

## SHONTO PREPARATORY TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and students,

November 19, 2021

I hope you are enjoying this autumn season. Have you started planning your Thanksgiving events? It is highly discouraged to gather with individuals outside your immediate family. However, if you select to meet with other families, please practice wearing your face masks, social distance, and stay in well ventilated areas. I know Covid has changed our normal practices, but remaining diligent in these practices will keep our community and school safe. With that being said, I wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving.



### Native American Heritage Day

A Native American Heritage presentation has been organized to celebrate the various aspects that make our Navajo culture unique. This presentation welcomes Mr. Jonathan Nez, Navajo Nation President and various special guests. (See attached flyer for more details.) Our guests will present the following topics addressing: Navajo Astronomy, Navajo Silversmithing, and there are a few

entertaining elements throughout this presentation. This is a virtual event, the zoom information will be available on the school website. Please join us. Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 1:25-2:45pm

#### **Pooled Testing**

Pool testing is another layer of protection to safeguard our students at Shonto Preparatory Schools. The Navajo Nation and CDC have identified the need for schools to monitor the prevalence of positive COVID cases. The benefits are: students swab, provide timely information, and keep us informed of any positive cases and we can act sooner. Permission slips are attached. Please call me if you have any additional questions.





#### Vacancy for Appointment of Shonto Preparatory School Board

Our district is in need of an additional school board member. If you are interested, please call the Navajo Election Administration. 1-888-508-4970 or call Shonto Chapter House at 928-672-2910. Application fee does not apply for appointed positions. The deadline is Monday, December 13, 2021 by 5:00pm.

#### **Parent Survey**

We are seeking your input on the implementation of remote and hybrid learning. We would like to know if your feelings and thoughts have changed since our last (this summer) survey. Included is our survey, please complete and return. Thank you in advance.

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#### Jump drives

<u>Please return your jump drives.</u> If you have not completed the lessons on the jump drives, save them to your school-issued laptop/computer, and return the jump drives to the office. Thank you for your help.

Staff	Phone Number	Staff	Phone Number
Ms. Allison, ELA Teacher	928-223-2852	Ms. Lee, ESS Teacher	928-363-3410
Ms. Atene, SS Teacher	928-225-1023	Ms. Ray, Navajo Teacher	928-272-2190
Mr. Benally, PE Teacher	928-487-1682	Ms. Richardson, Science	928-482-6175
Mr. Calamity, NPC TA	928-851-3513	Mr. Sombrero, CTE Teacher	928-447-1102
Mr. Hathale, Art Teacher	928-707-7602	Mr. Wayne, Mat Teacher	928-380-7020

### **Upcoming events**

Date	Event	Special Notes	
November 23, 2021	Virtual Native Heritage Presentation	Zoom information is on the school website (1:25pm - 2:45pm)	
November 24, 2021	Early Release	Students are released @12:20 pm	
November 25-26, 2021	Thanksgiving Break	Enjoy your time with your family.	
December 17, 2021	Early Release	Students are released @12:20 pm	
December 17, 2021	2nd Quarter Ends	Report cards will be sent home no later than Monday, December 27, 2021. Parents may also check their ParentVue (Synergy) to access grades.	
December 20-31, 2021	Christmas Break	Enjoy this joyous season!!	

Have a great week!

Cheryl Grass

**High School Principal**