



Sherman Central School

127 Park Street • P.O. Box 950 • Sherman, NY 14781-0950
phone (716) 761-6121 • fax (716) 761-6119
www.shermancsd.org



March 16, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are truly in an unprecedented time as Sherman Central School responds and makes plans to deal with Covid-19, otherwise known as CoronaVirus. This situation is changing by the hour and we will do everything we can to continue our services. This letter is meant to update families on our plans to provide services during our forced closure.

Educational Continuity

Our goal with educational continuity during this school closure is to make connections with your child and to keep relationships strong. Teachers are preparing materials, including technology, for students to bring home today. We have also asked teachers to make individual connections with your children, via the Internet or phone, at least twice per week. These connections will be to check on the health and well being of your child, and to promote their learning. We are not concerned about grades or accountability at this time, but that some learning is taking place. We want to avoid educational lag at all costs. Please reach out to your child's teacher for further information.

Food Services

Starting on Wednesday, we will be utilizing our transportation department to deliver meals to students at their home. SCS is utilizing our government meal programs to provide breakfast and lunch for FREE FOR EVERY STUDENT WHO ATTENDS SCHOOL in our district. There will be one delivery per day. It will include that day's lunch and breakfast for the next day. Meals will come automatically to your home. However, parents do have the opportunity to OPT OUT of the meal program. If you opt out, you can restart the program with a simple phone call to the school.

Health and Wellness Services

Our school counselors are talking to students today about their preferred method to continue with counseling services during this shut down. This can be done via phone, Internet, or video conferencing. Our nurse will reach out to students under her care. Our social worker will also be reaching out to clients to ensure services continue during this closure.

Security

During the closure, the building will be shut down to visitors, outside groups, and community organizations. Our employees will be allowed in the building until further notice. We apologize for this inconvenience, but these measures are put in place to protect the health of our employees in the building working to take care of students.

-over-

Mr. Michael V. Ginestre • Superintendent
Mrs. Ann M. Morrison • Principal
Mrs. Nicole M. Marino • Assistant Principal

Board of Education
Mr. Brian Bates • President
Mrs. Colleen Meeder • Vice President
Ms. Jennifer Ferreira
Mrs. Teresa Guzman
Mr. Timothy Sears

Mrs. Kimberly Oehlbeck • School Business Administrator
Mrs. Tracie D. Smith • District Clerk

Questions or Concerns

We are going to staff the building for as long as we are allowed with personnel ready to answer your questions. If the building is not allowed to be occupied except for critical personnel, we strongly encourage you to use email.

Also, please listen to our PARENT BROADCASTS. This is the quickest way to get information to our families. If you missed the broadcast, please call the school and we will inform you as to what was said.

You can contact anyone in the administration to have your questions answered. Our contact information is as follows:

Mike Ginestre, Superintendent	mginestre@shermancsd.org	716-761-6122
Ann Morrison, Principal	amorrison@shermancsd.org	716-761-6121
Nicole Marino, Asst. Principal	nmarino@shermancsd.org	716-761-6121
Luke Waygood, Sec. to the Principal	lwaygood@shermancsd.org	716-761-6121
Tracie Smith, Sec. to the Supt.	tsmith@shermancsd.org	716-761-6122

Finally I would like to say that our community is amazing. I have countless community members calling to volunteer to help during this time. Our teachers have an incredible attitude and are working hard to prepare materials for home instruction. Our support staff is reaching out to students in need today to develop plans to continue services. During times like this, it makes me proud to see the response of our entire school community. This event will make us stronger!

Thank you for your time and please reach out with any questions or concerns. Please stay safe and healthy during this time and let SCS know if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael V. Ginestre". The signature is stylized with a large initial "M" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael V. Ginestre -- Superintendent