

# Shark Bytes

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**Thanksgiving Break: November 25-29 – No School for Staff and Students**

## Shark Tales:

### Thanksgiving Holiday

On behalf of all of us at Shakerag, we hope you enjoy the time off with your family and friends and are able to reflect on the many blessings we share. As principal, it truly is an honor to be able to work with such a dedicated staff, supportive community, and amazing children. From all of us at Shakerag, we hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



### Please join me in welcoming Ms. Megan Milovich

We would like to welcome Ms. Milovich to Shakerag. Ms. Milovich will be taking over the front desk for Ms. Castillo. Should you need to reach the front office, you may email her at [milovichm@fultonschools.org](mailto:milovichm@fultonschools.org) or by phone at 470-254-3880.

### Let Us Be Thankful Together: Kindergarten Food Drive

We would like to thank all students and staff who donated items to the Kindergarten Food Drive. With your generosity, we were able to collect crates full of food for North Fulton Community Charities. This charity provides meals for families in need within our community. Thank you!



### LAST CALL! 2024 FCS Annual Parent Perception Survey – Survey Closes TONIGHT!

**We currently only have 13.9% of our families who have completed the survey.**

**Please, please, please help us gather your feedback!**

At Fulton County Schools, we truly value the feedback from our parents about their experiences with the district. That is why I encourage all parents to take the [Annual Parent Perception Survey](#). This survey allows parents to tell us what they think about their student's schools and the district. While we always make it a priority to listen to our parents, this survey affords us another opportunity to receive your thoughts and opinions.

The survey is anonymous and confidential. Please complete one survey per school where you have one or more students enrolled. The survey will remain open from **Tuesday, October 16 through Friday, November 22**. Thank you in advance for making your voice heard!

The parent survey is currently available in English, Spanish, Korean, Portuguese, Chinese, Hindi, and Punjabi. If you or your family would like to take it in a language that is not listed, contact your school's principal with the requested language.

The parent FAQ is available in:

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Portuguese](#)

[Chinese](#)

[Hindi](#)

[Korean](#)

[Punjabi](#)



[Click here to access the parent survey](#) or scan the QR code with a smartphone.

### Thank you, City Barbeque

We would like to thank City Barbeque in Johns Creek (4210 Johns Creek Pkwy, Suwanee, GA 30024) for providing lunch last Friday for our staff. Thank you for supporting our school as a Business Partner.

### Progress Report Cards

Student progress report cards are now available on the Parent and Student Portals. For instructions on how to access your child's 13.5-week progress report card please click [here](#).

## Spotlight On Special Areas:

### What's Happening in Art with Mr. Avery this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Art Newsletter.

### What's Happening in ASL with Ms. Pennywell this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's ASL Newsletter.

### What's Happening in Music with Ms. Housholder and Mr. Denney this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Music Newsletter.

### What's Happening in PE with Coach Smith this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's PE Newsletter.

## A Message from the PTO:

### Yearbook

Reserve a yearbook today! Order your student's yearbook using this link: [Order Yearbook](#)

The yearbook team is looking for pictures to be added to the 24-25 yearbook. Please upload any First Day of School, Kona Ice Social, Storybook Night, Community Night, or Pictures with Sharky using this QR code or click [here](#).



## A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

### School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 11 at 8:00 a.m.** To read more about our School Governance Council, we invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website by clicking [here](#).

**The School Governance Council is looking for a parent representative to finish out one of our open terms. This is about a one hour a month commitment. If you are interested in additional details, please reach out to Mrs. Lemerond at [Lemerond@fultonschools.org](mailto:Lemerond@fultonschools.org).**

## FCS News:

### Change of School Assignment (COSA) Process:

Fulton County Schools is now using a new term for school choice: "Change of School Assignment" or COSA. Last spring, the Fulton County School Board revised its policy ([Board Policy JBCD: Change of School Assignment](#)) governing student transfers and changes of school assignment. Any student wishing to attend a school outside of their home attendance boundary will need to follow the new Change of School Assignment (COSA) process and timeline. The process applies to all transfer-related programs, including previous options like hardship transfers, open enrollment, transfers for employees' children, Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program transfers, and requests to schools offering International Baccalaureate or magnet programs. A list of schools accepting transfers will be published on the COSA website on December 9, 2024. Parents can apply during the application window of December 9, 2024, through January 15, 2025. Learn more at [www.fultonschools.org/COSA](http://www.fultonschools.org/COSA).

**Have a wonderful break! Please be safe!**

