Important Dates**

June 8th  
School Board  
Meeting at 6:00 pm.

July 13th  
School Board  
Meeting at 7:30 pm.

August 10th  
Teacher Work and  
In-Service Day.

August 10th  
Tentative  
First Day of Football and  
Volleyball Practices.

August 11th  
Teacher Work and  
In-Service Day.

August 11th  
Tentative  
Back to School Potluck.

August 12th  
First Day of School for  
K-12th Grades  
1:00 pm Dismissal.

August 12th-13th  
Initial PK Home Visits.

August 14th  
2:30 Dismissal.

August 17th  
First Day for  
PK Students.

## **The Grind with Mrs. Coffey**

March 17, 2020 our students and staff attended Shickley Public Schools in its "traditional" sense. On March 18, 2020 our students, staff, and families moved to eLearning and began to navigate the unknown. The building may have been "closed" during this time, but the learning and growing never stopped. I am so proud of our students, staff, families, and community; everyone stepped up!

I hope you are able to breathe at least a slight sigh of relief knowing that you did it; we all did it. It wasn't perfect, but little in education ever is. Nonetheless, I can say without a doubt, we gave it our best and were able to make changes as more obstacles came our way. Feedback from students, parents, and staff helped shape what eLearning became at Shickley Public Schools. The unthinkable happened and we persevered.

No one knows exactly what the fall will look like. Please do not let the "negativity" on the news and/or social media worry or scare you. Rest assured that regardless of the guidance specificity, Shickley Public Schools will continue to find a way to make the best of what we are given and to provide a safe and solid education for ALL our students.

I wish you all the very best during your summer break.

Graduates: Remember to Walk the Beach of Life and Find Your Starfish to Save!



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## Parents of Incoming Kindergarten Students, by Mrs. Schultz

Please see the below information regarding required documents for entering kindergarten in the fall. If you are new to the district, we would like to have enrollment information by June 30th, if possible.

You will need to bring **your child's official birth certificate (with raised seal) and an up-to-date immunization record to school**; we can then make copies to keep at school. State laws require that for your child to come to school, we must have a copy of their **official birth certificate (we cannot accept a copy from you; instead we must make the copy from the official form), updated immunization record, a current physical, and a vision exam**. Vision exams can be completed by your physician during the physical. Your physician will have a physical form to fill out. A **dental exam** is not required, however, it is recommended. **These documents must be turned in by the first day of school in August**. If you would like to turn them in once completed, feel free to drop them by the school throughout the summer.

Fillmore and Thayer County Clinics are both available and running for scheduled physicals and immunizations. York Urgent Care is able to do physicals, however, they do not administer immunizations. Each facility asks that you call ahead for a COVID-19 screening before arrival.

Note: If your child has a birth certificate on file with Mrs. Erickson, you should not need to bring a new copy, as she will just pass it along.

Exemptions to the vaccination requirement can be found at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/School-Immunization.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact the school or Mrs. Schultz, [gschultz@longhornpower.org](mailto:gschultz@longhornpower.org).

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## Incoming 7th and 9th Grade Students Need Immunization Records and Physicals

All incoming 7th grade students are required to submit copies of their up-to-date immunization records and have a physical before the first day of school. All incoming 9th graders that will be participating in sports have to have a pre-participation physical before the first day of practice. All of these can be turned in any time over the summer to the front office.

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## Junior High Students Reading Children's Books, by Mrs. Noel

During the last few weeks of COVID-19 e-learning, the junior high students chose two of their favorite children's books to read and record for the elementary students to listen to during the summer months. There were classic books chosen such as "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss as well as books about tractors and monster trucks. The link to the books will be included in the daily announcements.

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## Thank You to Students and Parents, by Mrs. Noel

A heartfelt, "Thank you," goes out to all of the students and parents who made the transition from face-to-face learning to e-learning as seamless as possible. We, teachers, appreciate all of the work and dedication that you put in to make our time away from each other meaningful and educational. We were thankful that we could see the students on a regular basis and could continue to connect with them, that we could continue teaching from the get-go, and that we have such supportive and amazing parents that helped co-teach during this period. This snapshot of time is another reason why we say, "There's no place like Shickley"!

