



# Shirland News

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## Mr. Midgett's Message

Winter break is just around the corner and it will provide a good rest period for staff and students. Sometimes it feels like we are on a four month sprint to learn and do as much as possible, so a little relaxation is well-deserved. As my own teenage daughters become more independent, I feel an increased need to protect my limited time with them and make certain we continue to make special memories. I sincerely hope that all Shirland families have a wonderful winter break that is filled with holiday joy and plenty of special moments.

My morning show during the month of December will focus on giving. I believe in service leadership and the importance of giving. Some of the research behind giving includes improved physical, psychological and emotional health. I think a connection could be made between giving and school performance. I am extremely grateful for the parental support that is provided to the Shirland District. I think we all make a pretty good team. Go Warriors!

## Important Information

- Thank you to the World Champion TKD for visiting Shirland. Students participated in a healthy work out and learned about respect, focus and confidence. Shirland looks forward to continuing to provide these special moments for students.



Respect-Focus-Confidence

- [Our 2023 report card](#) provides us with information about student performance and various other important data points. We are continuing to improve. Our goal is to be the top school in the region!

- Students will be completing the midpoint IReady assessment prior to winter break. Please encourage them to try their best because the information is used by teachers to determine what skills to focus on.



Collaboration is a fun and effective way to learn

- The decision to cancel school will often be in conjunction with other schools in the Hononegah Nation. The utilization of e-learning on emergency days will depend on several factors, such as devices being sent home with students. Just because a device is sent home does not mean e-learning will be utilized. The district will utilize TeacherEase to communicate cancellations and e-learning.
- The [PTO](#) has a meeting scheduled for December 5, 2023 at 3:20. This is an awesome opportunity to support the district and learn about some of the needs.
- Families that are experiencing financial hardship can reach out to [Lindsey Minkie](#) to determine eligibility for Free/Reduced Lunch Application. Please prevent negative account balances, which could lead to action by a collection agency.

## Mark Your Calendar

- 12/4 PTAC Meeting at 3:20
- 12/5 Picture Retake Day (morning)
- 12/5 PTO Meeting at 3:20
- 12/7 Winter Concert at 6:30 (doors open at 6:00)
- 12/13 Board Meeting at 6:00
- 12/21 No School (begin winter break)
- 1/4 School Resumes