

Purple Press

Southern Local Schools/ 740-721-0520

The Mission of Southern Local Schools is to provide a quality, child centered education where all students can succeed.

SAFE SCHOOLS HELPLINE

REMINDERS ON STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

At the high school, parents will be permitted to use the student parking lot entrance nearest the high school building, drop off their child at the curbside nearest the SIDE DOOR that opens to the student parking lot, and then exit through the student parking lot at the exit nearest the stadium. Parents picking up high school students in the afternoon will have to park in the top row of the student parking lot nearest State Route 155, and wait for their child to walk to their vehicle.

DISTRICT-WIDE CALLING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

For those who are new to our District, a system was implemented a few years ago which the District uses to notify all staff and the parents of students who are enrolled in Southern Local Schools of 2-hour delays, school closings, emergencies, sporting event cancellations, and general information. 2-hour delays and closings will still be announced on local television channels. This system provides a much quicker relay of information to you. **If you are not receiving these calls, NEED TO CHANGE OR REMOVE A NUMBER, or you wish to have your name and number removed, call Keista Wickham in the District Office @ (740) 721-0520.**

Available Non-Certified Opportunities

Southern Local Schools is in need of substitute cooks, custodians, and bus drivers for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested, please contact the following supervisors:

Cooks: Kimberly Lee, Director of Food Services, nutrition@southernlocal.org 740-721-0520 ext. 4100

Custodians: John Arkley, Building and Grounds Supervisor, john.arkley@southernlocal.org 740-721-0520 ext. 4004

Bus Drivers: Charlie Hoops, Transportation Supervisor, 740-721-0520 ext.4005

There are occasionally times when students or parents would like to provide information to a school but hesitate because they do not want their identities known. Providing open, direct communication with the community has long been a basic practice for Southern Local. The Board of Education now offers The Safe School Helpline, another method to allow parents and the community to provide input for our school.

Whether it is a student who fears being called a “snitch” or “narc” by peers, or a resident who worries about vandalism in retaliation for reporting a crime, possession or use of drugs or alcohol, reckless driving, or any other illegal activity, Safe School Helpline provides a solution.

The Safe School Helpline utilizes a unique, automated telephone service that allows callers to report an allegation, concern, or suggestion confidentially and anonymously. He or she is never asked to give a name. The voice message is typed then faxed to school officials. In this way, no one except an operator hears the voice. Calls are made through a tollfree number.

Each call is assigned a case number. The caller can then call back to the Helpline to check the school’s progress on the call or to provide more information. A caller may make a report 24 hours a day and the schools will be notified the next school day. Ordinarily, the principal of the school, where the alleged offense occurred, will investigate. Should a crime such as drug trafficking or possession of a weapon be reported, the superintendent will be notified immediately, day or night, and he can contact the police department. As with any allegation against a student or staff member, no public action would be taken until guilt is proven.

Safer Ohio School Tip Line

The Safer Ohio School Tip Line is a free safety resource available to all Ohio schools. The tip line is an anonymous reporting system that accepts tips via call, text, web form, and mobile app 24 hours a day. Anyone can download the Safer Ohio School Tip Line app or use this link to access the web form.

This tip line allows students and adults to anonymously share information with school officials and law enforcement about threats to student safety — whether that involves a threatened mass incident or harm to a single student.

Things to report to the tip line include (but are not limited to):

- Bullying incidents;
- Withdrawn student behaviors;

- Verbal or written threats observed toward students, faculty or schools;
- Hazing;
- Weapon/suspicious devices on or near school grounds;
- Gang-related activities;
- Unusual/suspicious behavior of students or staff;
- Self-harm or suicidal sentiments; and • Any other school safety-related concerns.

MILLER HIGH SCHOOL / KROGER
REWARDS PROGRAM
Kera Hill

Miller High School has partnered with Kroger’s Community Rewards. A portion of each sale made at Kroger will be donated to our school to help with the cost of paying for yearbooks.

