

SSCS 2025-26 Back to School Supplies & Materials

All school supplies/materials will once again be provided to all students by SSCS this school year and distributed on Opening Day: Thursday, September 4, 2025.

Folders + Notebooks + Writing Utensils + Calculators x Caring Educators = Opportunities
Inflated Prices & Difficult Economic Times Can Be Offset By Bulk Purchasing

*Note: Backpacks will not be provided, but if there is a need for backpacks, please email:
mkeaney@sharonsprings.org to put you in contact with our Sharing & Caring Program



Home of the Spartans

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Sharon Springs Central School District EDUCATION MATTERS

Principal/Superintendent Message

*Sharon Springs
Central School
Mission/Vision
Statement*

The mission of Sharon Springs Central School, a community oriented district, is to educate all students to become healthy, hardworking, honest and respectable citizens, who will value life-long learning and contribute to a global society.

The vision of the Sharon Springs Central School is to provide a supportive and creative learning environment, which challenges our students to achieve excellence as a way of life.

Dear SSCS Students, Families, Staff, and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year at Sharon Springs Central School! This year, we come together under the theme: One Team, All In. In the classroom, for a club, on the stage, in the field, or on the court, we show up for one another with beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors that communicate support for each other's success and well-being. We are proud to begin this year with renewed energy, shared purpose, and the commitment to lift each other up.

At SSCS, we believe deeply that every student can excel when provided with the environment, belief, and support needed for success. Our mission is to work together—families, educators, and community partners—to create opportunities for all students to thrive. Success at SSCS is not just measured by grades, but also by growth, resilience, and character.

Important Back-to-School Information

- First Day of School: Thursday, September 4th
- Bus and parent drop-off begin at 7:40am
- School begins at 8:00am
- Elementary dismissal: 2:52pm
- Secondary dismissal: 3:00pm
- Breakfast in Doig Gym: New this year, all students will report to Doig Gym ("the old gym") for breakfast upon arrival. Students will enjoy healthy daily choices and weekly specials before heading to their classrooms.
- Attendance & Tardiness: Please review the attendance policy on our website. Three unexcused tardies (without a doctor's note) will result in lunch detention and a meeting with the school social worker for time management support.

Continued tardiness may involve parent meetings.

- NYS Personal Device Ban: In compliance with New York State law, students in grades 6–12 will store their personal internet-enabled devices in locked storage at the start of the day. If a device is used during the school day, the device will be taken from the student and a parent must retrieve it from the office.

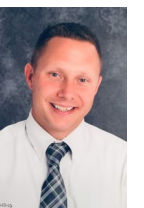
Community Kick-Off Event Collaboration

This year, our 'One Team, All In' theme will shine at the Community Kick-Off Event—a celebration that highlights the strength of our partnerships with local businesses and organizations. Thanks to the generosity and support of NBT, Kennedy Landscaping, and other community partners, our students and families will enjoy a memorable start to the year with a BBQ, bounce house, dunk tank, and more. The event will be held Friday, September 5th (rain date: September 12th) behind the school playground. Students will participate during their lunch and recess blocks, and the greater community is warmly invited to join.

Together, we are One Team, All In. Thank you for your continued support and for showing up—not just as educators, parents, or students, but as a community united in purpose and rooted in respect. We look forward to a year of growth, success, and memorable moments.

With gratitude, Thomas Yorke
K–12 Principal/Superintendent

Go Spartans!



DISTRICT OFFICE

518-284-2266
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MAIN OFFICE

518-284-2267
Principal, Thomas Yorke
Guidance Counselor, Lindsay Blowers

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518- 284-9047
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Veteran Educator Steps Into New Role as Part-Time Assistant Principal at Sharon Springs CSD

Sharon Springs Central School District is proud to announce that longtime educator Mrs. Stephanie Fuller has begun her 29th year at SSCS in a new leadership role—part-time Assistant Principal, in addition to continuing her work as a 4th grade teacher.

With three decades of experience in the classroom, Mrs. Fuller brings a wealth of knowledge, dedication, and passion for student success to her new position. She has been recognized throughout her career for her commitment to creating engaging learning environments and building strong relationships with students, families, and colleagues.

In addition to teaching 4th grade this year, Mrs. Fuller has been advancing her professional journey through the Educational Leadership program at Russell Sage College, where she is completing her coursework and internship requirements. She is on track to finish the program in May 2026, further preparing her to support Sharon Springs CSD's long-term goals.

"I am honored to step into this new role and continue serving the Sharon Springs community," Mrs. Fuller shared. "My goal is to help enhance and carry forward the district's mission and vision—ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. It will be my responsibility to establish the framework so that there is a trusting work environment and maintain that relationship. At the end of the day I would like to be able to say, school should be a place to create a sense of community, each student should be able to realize his or her potential, each teacher should feel fulfilled, each parent should experience joy in watching his or her child learn and grow."

As Assistant Principal, Mrs. Fuller will collaborate closely with teachers, staff, and families to foster a safe, supportive, and forward-thinking learning environment. Her leadership is expected to play an important role in sustaining the district's commitment to excellence and innovation.

