

The Shawswick Happenings

Your Shawswick Middle School **DECEMBER 2018** Newsletter



Created by **Mr. Lucas Calhoun, Principal**

Notes From The Principal

-**On December 18th at 6pm in the SMS Library/Media Center**, Principal Lucas Calhoun and SMS Parent, Allison Roodschild will co-present an information session on the Google Classroom and the PowerSchool Parent Portal. No RSVPs needed. We look forward to seeing you.

-There are many items located in our two SMS lost and found areas. Please help us remind your child to look in those areas for anything missing. For the last few weeks we've been putting this notification in the announcements. Any items not claimed by Winter Break will be given to local charities.

-Farmer Student Leadership Coalition is up and running and benefitting our school. Teachers each month will nominate students that (checking all that apply) are: civic-minded, inquisitive, exhibit strong critical thinking skills, help a classmate or a teacher, go the extra-mile, and/or show care for SMS. I select a group each month from those nominees and we have pizza and a conversation in my office over lunch.

-Coffee and Conversation has been going well and I would love to meet with more of you as you find the time. Each Friday, from 2pm-3pm, I set aside time for any of our families to come in and have a cup of coffee and discuss how things are going, how we can get stronger, and any other questions that you may have. I have thoroughly enjoyed the visitors I've had thus far.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at calhounl@nlcs.k12.in.us or (812) 275-6121

BUILDING HAPPENINGS

- ❖ **NEW PROGRAM ALERT!** Principal Calhoun and SMS parent, Allison Roodschild will be co-presenting at session on the PowerSchool Parent Portal and Google Classroom on December 11th at 6pm in the School Library/Media Center
- ❖ **Stay Informed:** We always want you to be informed and we will utilize newsletters, School Messenger and our specific SMS site. Please save/bookmark this site on your preferred browser.
 - www.sms.nlcs.k12.in.us
- ❖ **Drills:** We continue to have successful drills that include detailed follow-ups with the SRO, administrators, and messages out to student-body and faculty/staff.
- ❖ **Vision Screenings:** Vision Screenings took place last month and any notations were sent home to parents/guardians. Special thanks to the Bedford Lion's Club for sponsoring this.
- ❖ **Parent Portal:** -You can keep track of your student's grades by checking <https://powerschool.nlcs.k12.in.us/public/home.html> regularly. You can also update personal information.

- ❖ **Safety Tip:**
 - Carbon monoxide detectors save lives, but less than one-third of American homes have one installed. Replace the battery for your home's CO detector each spring and fall. Do not heat your home with a gas range or oven. Never run a car or truck inside an attached garage.
- ❖ **Nurse Chapman | Influenza (Flu) Facts:**
 - The Flu virus typically peaks between the months of January and February
 - Symptoms of Flu include: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue (tiredness)
 - The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease
 - In addition to getting vaccinated, take everyday preventive steps like staying away from sick people and washing your hands to reduce the spread of germs
 - If you are sick with flu, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading influenza to others
 - Please contact your child's healthcare provider or the Lawrence County Health Department 812-275-3234 to schedule a Flu Vaccine.
- ❖ **Cafeteria:** You can also go to www.sendmoneytoschool.com and pay for meals with a credit card. If you plan to eat lunch with your student, you will check-in at the office and the two of you will eat in the gym lobby.
- ❖ **State Testing:** <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-families>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❑ **December 6th: Christmas Choir/Band/Orchestra Concert**
- ❑ **December 11th: PowerSchool Parent Portal/Google Classroom Presentation 6pm at the SMS Library/Media Center**
- ❑ **December 20th: Last Day of Semester 1**
- ❑ **January 9th: Report Cards Q2**
- ❑ **February 8th: Midterm Q3**
- ❑ **April 19th: Midterm Q4**

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Mission Statement

The mission of Shawswick Middle School faculty, support staff, parents, and community is to offer a safe and caring environment rich in academic and technological curriculum in which all students learn.

As an entire Farmer team, our faculty, staff, custodians, aides, and cooks are honored to have your student(s) in our building each day. We look forward to serving you and making the 2018-2019 school year a success. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Lucas P. Calhoun
Principal