To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

Visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into their Kroger account you can search for MILLER HIGH SCHOOL either by name or LT512 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.
*Customers must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to your organization.
*If you do not yet have a Kroger rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

MILLCREEK ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK

Millcreek Elementary Yearbook Pre-K through 6th grade (Millcreek students only) We are asking for your help with photos for our yearbook. Things that we would like to have are: - Biddy league photos - Pictures that you may have taken on the first day of school - School Dance or Extra activities at the School - Spirit Week or Right to Read Week Photos - Fall Festival at the School - Christmas Parties - Valentines Parties - Christmas Spirit Week Photos - Morning Club Photos - After School Club Photos - All Pictures that are school related Things we DO NOT Want are: - Family Photos - Home Photos - Vacation Photos - Children who are not Students at Millcreek All Pictures can be emailed to millcreekyearbook@southernlocal.org. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to Amy Starlin or Cherie Irwin. Attention: All Submissions may not be included in the yearbook but we appreciate you sending them in for consideration.

Driver’s Ed

Southern Local Schools now offers driver's Ed through the Muskingum Ohio Valley Educational Service Center (MOV ESC) Driving School. Follow this link below for more information.

If you have any questions please email me at keista.wickham@southernlocal.org.

<https://www.southernlocal.org/muskingum-ohio->

[valley-educational-service-center-mov-esc-driving-school](#)

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Miller Falcons Fan Store

All purchases made via Miller's online Fan Store will help fund the many different items and services needed throughout the year for the athletic program.
Our Athletic Department as well as our students would greatly appreciate your support and purchase made through our new Fan Store! The link and password to the Falcon Fan Store site will be below.

Thank you so much for supporting our Falcon students!
<https://shop.game-one.com/ohio/corning/miller-high->

Password: falcons (case sensitive)

Sick Guideline

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF						
I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100.0 or higher	I have been vomiting in the last 24 hours	I have had diarrhea in the last 24 hours	Itchy head, active head lice	Body rash, with itching or fever	Redness itching and/or "crusty" drainage from the eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit
I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM						
Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least two solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	I have been treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and evaluated by school nurse before returning to class	Free from rash, itching or fever. I have been evaluated by a doctor if needed	Evaluated by a doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by a medical provider to return to school
If you have any questions regarding whether or not you should send your child to school please feel free to contact me directly at 740-721-0535- Courtney Bolyard, RN, District Nurse						

the following information with your request: Child's Full Name and, Parent/ Guardian Full Name, Address, and Phone Number.