Frequently Asked Questions?

What will parent "drop-off" look like in the morning?

Parents will continue to drop off at the new visitor entrance utilizing the traffic circle. Students must wait in their parent's car until 7:40. At that time, students may unload and proceed to the front entrance. Students in grades K - 5 will proceed to the large, "new" gym, while students in grades 6 - 12 will muster in the small, "old" gym. Students will be encouraged to remain calm and mindful, while they connect with each other. No basketball or tag or other running around will be permitted during this time. At 8am, younger students will be escorted up to the elementary classrooms and older students dismissed, with the expectation that students move through the hallways in an orderly fashion. Any students who are unable to listen to and cooperate with staff during this time will not be permitted to participate in this early building entry courtesy.

Visiting the building?

While visitations are encouraged, to ensure the safety of our school we ask that you call ahead and make arrangements with our main office.

Will Morning Program still take place?

Morning Program will take place. Parents will be invited to the MP that takes place on the **final school-day of each month**.

Will the After School Program be running this year?

The afterschool program will return to SSCS. More details about the program will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Bus information?

By mid-August, it is expected that parents have already indicated if their child will require school bus transportation, and reserved their spot.

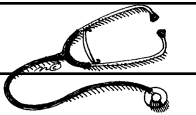
During the school year, on a day that you need to pick up your child from school, a written request or phone call needs to be received in the Main Office by 9:00 am on the day the child (ren) will be picked up. The **notes must include** the student's full name, individual picking up the child(ren), parent/

Welcome New Educators to SSCS!

This year, we are also excited to introduce new educators to our school-community. After recruiting and conducting several rounds of interviews, the district is pleased to introduce the following new staff members and staff members returning in new and exciting capacities:



Important Notices From the School Health Office



Physical & Dental Certificate Requirements

It is mandated by New York State that new entrants, students in Grades Kindergarten, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 have an updated physical (done less than 12 months prior to entrance date) on file in the Health Office. You may choose to have this exam done by the student's own medical provider and a copy of the physical MUST then be forwarded to the school nurse for the student's health record. A Medical Provider also comes to the Health Office throughout the year to perform physicals. A date will be scheduled in the fall of 2023 for a Bassett Medical Provider to come to the School Health Office to perform physicals. If your student has not had a physical in the last 12 months and is in the above grades they will need to have one. Male students are routinely screened for possible hernias during these physical exams. BMI information is also collected at time of the physical.

It is also mandated by NYS that public schools request dental health certificates for new entrants, students in Grades Kindergarten, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.

If you would like your student to receive a physical with our medical provider or have any questions please call the Health Office at (518)284-2266 Ext. 107.

BMI SURVEY

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or 'BMI'. The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report. The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier. If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please call the Health Office at 518-284-2266 Ext.107 and inform the school of your choice to opt your child or children out.

Required Screenings

Vision: Distance acuity for all newly entering students and students in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10. Near vision acuity, hyperopia and color perception screening for all newly entering students, including Kindergarten.

Hearing: Hearing screening for all newly entering students and students in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10.

Scoliosis: Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for all students in Grades 5 – 9.

Medication In School

New York State Education Law prohibits the giving of internal medication in school unless a written doctor's order for that medication and a written parental request to give that medication is brought to the school nurse. This law also includes over-the-counter medication such as aspirin, acetaminophen, cold preparations, and cough drops. A parent must personally bring to the nurse all medications in the original package with the original prescription on the label. This also includes over-the-counter medication, which needs to be in the original manufacturer's container/package, with the student's name affixed to the container. A pharmacy label on a prescription DOES NOT constitute a written order and CANNOT be used instead of a written order from a licensed prescriber.

If your child needs medication at school, please fill out the appropriate form for medication administration in school. This form can be accessed on our website under the health section or by contacting the Health Office 518-284-2266 Ext. 107. The form must be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian and then taken to the physician's office for completion. It then must be returned to the school health office by leaving with front desk attendant. This also applies for students who are approved by MD and parent for **SELF-CARRY** which also requires an additional form. Medication CANNOT be administered at school unless all of these procedures are followed and they need to be **updated annually**.

Immunization Reminders

Grade 6

Tdap: Boostrix® & Adacel®

Age 10: Not required to receive the Tdap until they turn 11 years old. At that time they must provide documentation of a booster dose of Tdap or provide proof of an appointment for the booster dose within 14 days.

Age 11: Must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap).

Grades 7 and 12

Beginning September 1, 2016, all 7th and 12th grade students MUST HAVE proof of having been given Meningococcal vaccine (shot) in order to attend school.

Students entering **Grade 7 in 2025 must have 1 dose** of meningococcal vaccine. They will be required to get a booster at age 16.

Students entering **Grade 12 in 2025 must have either:**
-2 doses of meningococcal vaccine with **the booster dose given on or after age 16.**
-1 dose if your child's first dose was given on or after age 16.

