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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Good afternoon! We are almost there! The last week of school is upon us and I know that everyone is more than ready to see this school year end!

As I mentioned last week, I do expect some information this coming week from Governor Murphy regarding plans for September. This summer will be an important time to plan and prepare for whatever his announcement is, but I feel very confident that we will be ready for whatever may come.

- During normal school operations, our May Board of Education Meeting is dedicated to honoring any of our retiring faculty members for the year. Very unfortunately, we canceled all of our live, in-person meetings here at SBS but I wanted to let you know that two members of our faculty will be retiring this year. We congratulate them both and we thank them for their many years of dedication, service, and commitment to countless students here at SBS. We thank and commend them as they retire from SBS. We also wish them health, happiness, and contentment in the next chapter of their lives. Congratulations to Mrs. Deborah Agro for her 18 years of service at SBS and Congratulations to Mrs. Sallyann Jauch for her 15 years of service at SBS! We will miss you both, but we wish you all the best! We look forward to a future date to invite both Mrs. Agro and Mrs. Jauch back to SBS to honor them as we traditionally honor our retirees in person.
- Please join us for the Virtual Field Day gift card drawing on Monday, June 15th at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Buskey will publish important information for joining the live event on Monday! And, thank you to all of our students who participated today and submitted videos for our first ever Virtual Field Day! Good luck to all of our contestants!
- The Class of 2020 will be at SBS on Monday, June 15th to have pictures taken for our upcoming virtual graduation ceremony! We look forward to seeing all of our graduating students in their dresses and tuxes as we prepare for the big day, June 24th! After Governor Murphy's announcement earlier this week, we will also plan a "Modified In-Person, Outdoor Commencement Ceremony" for a date after July 7th that strictly adheres to the guidelines published by the NJDOE.

- If you haven't seen any of the pictures or video from our SBS Class of 2020 Diploma & Award Dropoff, please see the school Facebook and Twitter accounts for full coverage! We enjoyed two amazing days of visiting each graduate and their family to personally deliver diplomas and awards! This was truly memorable for everyone involved! Many, many thanks to our Shrewsbury Board of Education members who helped make both days so successful! Thank you Mrs. Hemel, Mrs. Gourley-Thompson, Mrs. Groom, Mrs. Humes, and Mrs. Hepburn-Goldberg for your efforts to make this so special! I also want to thank the Shrewsbury Hose Company #1 for the use of 4575 to make sure that every graduate knew we were on the way!
- Ms. Bremekamp has created a web page with resources for all of our parents and guardians to assist you at home with your discussions about racism and social justice: [Anti-Racism & Social Justice Tools, Resources, and Books](#). We will continue to add resources and compile information here for your convenience
- Important message from Mrs. O'Rourke and Ms. Schlosser, the Ivy Yearbook Advisors:
"Unfortunately, the yearbooks will not be delivered by the end of this school year. The production plant shut down at the start of the pandemic. Even though production has slowly resumed, the shipment date is still delayed. We have been in contact with the school's yearbook company representative and hopeful for a mid to late summer delivery. We will be able to solidify a plan as we receive more updates from the yearbook company."
- As always, please visit the [SBS Website](#) for important health information about the COVID-19 pandemic from the CDC, NJDOH, and the Monmouth County Health Commission #1. You can also contact Mrs. Hillen, our School Nurse, who has been seeking out resources for students, parents, and staff. I have also included several important resources that will also be posted on our website.
- If you think that your child may need to speak with a counselor or if you need further resources to help your family through this time, please feel free to contact our professional counseling staff:
 - Ms. Kathleen Fitzpatrick, School Psychologist - 1.732.747.0882, extension # 119 or fitzpatrickk@sbs-nj.org
 - Mrs. Kristina Kiely, School Social Worker - 1.732.747.0882, extension #118 or kielyk@sbs-nj.org
 - Ms. Marisa Shaheen, School Counselor - 1.732.747.0882, extension #309 or shaheenm@sbs-nj.org

Stay healthy and stay well, Tigers! We got this!!

Very sincerely,

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