Plan A Bus Routes

SOUTHERN LOCAL BUS PLAN A 2024-2025	
Bus #2 H.S. Route Campground 6:38am- 2:28pm Library 6:40am- 2:25pm East St. Shawnee 6:45am- 2:20pm Hemlock Park 6:50am- 2:15pm Elm. Route Newark St. 8:14am- 3:51pm Coal Twp. Garage 8:16am- 3:49pm Library 8:18am- 3:47pm Lion's Club 8:20am- 3:45pm Hemlock Park 8:30am- 3:35pm Bus #4 H.S. Route Irish Ridge Rd@13 6:15am- 2:45pm St. Rt.13/ Twp. Rd.289 6:20am- 2:42pm St. Rt. 13/ Twp. Rd. 291 6:25am- 2:40pm Civic Center at firehouse (bottom of hill) 6:30am- 2:35pm Adams St. 6:35am- 2:30pm Post Office 6:40am- 2:28pm Follet St. 6:44am- 2:20pm Elm. Route Millertown Rd. (Corner end) 7:40am- 3:41pm Irish Ridge Rd@13 7:45am- 3:55pm St. Rt.13/ Twp. Rd.289 8:03am- 3:50pm St. Rt. 13/ Twp. Rd. 291 8:04am- 3:47pm Adams St. 8:15am- 3:45pm Post Office 8:20am- 3:43pm ST. RT. 155 8:25am- 3:40pm Drakes 8:30am- 3:38pm Follet St. 8:33am- 3:35pm Bus #7 H.S. Route St. Rt. 13 6:24am- 2:40pm Biddison St. 6:30am- 2:45pm Congo Rd. 6:45am- 2:30pm Drakes 6:50am- 2:20pm Elm. Route ST. RT. 13 8:10am- 3:55pm Biddison St. 8:15am- 4:00pm Congo Rd. 8:30am- 3:45pm	Bus #3 H.S. Route Chapel Hill @13 6:20am- 2:30pm ST. RT. 13 6:26am- 2:50pm Oakfield Twp. Garage 6:27am- 2:41pm Portie Flamingo Rd. 6:29am- 2:40pm Rendville 6:40am- 2:32pm Eagles 6:42am- 2:28pm ST. RT. 155 6:44am- 2:25pm Elm. Route Chapel Hill @ 13 8:07am- 3:52pm Oakfield Twp. Garage 8:16am- 4:00pm Portie Flamingo Rd. 8:18am- 3:59pm Rendville 8:21am- 3:53pm Civic Center at firehouse (bottom of hill) 8:25am- 3:49pm Eagles 8:30am- 3:47pm ST. RT. 155 8:33am- 3:42pm Bus #12 Tri-County Route High School 7:15am- 2:50pm Gazebo 7:20am- 2:45pm Library 7:25am- 2:40pm Elm. Route Waterworks 8:23am- 3:38pm Gazebo 8:25am- 3:39pm West St. 8:27am- 3:40pm Manley Hill 8:27am- 3:36pm Bus #14 H.S. Route End of Dumold St. 6:17am- 2:26pm Wheeler Rd. 6:21am- 2:29pm Brickyard 6:23am- 2:27pm Post Office 6:25am- 2:25pm Lions Club 6:26am- 2:24pm Front St. 6:28am- 2:23pm McCuneville 6:38am- 2:40pm Gazebo 6:45am- 2:19pm Elm. Route Rock Run Rd. 7:50am- 3:53pm End of Dumold St. 7:56am- 3:59pm Wheeler Rd. 8:01am- 4:02pm Brickyard 8:04am- 4:05pm Post Office 8:05am- 3:58pm Front St. 8:07am- 3:56pm McCuneville 8:14am- 3:42pm B & C 8:24am- 3:52pm Twp. Rd. 390A 8:30am- 3:32pm

Hall of Fame

The Southern Local School District is making plans to induct graduates into the “Southern Local Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame”.

Honorees are graduates of the Southern Local School District (Shawnee, Corning, New Straitsville, and Moxahala) who have achieved success in their careers and have made a significant contribution to society. A period of seven (7) or more years must have elapsed between graduation and eligibility for induction.

Anyone wishing to nominate a deserving graduate should call Miller High School, at 740-721-0521.

Application forms can be picked up in the Miller High School office. Forms must be completed and returned by the end of the day Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

Inductees will be honored during a dinner honoring them and the Top Ten graduates of Miller High School’s class of 2025 on May 6, 2025.

Calamity Day Information

Historically, the state has recognized a set number of calamity days where schools can be closed due to inclement weather or emergencies. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, public schools must comply with the minimum hours of instruction instead of a minimum number of school days each year. The state no longer controls calamity days. The plan to make up missed

school days is now set by a district’s Board of Education as long as it meets the minimum requirement of hours.

Southern Local Schools’ student contact hours exceed the minimum number of required hours, but the Board of Education, Administration, and Staff feel it is in the best interest of our students academically to continue to provide the same amount of instructional time. Our Southern Local School plan for making up missed school days is outlined below:

- On the first 10 (ten) days that school is closed due to inclement weather or other emergencies, students do not have to report to school. Students will not make up these days.
- On day #11 and beyond that school closes due to inclement weather or other emergencies, students may make up these days at the end of the school year.
- Southern Local Schools will communicate by March 28, 2025, if we need to make up any additional hours for state requirements.