Student Privacy Notification

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Board of Education recognizes that student privacy is an important concern of parents and the Board wishes to ensure that student privacy is protected pursuant to the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, as revised by the No Child Left Behind Act. To that end, the Board has adopted/ revised a policy of student privacy.

Pursuant to the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, as revised by the No Child Left Behind Act, and the Sharon Springs Central School District policy on student privacy, you have the right to opt your child out of the following activities:
The collection, disclosure and use of personal information gathered from the students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information.

- This does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of providing educational products or services for, or to students, such as:
 - College or other postsecondary education recruitment;
 - Book clubs, magazines and program providing access to low-cost literary products;
 - Curriculum and instructional materials used in schools;
 - Tests and assessments used to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information for students or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments, and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments;
 - Student recognition program; and
 - The sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related activities.
- The administration of any survey revealing information concerning one or more of the following:
 - Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student’s parent;
 - Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student’s family;
 - Sex behavior or attitudes;
 - Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
 - Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 - Legally recognized privileged or analogous, relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers;
 - Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student’s parent; or
 - Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).
- The administration of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school, not necessary to protect the immediate health or safety of the student or other students and not otherwise permitted or required by state law. The term “invasive physical examination” means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion or injecting into the body, but does include a hearing, vision or scoliosis screening. It does not apply to any physical examination or screening required or permitted under state law, including those permitted without parental notification.

At this time, we expect that activities related to the above-mentioned items will take place on or close to the following dates:

| Activity | Date |
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| School Physicals performed by the School Physician | October, November, December/January, May |

Please review this list, if there are any activities you wish to “opt out” of on behalf of your child, please notify the school in writing within 10 days. If you have any questions about the District’s student privacy policy and your rights to opt your child out of certain activities, please contact Thomas Yorke, Superintendent/Building Principal.

Sincerely,
SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL
Thomas Yorke
Superintendent/Building Principal

Teacher Qualification Request

In accordance with the Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, parents/guardians have the right to request specific information about the professional qualifications of their children’s classroom teachers. As a parent/guardian of a student in the Sharon Springs Central School District, you have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met New York State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he or she teaches;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the State qualification or licensing has been waived;
- The teacher’s college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees;
- If your child is provided services by any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Requests for information about the qualifications of your child’s teacher(s) can be directed to Thomas Yorke, Superintendent at (518)284-2267. All requests will be honored in a timely manner.

Access to Student Records Notification

Dear Parent or Eligible Student:

This is to advise you of your rights with respect to student records pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of student records. The law gives parents and students over 18 years of age (referred to in the law as “eligible students”) the following rights:

- The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request to access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the Building Principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The Principal will arrange for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible student may ask the District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading by writing the Principal clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed and specifying why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement personnel), a person serving on the school board, a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist), or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school District in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

- The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirement of FERPA. The Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
US Department of Education
600 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

| Dept. Personnel | WHO DO I CONTACT? | |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | Phone Extension | Email |
| Athletics Chris Smith | 113 | csmith@sharonsprings.org |
| Bus Schedule Chris Gray | (518)284-9047 | cgray@sharonsprings.org |
| Cafeteria Melissa Simpson | 123 | msimpson@sharonsprings.org |
| Course Curriculum Lindsay Blowers | 109 | lblowers@sharonsprings.org |
| Health/Nursing Elizabeth Jones | 107 | ejones@sharonsprings.org |
| Use of Building Anthony DiPace | 101 | adipace@sharonsprings.org |
| Mental Health Russell Scimeca | 116 | rscimeca@sharonsprings.org |
| Unresolved Disciplinary Issues Thomas Yorke | 105 | tyorke@sharonsprings.org |

TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES FOR SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR THE 2025 – 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Transportation Department at Sharon Springs Central School operates under guidelines approved by the Board of Education. The school district will provide transportation to and from a student’s legal residence (located outside of designated walk zones) and/or alternate locations along regularly scheduled district bus routes.

On a day that you need to pick up your child from school, a written request needs to be received in the Main Office by 9:00 a.m. on the days the child(ren) will be picked up. The **notes must include** the student’s full name, individual picking up the child(ren), parent/guardian phone number and signature.

In the event of a **School District declared emergency dismissal**, the school district will follow the parent/guardians instructions on the early closing/emergency dismissal notification forms on file.

PM DROP OFF GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS 3RD GRADE AND YOUNGER:

The school district requires a Parent/Guardian, older sibling or other responsible party to be at the bus stop in the afternoon to receive students 3rd grade and under. Due to safety concerns, no child 3rd grade and under will be dropped off unless a responsible party is available. If there is no responsible party at the bus stop the student will be taken back to the school (or the bus garage) where they will need to be picked up by 3:30 p.m. The school will attempt to contact parents/guardians in the event that no one is home. **(In the event that this occurs repeatedly, parents/guardians will be required to meet with school officials to implement alternative plans).**

NOTIFICATIONS

Emergency Information Sheets

Emergency information sheets will be sent home with your child on the first week of school. Please update the health, address, phone and emergency contact information and return the sheet to school with your child the next day. Also, if information should change during the school year, please be sure to let the school know as soon as possible. **Up-to-date phone numbers and emergency contacts are essential for the safety of your child.**

Emergency Management Plan

The Sharon Springs Central School District has developed an Emergency Disaster Preparedness Plan as required by the State Education Law 155.13. It is required that each public school district has emergency plans in place and that the information of emergency procedures be provided to all students and staff. The District will provide training drills throughout the school year and conduct at least 12 fire drills, in addition to a “go home drill” to test the transportation and communication systems. Emergency evacuation route information is posted in each classroom.

