



Sunday August 25, 2019

Dear Shelton Academy families,

It was a fantastic first week of school, thank you so much! It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces of the students as they arrived each morning ready for school. The new drop-off and pick-up routines worked well providing an easier and safer flow of cars. The new textbooks and student planners arrived on time and are ready for your children. And we finished our first week with a very successful Wine and Talk with many of you in attendance, thank you for your participation! It was a truly amazing first week. As we continue with the school year, please let us know of any issues you may notice or suggestions that you may have for us; our goal is to work with you, the families, to provide the best all-around education for your children. Thank you.

Please find the time to read the following notes; some of them address important issues, and some others are just to keep you informed of what is happening at Shelton Academy:

- **Lunch:** you gave us great reviews about the new catering company for the student and faculty lunches, thank you! Very important, and new for this year, is that your children have only three options for their lunch meals:
 - A. Eat lunch from the school cafeteria
 - B. Bring lunch from home
 - C. Buy something from the Shelton Café

In other words, we cannot accept lunch deliveries at the Welcome Center. There are educational, procedural, and security reasons for this policy. This week is the last week that we will deliver pizzas, brand sandwiches, or any Uber Eats to the students. Our strongest recommendation is that you sign up for the menu from our cafeteria and that your children eat the same as every other student and teacher in the school. Of course, we understand an emergency or a difficult situation here and there; if you come to school with a lunch box for your child we will gladly deliver it to him or her, but these should be rare occasions.

You can sign up for the school lunch in our Welcome Center at any time. The price for the month is \$120 per month. Included on this email you can find the menu for the month of September.

- **Drop-off and Pick-up:** thank you for your patience and cooperation during the first week of school; things went well with our new logistics. We would like to ask that you please use caution at all times and be watchful of other cars moving by your side; there were a couple of close situations this past week when cars switched lanes to move ahead and exit the school. Just please be mindful. Lastly, we request that you move slowly, please continue to be patient at all times upon entering the school parking lot until you exit on the other side.
- **Construction:** as you know we completed many projects and additions over the summer; however, there are a few details yet to be finished. During this coming three-day weekend there will be construction in the “little gym” space in order to build two more classrooms. Additionally we will fix and paint the area next to the east entrance (dismissal zone) adding the basketball and volleyball court. Already ordered, and coming in a few weeks, is a new canopy providing cover to the north east corner; a much needed roof during drop-off and pick-up on rainy days.
- **Early Release Wednesday:** Wednesday September 4th is an early release day. Every first Wednesday of the month, all students in Preschool to 8th grade are dismissed at 2:00pm. After School Care begins promptly at 2:30pm. Please be mindful of the change in dismissal times on these days.
- **Back to School Night:** Thursday September 5th at 6:30pm is our Back to School Night event. There will be an introduction for everyone in the Piazza at 6:30pm followed by individual presentations by grade level teachers in their classrooms.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Monday September 2: Labor Day, no school.
 - Wednesday September 4: Early Release.
 - Thursday September 5: Back to School Night.

Looking forward to another great week. Sincerely,

Juan Mata
Headmaster