



Sweet Home Charter School

# Newsletter

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Apr. 16:** Jeans for \$1

**Apr. 28:** Dental Rescreening

**May 27:** Last Day of School

**May 31:** Corvallis Knights Reading Club paper due

**Tomorrow, Friday Jeans for \$1 or more** to support a SHCS family in need. For updates or to make a donate directly to the Davis family please visit the following link for their GoFundMe:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/aftppm-chad-davis>

## Change to School Calendar

The **last day of school will now be May 27th**; Students will no longer be schedule to attend school after memorial day This recent change has been made by P.I.E. Charter Admin.

## Virtue of the Month:

**April-**

**Gentleness & Humility**

Treating others with kindness  
& avoiding to exaggerate  
your own abilities.

## Important Dates Regarding Fall 2021 Registration

**Intent to Return Forms-** handed out on April 8th & 9th at conferences or being sent home in Thursday Folders this week, due back by May 7th to confirm spot until official registration. The Intent to return will hold space until Aug. 17th

Official Registration paperwork will be available in August and **MUST** be completed in order to secure a spot. Space will be forfeited if Official registration paperwork is not completed. Waitlisted students will be offered any additional/remaining space on/after August 18th.

Thank you to the Lowe family and friends for the hard work put into our school garden!

Today we had a Lockdown drill. Ask your child about procedure and what to do while performing the drill.

Coming up on end or year activities, please make sure you have paid your fees. Please call the office for any questions.

## Homework Policy

Effective beginning April 12th, the homework policy will be restored. Please expect twenty to sixty minutes of homework each evening consisting of reading, spelling, math activities, and unfinished daily work. Additional time may be needed for individual students to complete class assignments or to revisit assignments. If the student consistently has additional homework besides the regularly assigned work, you should contact the classroom teacher and discuss the reasons for the extra work. Completion of homework and class assignments will be enforced through the PACE system.

Check back side for more information. →

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

This has been a year like no other. Thank you for working with us to ensure a strong finish to the 2020-21 school year. We appreciate your support and patience. As the end of the school year approaches, we wanted to inform you about end-of-year testing. The Oregon Department of Education was recently informed that their assessment waiver was denied; the federal Department of Education will be requiring Oregon schools to conduct Smarter Balanced testing for this school year.

### What tests will my child take in 2020-21?

Students will take fewer tests in 2020-21 than in previous years. Those tests will also be shorter. To find out which tests your child will take, see the table below. (The table applies to Oregon's general and alternate assessments.)

Grade Level	Required Tests	Optional Tests
3	English Language Arts (ELA)	Mathematics
4	Mathematics	ELA
5	Science	ELA & Mathematics
6	ELA	Mathematics

"Required tests" will be available on site and conducted during May.

You may ask for your child to participate in additional "optional tests". To ask for an optional test, contact the school's office. Optional tests are taken on site, just like required tests.

Many 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students have already taken a short survey in addition to required tests. This survey is called the Student Educational Equity Development (SEED) Survey. It will provide valuable information that will help improve education in Oregon.

### Why is testing different in 2020-21?

Oregon's leaders understand that factors like the COVID pandemic have made a big impact on the state, so ODE *shortened the tests and reduced the number of tests students need to take*. The federal Department of Education requires that testing takes place this school year.

### How do I ask for my child to take more/fewer tests?

To ask for your child to participate in all available state tests, please contact your child's teacher and/or the school's office.

To decline testing for your child, please contact the front office in order to receive an "opt-out" form. Students will complete required testing unless a parent/guardian has completed and submitted a form.

Please contact Mr. Tompkins ( [jtompkins@piecharters.org](mailto:jtompkins@piecharters.org) ) with any questions or concerns about required testing.