If you would like more information regarding the school’s Emergency Management Plan, please contact Mr. Thomas Yorke, Superintendent.

Drug Free/Tobacco Free School Zone

Sharon Springs Central School is considered a Drug Free/Tobacco Free School Zone. Anyone arrested and convicted of selling or using illegal drugs within 1,000 feet of school property will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law by civil authorities. Penalties are harsher in this Zone than in the community at large.

Signs have been posted at the entrances to our building and on the grounds to serve as a warning that our District has no tolerance toward illegal drugs.

Fire Inspection Completed

The annual fire inspection has been conducted and the required reports have been submitted to the New York State Education Department. For questions, please contact Mr. Anthony DiPace at 518-284-2266.

Pesticide Use Notification

The Sharon Springs Central School District may use pesticide products periodically throughout the year. The Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law requires school districts to maintain a list of staff and persons in a parental relation who wish to receive 48-hour written notice prior to the application of pesticides. Written notifications will include the date, locations and product used for each application. For further information or to be placed on the school-specific 48-hour notification list, please contact Mr. Anthony DiPace, Business Manager at 518-284-2266.

Non-Discrimination Notice

The Sharon Springs Central School District does not discriminate in employment or in the education programs and activities which it operates on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, religion, race, or handicap in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, or §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the NYS Human Rights Law. Inquiries regarding this non-discrimination notice may be directed to Section 504/Title IX Coordinator, Mr. Anthony DiPace, Business Manager at 518-284-2266.

Firearms Prohibited

As stated in the Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education Policy, no person shall bring a firearm or any portion of a firearm on the premises of a school or any area controlled by the School District. School premises means all school owned, leased, or otherwise controlled buildings, grounds and transportation vehicles.

In accordance with Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, (Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994), and Education Law #3214 and #205, any student possessing a firearm on school premises will be subject to a penalty of at least one year’s suspension from school, though the Superintendent of Schools may modify this policy based on circumstances and the student’s previous record. A suspended student will be provided with alternative instruction during the suspension period.

Anti-Idling Law

The Anti-Idling Law prohibits the idling of a diesel or non-diesel fueled engine for more than five consecutive minutes except to maintain temperatures inside the vehicles during the cold or hot weather when it is required by certain regulations and the operation of equipment.

Sharon Springs Central Schools Transportation Department monitors compliance with the Anti-Idling Laws. When loading or unloading our buses at school, buses are shut off during those times. The school is also responsible to ensure visitors at our school follow the same rules and regulations regarding the idling of buses.

Regular Daily Dismissal Times

Grades K-5 Dismiss at 2:52 p.m.

Grades 6-12 Dismiss at 3:00 p.m.



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SSCS Adopts New Cell Phone Policy Per New York State Law

Personally-Owned, Internet-Enabled Device Ban

School Day 8am to 3:00pm

2025 - 2026

Prioritizing Students':

- **Mental Health**
- **Physical Health**
- **Interpersonal Skills**
- **Academic Achievement**



NYS Governor Kathy Hochul recently signed the Distraction-Free Schools Law, which outlines a statewide bell-to-bell policy to ban cell phone usage in public and charter schools. You can view the official announcement from Gov. Hochul at:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/last-day-school-governor-hochul-and-education-leaders-celebrate-end-smartphone-disruptions-new>

In order to comply with Gov. Hochul’s mandate, the Sharon Springs Board of Education has adopted a policy for cell phone usage for students during the school day. As required by NYS, this policy applies to all students (even upperclassmen). Students who do not provide a phone to be locked up, will have their parents contacted to be assured the phone is not in school.

Review the entire new use policy from the SSCS Student Handbook and consequences for noncompliance on the school webpage: www.sharonsprings.org

DAILY PROCESS FOR STUDENTS

K – 5 Students: All devices must be turned off and stored out of sight

6 – 12 Students: Place their personal electronic device(s) (i.e. smart device, smartwatch, earbuds, etc) inside a designated, labeled shelf inside of a container that is locked and stored in the main office.

As students in grades 6 – 12 enter their first period classroom, they will:

1. Turn their device(s) off.
2. Place their personal electronic device(s) (i.e. smart device, smartwatch, earbuds, etc) inside a designated, labeled shelf inside of a container that is locked in the main office.
3. Be responsible for picking up their device(s) during homeroom.

*Students arriving late or leaving early will put their personal electronic devices (i.e. device, smartwatch, earbuds, etc) inside a designated container in the Main Office.