## Graduation of the Class of 2020, by Mrs. Noel

Graduation looked very different this year because of COVID-19. Planning for the event started at the end of March with a Zoom meeting with seniors and their parents. At that time it was unsure if any type of graduation would be occurring which caused a mad dash to put a plan together and have graduation as soon as possible before DHMs were put in place for Fillmore County. Graduation was originally slated for April 2 in a very non-traditional format which could include the seniors being isolated in their own classroom and when their name was called, they would go into the gym to receive their diploma and then go back to their assigned classroom. After further discussion from parents and students, it was decided to hold off on this idea and plan on having graduation on May 10 as originally slated.

On May 10, the Class of 2020 adorned in their caps and gowns, drove their golf carts around the track, and to their assigned spot 6-feet apart from each other. Parents and grandparents were in their personal vehicles watching while the ceremony was being streamed via Striv. Pastor Mike Row began and ended the ceremony with a prayer while P.E. teacher Treva Nutter, the convocation speaker, gave an inspirational and uplifting speech. Salutatorian, Kaylee Noel, and Valedictorian, Alyssa Nolt, shared both funny and inspirational speeches to their classmates.

As the art teacher, Kim Nuss, sang, each senior's name was announced at which time the parents got out of their vehicle and presented the student with their diploma. At the conclusion of the presentation of diplomas, Superintendent Sadie Coffey presented the Class of 2020 and the students moved their tassels.

The seniors then enjoyed a drive around Shickley in their golf carts being led by members of the Shickley Fire Department.




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## Crossroads Conference All-Conference Academic Team

The Crossroads Conference has announced its All-Conference Academic Team. Sixty-three seniors were recognized as Gold, Silver, or Bronze winners based on their highest achieved ACT score by March 1st.

Members recognized as Gold achieved a score of 30 or higher, Silver a score of 27 to 29, and Bronze a score of 24 to 26. Those recognized received an Academic Medal from the conference.

Seniors from Shickley High School earning this honor were: Alyssa Nolt - Gold, Kaylee Noel - Silver, Regan Alfs - Bronze, Justin Stengel - Bronze, and Joshua Swartzendruber - Bronze.



## Shickley Public Schools Recognizes the Following 3rd-12th Grade Students as COVID-19 Learning Rockstars

This 4th quarter was beyond what any of us could have imagined going into the 2019-2020 school year, and our students rose to every challenge thrown their way. Every Shickley Public School student passed 4th quarter and should be commended on navigating his or her way to a successful end of the year.

### The following individuals maintained 93% or higher in each of their classes:

#### Grades 7-12 Students

Regan Alfs (12th)  
Jacob Beavers (7th)  
Kenzie Bohling (11th)  
Raegan Fiala (12th)  
Taryn Fiala (10th)  
Tyler Grote (10th)  
Macy Kamler (11th)  
Malinda Kamler (7th)  
Samuel Margheim (12th)

Aaron Mick (11th)  
Hannah Miller (9th)  
Zach Mosier (12th)  
Alyssa Nolt (12th)  
Courtney Nolt (10th)  
Emberlynn Nolt (8th)  
Reid Richards (11th)  
Ashley Schlegel (9th)  
Raleigh Shipley (11th)

Hayley Sliva (7th)  
Mariah Sliva (10th)  
Taylor Sliva (10th)  
Madison Sokol (10th)  
Reagan Sokol (8th)  
Joshua Swartzendruber (12th)  
Lynley Swartzendruber (8th)  
Grace Tobias (7th)  
Rong Yang (12th)

#### Grades 3-6 Students

Aubrey Domeier (3rd)  
Emma Hinrichs (3rd)

Lane Kimbrough (3rd)  
Abigail Mooney (3rd)

Gloria Nolt (3rd)  
Hayley Wichman (4th)

### The following individuals ended with a 93% & or higher average of all their classes:

#### Grades 7-12 Students

Hanna Kadel (8th)  
Madeline Kamler (10th)  
Brooklynn Nelson (10th)  
Nathan Nelson (12th)  
Shawn Nelson (7th)

Kaylee Noel (12th)  
Tucker Robinson (7th)  
Carmela Ruelas (9th)  
Blake Schlegel (11th)  
Jada Spurling (8th)

Justin Stengel (12th)  
Seth Stengel (8th)  
Brock Swartzendruber (12th)  
Olivia Tapia (12th)

#### Grades 3-6 Students

Owen Beavers (5th)  
Joseph DiLeo (6th)  
Coen Eitzmann (6th)  
Porter Ferrell (5th)  
Veronika Flint (4th)  
Elizabeth Ginn (5th)

