

Shrewsbury Borough School

20 Obre Place
Shrewsbury, New Jersey 07702

Brent A. MacConnell
SUPERINTENDENT

(732)747-0882
fax: (732)747-7510

April 10, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we start our much-needed Spring Break this year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our entire administration, faculty, and staff here at SBS for their amazing flexibility, resiliency, and courage during these unprecedented times. Over the past several weeks, I have seen our teachers and staff find new ways to engage our students and to enable learning for all of our students from a distance. We could never have imagined the unprecedented challenges that the virtual environment would create, but we are finding solutions each day that make this whole process better for everyone. While there is nothing normal about closing our school midyear, our teachers have also found ways to connect, motivate, and inspire students during a time when everyone is uncertain and anxious. I hope that we will all look back on this pandemic with an authentic appreciation for each other, a realization that we are all stronger and more resilient than we think, and true hope for our world, our country, and our community. If anything, we should appreciate that our children cannot only survive during these times, but they can thrive and rise to the challenges of our modern world.

As we await further directives from our Governor and Commissioner of Education about when public schools in New Jersey will be able to reopen, I remain hopeful that we can return to finish this year for the sake of our students, teachers, and school. Governor Murphy has already extended school closures until May 7th, but he will make an announcement on April 17th that will allow us to make further plans for the year. Please know that we will do everything possible to preserve the important, time-honored traditions here at SBS that make our school such a special and unique place.

- I am pleased to invite student volunteers to submit video recordings of the Pledge of Allegiance and the SBS PeaceBuilder Pledge for daily publication. Please follow this link, [Pledge of Allegiance & SBS PeaceBuilder Pledge](#), to sign up and to upload your video. These student videos will be published to Twitter, Facebook, and our new SBS Youtube Channel. I plan to send these videos to our teachers to post in their Google

Classrooms each day. You can find a copy of the SBS PeaceBuilder Pledge on our website or [SBS PeaceBuilder Pledge](#).

- Please enjoy our Spring Break gift to SBS: [SBS Spring Break!](#)
- You can find important information about the COVID-19 pandemic on our website including resources from the CDC, NJDOH, and our school nurse, Mrs. Hillen.

Please accept my best wishes to you and your family for a peaceful and restorative Spring Break. I hope to “see” everyone soon!

Stay SBS Tiger Strong!

Very sincerely,

Brent A. MacConnell
Superintendent