**Morning BOCES students will leave their device(s) in the main office as they arrive on campus for lunch.

***Afternoon BOCES students will pick up their devices from the main office at 11:15am (prior to departing for their program)



Sharon Springs CSD 2025-2026 Regional School Calendar

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Nov 10 K-12 Superintendent's Conference Day
Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 26 ½ Day for Students
Nov 26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday

School Day Tally = 17

| February 2026 | | | | | | |
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Feb 16 Presidents' Day
Feb 17 Lunar New Year
Feb 16-20 February Recess

School Day Tally = 15

| May 2026 | | | | | | |
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May 1-15 Grades 3-8 ELA Assessment
May 1-15 Grades 3-8 Mathematics Assessment
May 1-15 Grades 5 & 8 Science Assessment
May 25 Memorial Day

School Day Tally = 20

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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

Sep 1 Labor Day
Sep 2 & Sept 3 K-12 Superintendent's Conference Day
Sep 4 First Day of Classes K-12

School Day Tally = 21

| December 2025 | | | | | | |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

Dec 22-Jan 2 Winter Recess

School Day Tally = 15

| March 2026 | | | | | | |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su | M | Tu | W | Th | F | S |
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| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Mar 18 K-12 Superintendent's Conference Day

School Day Tally = 22

| June 2026 | | | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su | M | Tu | W | Th | F | S |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

Jun 9 ELA & Algebra II Regents Exams
Jun 10 Chemistry & Physics Regents Exams
Jun 17-18 Regents Exams
Jun 19 Juneteenth
Jun 22-25 Regents Exams
Jun 26 Regents Rating Day

School Day Tally = 19

| October 2025 | | | | | | |
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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

Oct 10 Emergency Release Dismiss 15 Min Early
Oct 13 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day

School Day Tally = 22

| January 2026 | | | | | | |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Jan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 5 Classes Resume
Jan 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 20-23 Regents Exam Days

School Day Tally = 19

| April 2026 | | | | | | |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su | M | Tu | W | Th | F | S |
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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

Apr 6-10 Spring Recess
Apr 6-30 Grades 3-8 ELA Assessment
Apr 6-30 Grades 3-8 Mathematics Assessment
Apr 6-30 Grades 5 & 8 Science Assessment

School Day Tally = 17

| Legend | | | | | | |
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| Opening Day of School | | | | | | |
| Superintendent's Conference Day | | | | | | |
| Regents Testing | | | | | | |
| Gr. 3-8 NYS Assessment Days | | | | | | |
| Observed Holidays/Recess/School not in Session | | | | | | |
| Emergency Early Release | | | | | | |
| Rating Day | | | | | | |

Total Calendar Days: 187
(Total Calendar Days for SSCS Programs:182)

EDUCATION MATTERS

September 2025

NOTIFICATIONS

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF THE DISTRICT-WIDE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

The Sharon Springs Central School District has developed a District-wide School Safety Plan and confidential building-level School Safety Plans for each building as required by New York State Safe School Against Violence in Education (S.A.V.E.) Law. This law requires the district to annually provide written information to all students and staff about emergency procedures. As required, the District-wide School Safety Plan was originally submitted to the New York State Education Department in June 2001. Each confidential building-level Emergency Response Plan was originally submitted to the local police and New York State Police in June 2001.

The District-wide School Safety Team annually reviews the District-wide School Safety Plan. The building-level School Safety Teams annually review the confidential building-level Emergency Response Plans. All updates are approved by the Board of Education prior to re-submitting them to the New York State Education Department and the local police and New York State Police respectively.

The district will provide training throughout the year and will conduct at least twelve fire drills as well as conduct a district-wide drill to test sheltering plans and/or early dismissal. Emergency evacuation information is posted in each classroom and Emergency School Closing information can be found in the district calendar. For more information concerning the District-wide School Safety Plan, please contact Mr. Thomas Yorke, Superintendent at 518-284-2266.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF THE ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987 (40 CFR Part 763), the Sharon Springs Central School District is required to give annual notification stating that the Asbestos Management Plan for each building is available and kept in the main office. These records are available for review during normal business hours.

Six-month periodic asbestos surveillances as well as a triennial inspection are required pursuant of AHERA. The six-month surveillance was completed. To date, no asbestos projects are scheduled. If any are scheduled in the future, all work shall be conducted according to all applicable local, state and federal regulations. For more information, please contact the LEA Asbestos Designee, Mr. Anthony DiPace, Business Manager at 518-284-2266.

Release of Student Information Under No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

Pursuant to the federal education legislation also known as No Child Left Behind Act, Sharon Springs Central School must disclose to military recruiters, upon request, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of high school students. The District must also notify parents of their rights and the right of the child to request that the District not release such information without prior written parental consent. Parents (or students if they are 18 or older) wishing to exercise their option to withhold their consent to the release of the above information to military recruiters are asked to sign and return the form below to the Guidance Office.

Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)

Do You Suspect Abuse or Maltreatment?

Report it Now!