Claire Hinrichs (5th)  
Hailey Miller (5th)  
Kaitlynn Nelson (5th)  
Brady Noel (6th)  
Trinidi Oswald (5th)  
Colin Rippe (3rd)

Taylor Sokol (5th)  
Gabriel Tobias (5th)  
Lakota Tuberville (5th)  
Cameron Wilson (4th)  
Jaylyn Zajic (3rd)

## Lyle Wagers Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize a business, family, or individual that has been a significant partner supporting Shickley Public Schools. Lyle Wagers modeled this support through his commitment to the Longhorn students, staff, and teams. From Speech to playground duty, Lyle was willing to support and help out the school in any way he could. Each year, staff members at the school nominate and vote on our public supporters; the business, family, or individual who receives the most votes becomes the Lyle Wagers Award recipient.

For the past 43 years, Joyce Schlegel has been a caring adult who is always looking out for the students. She supports all of the athletic programs, can cure many ailments with her magic lotion, and is always willing to donate to school causes. Her dedication to this school has made an everlasting impact on many classes and families. Congratulations to the 2020 Lyle Wagers Award recipient: Joyce Schlegel!



## COVID-19 Updates/Latest Information:

Directed Health Measure (DHM) Information:

Beginning June 1, 2020 - Guidelines for Shickley Public Schools:

- The daycare playground will continue to only be utilized by the daycare
- The elementary playground facility and track for physical activity can be utilized at your own risk (at this point these facilities will not be maintained via sanitizing) and the current DHM should be followed
- The weight room and conditioning will be open to students in grades 9-12 (2020-2021) and more formal information will be coming out
- Shickley Public Schools will NOT be hosting any outside events at this time
- At this time, the Shickley Pool will not plan to open. We are continuing to monitor guidance from our Public Health Officials in order to determine if the pool can be opened later in the season.

Please Note the Following Events/Programs:

\* Daycare: Still operating under CDC Guidelines

\* PK and 8th Graduation: Recognition Ceremony to be held at the beginning of the 2020-2021 School Year

Thank you again for your support during this unprecedented time.

## Principal Notes, by Mr. Sokol

Our 2019-2020 school year has come to a close and we certainly finished in historic fashion. I cannot say enough how much I appreciate the efforts of our students, staff, and parents for all that they did. If you have not had a chance, please visit the Shickley Striv.tv page to view our Senior Video and Graduation video. On our Shickley daily announcements, you can find links to watch videos culminating our Shickley Awards and BDS Awards for the year.

A recent survey was sent to students, staff, and parents and a few key points consistently stood out. The first of which is that we all hope to be back to school as normal in the fall! The second is how much we all appreciate one another for the work that we do to provide educational opportunities to our children. Lastly, if conditions are such that we cannot be back to school as normal, we will work together to make the best of it as we monitor and adjust.

As we move into the summer months, I am hopeful that restrictions are lifted and we can all remain safe as we play softball, baseball, and vacation. The Shickley weight room will be open to students 9-12th grades only for the summer. Mrs. Dickson is working with our coaches to ensure we are following all of the guidelines from the Nebraska School Activities Association. Our volleyball girls are already getting a jump start on the training by meeting a few times a week on Zoom for senior led workouts.

The Shickley Community Foundation recently granted \$8,200 to the school to purchase new Chromebooks for our students. The Community Foundation was then notified of the potential for a matching grant being offered from an anonymous donor. An application was submitted and we were awarded the matching grant and therefore we received an additional \$8,200 for a total of \$16,400 to update student devices. This is wonderful news and our school is very grateful for the support from our community, the Community Foundation, and the anonymous donor.

As with any summer, there are various improvement projects to be completed. Walls will be painted, worn floors will be replaced, and classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. We have many school committees that will come together and continue to make progress towards our goals. Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) team and our School Improvement team each plan to meet a few times in June. We also have a few teachers evaluating and looking to adopt and purchase a new math curriculum.

A few members of our Shickley Team will not be back with us next year. We certainly want to thank them for all that they've given over the years to serve our students and staff. As they move forward, we wish them the very best! Mrs. Cogswell, Ms. Witte, Mrs. Swartzendruber, and Mrs. Nolt, your presence, friendship, and positive hard working attitudes will be missed.

Be safe and have a wonderful summer!

Mr. Sokol