The plan has been designed collaboratively by the SLEA, OAPSE 640, and the Board of Education. If you have any questions about our school calendar or make-up day plan, please do not hesitate to contact your building principal.

Southern Local Wellness Committee

☀️Attention, Parents and Caregivers! ☀️

The Southern Local Wellness Committee wants to share two amazing FREE resources that can support your family right now!

1 Free Online Parenting Classes

Through Triple P, you can access online parenting classes at no cost! Learn practical tips and strategies to make parenting easier and more rewarding. Start today: <https://www.triplep-parenting.com/oh-en/triple-p/>

2 Free Early Intervention Services

Do you have concerns about your child’s development (birth to age 3)? Early Intervention is a free service for all families, regardless of income. It can help with things like:

- ✓ Crawling or walking delays
- ✓ Speech and communication concerns
- ✓ Social interaction, like playing with others

(Automatic eligibility for Early Intervention includes children with: Diagnosed hearing loss, neonatal

abstinence syndrome/ neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome, and elevated blood lead levels)

Learn more or make a referral here:
<https://www.helpmegrow.org/EarlyIntervention.aspx>

💡 Don't miss out on these valuable resources—your family deserves the best start! ❤️



Millcreek Elementary Student of the Month

Congratulations to our Millcreek November Students of the Month! Back row L to R, grade levels in parenthesis: Jacie Brock (5th), Joe Carney (5th), Cody Justice (6th), Ellie Iiams (3rd). Front row L to R: Charleigh Bice (4th), Casen McKee (1st), Remington Hammond (K), Denver Storts (2nd).



Falcon Playoff Game



Millcreek Elementary 1st Quarter Honor Roll



Millcreek Elementary School 2024-2025
All A Honor Roll - 1st Quarter

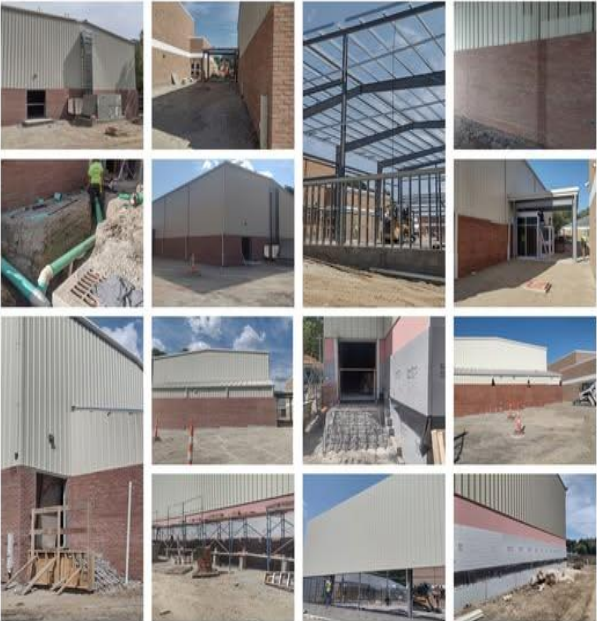
3rd Grade (All As and Os) Sonny Coy Weston Fulk Vinny Lindinger Noah Porter Paul Schwenning	4th Grade Rose Altier Ariel Azbel Braxton Barron Charleigh Bice Madelyn Clark Camden Cox Amelia Kellar Paislee Ruck Robert Shover Caleb Wallace	5th Grade McKenzie Bennett Jacie Brock Demi Dillon Rhett Jenks Avery Kemper Landon Leiser Olivia Lucas Emma McLean Kaden Nutter	6th Grade Zoey Hinkle Kathryn Terenyi
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Millcreek Elementary School 2024-2025
A/B Honor Roll - 1st Quarter