Call our Statewide Toll Free Telephone Center Number:

1-800-342-3720

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call TDD/TTY at

1-800-638-5163

or have your Video Relay System provider call

1-800-342-3720

If you believe that a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or your local police department.

For more information about reporting child abuse visit the Office of Children and Family Services website at:

<http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/>.

For information on child abuse prevention visit www.preventchildabuse.org.

Sharon Springs Central School
Reservation of consent for the release of certain student
information under the No Child Left Behind Act

Please **DO NOT** release the name, address, and telephone
number of

(Student name)

to military recruiters.

(Parent Signature and Date)

Universal Pre-K and Head Start Programs

Sharon Springs Central School hosts a Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program, a Head Start program for 3 year olds and an Early Head Start program for expectant mothers and children 0-3 years old. Programs are operated by Schoharie County Child Development Council. For more information or to sign your child up call 518-284-3800.

Important Reminders

- Doors for students will open **Thursday, September 4th** at **7:40 a.m.**
- Each year, schools are required to provide information in written form or electronically to parents. To comply with these regulations you will find various notices in this newsletter. New York State S.A.V.E. Legislation (Schools Against Violence in Education) requires school districts to annually review their Code of Conduct. The Code outlines the rights and responsibilities of students, outlines the policy against discrimination and harassment, spells out expected behaviors, and outlines prohibited student conduct as well as the penalties for deviating from these expectations.
- Students are advised that the locker remains the property of the Sharon Springs Central School District and the District retains the right to search any locker that it believes may contain illegal or dangerous items.
- Students are reminded that their lockers will not be accessible after school. When a student leaves for the day, be it for sports or home, they should have all their necessary materials with them.
- It is essential for parents to play an active role in their child's education. Teachers can be reached by phone through their school extension numbers and their school based e-mail accounts (firstinitiallastname@sharonsprings.org).

Morning Arrival and Afternoon Dismissal

School buses will drop students off on the front loop facing Route 20 in the morning. Parents will drop their children off by entering the Visitor Traffic Loop. Students should exit from the passenger side of the vehicle and enter the building through the new Visitor Entrance.

***Please be aware of crosswalk right of way areas and STOP signs in the driveway/parking area.**

There is no student drop off/parent parking in the eastern lot near France Street/Route 10. School staff will be on hand at both the bus unloading and front desk entrance to assist the younger elementary students.

Dismissal time for student in K-5 is 2:52 p.m. Dismissal time for students in grades 6-12 is 3:00 p.m.

Afternoon buses will load in the front loop facing Route 20.

Afternoon parent pick up will be in the Visitor Traffic Circle. Parents should enter the traffic circle and wait in the vehicle for their elementary child to exit from the double doors (old Front Desk Entrance). If a parent is also picking up a middle or high school child we ask that the continue to slowly loop the traffic circle or park in one of the available visitor parking spaces. Middle school and high school students will exit from the Event Entrance. For safety we ask that you remain in your vehicle when picking up your children.

It is important to note that the on-campus speed limit will remain 5 miles per hour. Please be vigilant when driving, parking and moving about in the parking lot/ driveway areas.

Morning Supervision

Our school building officially opens at 8:00 a.m. as students arrive on District buses. As a courtesy to parents, the Board of Education has elected to have limited supervision in the gymnasiums beginning at 7:40 a.m. to assist with early work schedules.

Please be advised that prior to 7:40 a.m. there is no adult supervision. Therefore, students are not permitted to be in the school building prior to 7:40 a.m.

Any student entering the building prior to 8:00 a.m. will be required to wait in one of the gymnasiums. For the safety of all, no running or basketball play is allowed during this time. Students are expected to behave in accordance of the Student Code of Conduct. Students will not be allowed to wait in the hallways under any circumstances.

Students who are not able to comply with these rules will not be permitted in the school building prior to 8:00am.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Open communication is strongly encouraged throughout the school year to better assist with student success. Parents and teachers can communicate with each other in a variety of ways (Schoology, email, Kinvo, phone).

Formal Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place at the conclusion of the first marking period. To accommodate parent's work schedules we will be offering two dates and times:

- Thursday, November 25th from 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Friday, November 26th from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

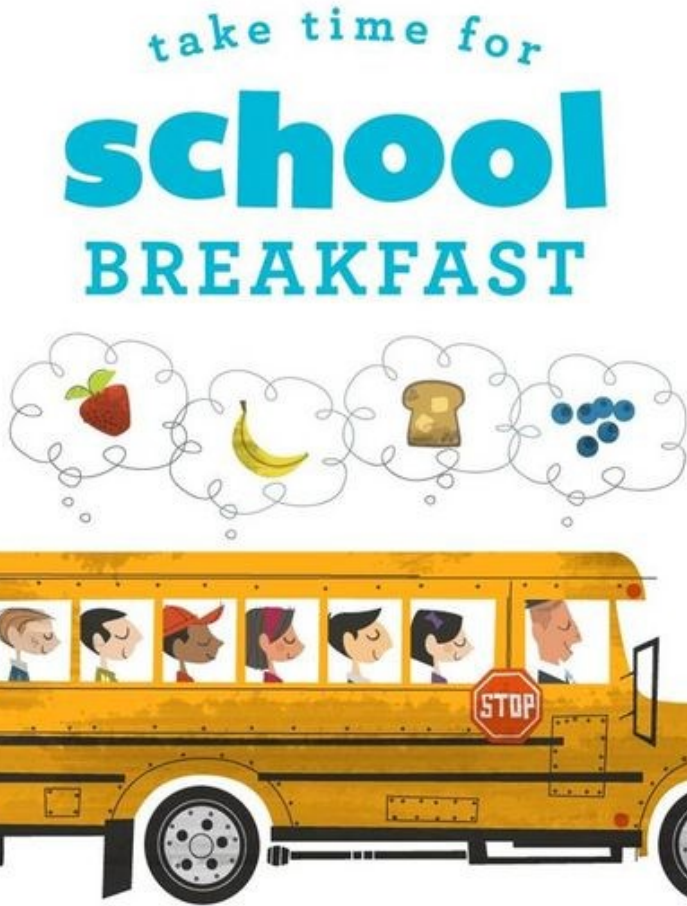
Please note, Tuesday, November 26th students will be dismissed at 11:30am from school.

If you have concerns about your child's academics, this is a great opportunity to discuss those concerns with their teacher. It's also a great time to discuss your child's accomplishments and goals moving forward in the school year.

2025-2026 BELL SCHEDULE

Building Opens at 7:40AM for Students

| | |
|-----------|-------------|
| Arrival | 8:00-8:05 |
| Period 1 | 8:05-8:45 |
| Period 2 | 8:48-9:26 |
| Period 3 | 9:29-10:07 |
| Period 4 | 10:10-10:48 |
| Period 5 | 10:51-11:29 |
| Period 6 | 11:32-12:02 |
| Period 7 | 12:05-12:43 |
| Period 8 | 12:46-1:24 |
| Period 9 | 1:27-2:05 |
| Period 10 | 2:08-2:46 |
| Homeroom | 2:49-3:00 |



2025-2026 BREAKFAST MENU

Daily Choices





- Low sugar, whole grain assorted cold cereals
- Assorted whole grain bagels with cream cheese
- Yogurt Parfait with fruit and granola
- Fresh and or canned fruit
- Low Fat Milk Choice
- Nov-March: Hot flavored Oatmeal



Weekly Specials

| MONDAY'S | TUESDAY'S | WEDNESDAY'S | THURSDAY'S | FRIDAY'S |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| WG French Toast Sticks with Syrup OR Yogurt Based Smoothies | WW Breakfast Sandwich OR WG Bread Choices *Banana Zucchini *Pumpkin or *Lemon | WW Yogurt Based Chocolate Chip Muffin | WG Breakfast Pizza OR WW Breakfast Sandwich | WW Yogurt Based Chocolate Chip Muffin OR WG Bread Choice *Banana Zucchini *Pumpkin *Lemon |

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2025 LUNCH MENU
(Subject to Change)

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|---|---|--|---|--|
| 1.  Don't PAC a lunch MAN Everyone eats for free  | 2.  Choose no less than 3 out of the 5 food components and REMEMBER... one of these HAS to be a fruit and or vegetable to eat for FREE 🍎 | 3. DAILY CHOICES ALL YEAR ROUND... *Grilled Chicken Salad *Fruit & Yogurt Parfait *PB&J & *Water | 4. WG Chicken Patty WW Bun ***** Rice Pilaf ***** Broccoli ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 5. Hamburger/WW Bun OR Hotdog/WW Bun ***** Bagged Chips ***** Pasta Salad with Veggies ***** Watermelon ***** LF Milk Choices  |
| 8. WW Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup ***** Chicken BLT on WW ***** Green Beans ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 9. WG Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Chicken Gravy ***** Corn ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 10. Hamburger WW Bun Cheese Slice ***** Tater Tots ***** Baked Beans Pickles ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 11. WG Macaroni & Cheese Rabbit ***** Broccoli ***** Carrots ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 12. Assorted WG Pizza ***** Assorted WW Sandwiches ***** Assorted Fruit ***** Garden Salad with Lite Ranch ***** LF Milk Choices |
| 15. Oven Baked WG Ziti WW Garlic Bread Stick ***** Chatterbox Plate ***** Green Beans ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 16. WW Wrap Seasoned Beef Black Bean Salsa ***** Chicken Bacon Ranch WW Wrap ***** Refried Beans Corn ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choice | 17. WG French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty ***** WG Pancake Breakfast Sandwich ***** Fresh Veggie Sticks Broccoli ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 18. WG Chicken Tenders Potato Wedges ***** Baked Beans ***** Carrots ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 19. Assorted WG Pizza ***** Assorted WW Sandwiches ***** Assorted Fruit ***** Garden Salad with Lite Ranch ***** LF Milk Choice |
| 22. Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup ***** Chicken BLT ***** Green Beans ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 23. WG Chicken Patty WW Bun ***** Rice Pilaf ***** Broccoli ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 24. Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes ***** Garlic Bread Stick ***** Corn ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 25. Hot Turkey & Gravy Sandwich ***** Mashed Potatoes ***** Hotdog ***** WW Bun ***** Flavored Carrots ***** Baked Beans ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 26. WG Pizza ***** Assorted Sandwiches ***** Assorted Fruit ***** Garden Salad with Lite Ranch ***** LF Milk Choices |
| 29. Oven Baked Chicken Baked Potato Sour Cream ***** PBJ Uncrustable ***** Flavored Carrots ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | 30. WW Wrap Seasoned Beef Black Bean Salsa ***** Chicken Bacon Ranch WW Wrap ***** Refried Beans Corn ***** Assorted Fruit ***** LF Milk Choices | | | |

WELCOME BACK!

EDUCATION MATTERS

September 2025

Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was effective July 1st, 2012. The purpose of the act is to address discrimination and harassment in the public schools, charter schools and BOCES, including amendments to code of conduct policies.

The goal of the DASA is to provide ALL New York State public school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment and bullying on school property or at a school function. The DASA states that no student shall be subject to harassment by employees or students; nor be subject to discrimination based on their actual or perceived: race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including identified or expressed), or sex.

The Dignity for All Students Act defines harassment as “the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student’s educational

performance, opportunities or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical well-being; or conduct, verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause a student to fear for his or her physical safety.”

In a continued effort to promote tolerance and respect for others, students and faculty will be provided educational and awareness opportunities that address these areas as part of the curriculum at SSCS as well as various other activities. More details can be found in the Student Code of Conduct Handbook which is available on the school’s website at www.sharonsprings.org.

Should students or parents have questions or concerns regarding the Dignity For All Students Act, they should contact Elizabeth Rosenberger, the Dignity Act Coordinator for the District, (518) 284-2267.

CEP/Provision 2 Non-Base Year Household Income Form INSTRUCTIONS

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE FORM FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

1. Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one form.
2. List their grade and school.
3. Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, and check the box for each child with no income.

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

1. List a current SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. Do not use the 16-digit number on your benefit card. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
2. An adult household member must sign the form in PART 4. **SKIP PART 3** - Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number.

PARTS 3 & 4 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF PARTS 3 AND 4.

1. Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are completing the form for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people living in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
2. Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person’s usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs Incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Sharon Springs Central School district requires the information on the application in order to determine District-wide eligibility for the free lunch program.. The district may also use the income information to determine eligibility for other income based programs such as Caring & Sharing, Karker Fund use and College in the High School tuition exemption. Information provided will be kept confidential and only be used for the purposes as stated above or where required by State and Federal Reporting.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)/Provision 2 non-base year
Household Income Eligibility Form

The Sharon Springs CSD is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 in a non-base year. All children in the school will receive meals/milk at no charge regardless of household income or completion of this form. This form is to determine eligibility for additional State and federal program benefits that your child(ren) may qualify for. Read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to the school named above. Call Melissa Simpson, 518-284-2266 ext. 123 if you need help.

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

| Student Name | School | Grade/Teacher | Foster Child | No Income |
|--------------|--------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
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2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 5, and sign the application.

Name: _____ CASE # _____

3. Household Gross Income: List all people living in your household, how much and how often they are paid (weekly, every other week, twice per month, monthly). Do not leave income blank. If no income, check box. If you have listed a foster child above, you must report their personal income.

| Name of household member | Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i> | Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i> | Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i> | Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i> | No Income |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|-----------------------|
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4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school may receive federal funds. The school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone : _____ Work Phone : _____

Home Address: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| SNAP/TANF/Foster Income | Total Household Income/How Often: | Household Size: |
| Free Eligibility | Reduced Eligibility | Denied Eligibility |
| Signature of Reviewing Official | | |

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you are aware, SSCS qualified for a community grant that enabled our students to receive free lunches and breakfast. However, in order for this program to continue we are required to have current free and reduced lunch applications on file each year.

While this information will remain confidential, it may also be used to determine eligibility for other programs such as College in the High School, Caring and Sharing and the Karker Fund.

Please fill out the application on the previous page and return it to the cafeteria as soon as possible. This will enable the district to keep the many programs that we are fortunate to currently participate in and pursue many others that could help our district and families. **Most importantly completing this form will help the district to maintain the grant that allows your child(ren) to have free breakfast and lunch at school.**

Thank you for your continued support of our students.

Sincerely,

Anthony M. DiPace
Business Manager

Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs
Special Provision Options (Provision 2 Non-Base Year & Community Eligibility Provision)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Sharon Springs Central School District will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs for 2025-2026 School Year.

What does this mean for your child(ren) attending the school(s) identified above?

All students enrolled at Sharon Springs Central School District are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and/or lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2025-2026 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at 518-284-2266 ext 123 or email msimpson@sharonsprings.org.

Sincerely,

Melissa Simpson
SSCS Food Services