3rd Grade (All As, Os, Bs, and Ss) Aiden Abram Jax Adkins Everly Blosser Harley Crane Evsalee Duffly Anna-Leigh Forester Ryleigh Hall Aubrey Hannah Walker Hill Kayonna Holency Danny Klingler Aubree McFann Chug McLaughlin Griffin McLean Harlan Mitchell Christian Morrison Kohen Rusk Silva Smith Scarlette Thrasher Bentley Wilson	4th Grade Kendal Bell Payton Bell Raylan Berry Casey Bice Connor Bice Linkin Bolyard Parker Bolyard Kingsley Bond Colt Denny Charlie Hafer Will Hartley Ariana Hazlett Nevaeh Jones Naomi McLean Ryan Post Averie Riley Kaison Snyder Alexander Spangler	5th Grade Colin Altier Richard Beavers Joe Carney Jade Cozad Aubree Harper Gibson Harper Tucker Hartley Addy Hawk Sydney Lemaster Sylas Lemaster Xzander Nelson Katana Peters Timothy Phillips Aliyah Richmond Stryker Shalosky Bryer Slack Robert Smith Emily Snyder Kiayah Spangler Ashton Stocker Destini Young Ava Youtsey	6th Grade Dominic W Abram Dominic X Abram Carter Adkins Jocelyn Bolyard Hunter Bray Josh Brock Abigail Collison Kavonna Davis Alyssa Edwards Aubrey Evans Makaighlyn Fox Jacob Hollyfield Wyatt Houser Eve Moore Lily Post Maddisyn Purvis Rylee Ruck Gavin Salisbury AJ Shover Charlie Siemer Jaxon Spencer
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Day 100 of Construction



MHS 1st Quarter Honor Roll



Miller High School 2024-2025
Principal's List (3.5 and above) - 1st Quarter

9th Grade Abigail Barlow Alexis Boley Jeremiah Boley Emma Dew Jayden Dunwoody Alexander Evans Rachell Kellar Brooklyn Mitchell Addyson Starlin Kiarah Tivner	10th Grade Tessa Brown Gage Denny Ayden Edgington Hannah Hartley Emma Lanning Albee Luning Hollie Miller Sierra Nelson Morgan Pette Cooper Plant Grace Rider Madison Rutter Ary'annah Spencer Payton Taylor	11th Grade Fraser Adams Maddox Bolyard Annabelle Colvin Bryce Dorsey Eileen Eborg Avianna Hums Cloey Justice Savannah Markin Kyndra Price Heather West Adryan Wohrle	12th Grade Emma Starlin Ava Strawn Memarie Taylor
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Miller High School 2024-2025
Honor Roll (GPA 3.0-3.49) - 1st Quarter

9th Grade Bodey Dorsey Hayden Graham-Winterbotham Konnor Price Kyla Schmelzer Aryana Sturgeon Alexis Tivner Noah Toth	10th Grade Alexis Beavers Emalynn Hamilton Noah Lemaster Ethan Tucker	11th Grade Zander Bice Jasmine Hudnall-Starr Trevor White	12th Grade Ethan Barrett Tyler Light Caleb Tivner Skyler Ward
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Miller High School 2024-2025
Principal's List (3.5 and above) - 1st Quarter

7th Grade Claire Adams Mila Champ Cole Chapman Leelyn Dyer Cammie Lanning Seth Matheny Leelan Paige Lyllian Palmer Audrey Plant	8th Grade Gabriel Adams Rylenn Bice Vivian Dunkle Kida Hamilton Taylor Jenks Marlee McLaughlin Dakota Owen Bailey Pette Lyla White Morgan White Jayden Woofter
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Miller High School 2024-2025
Honor Roll (GPA 3.0-3.49) - 1st Quarter

7th Grade Jayden Abram Lyndsey Blaney Karter Fulk Mattelyn Fulk Kennedy Kemper Anna Knott Jersee Pesimer Barrett Robison Braidan Snyder Toney Stepp Kristen White Brayden Whitney	8th Grade Kiria Bright Hailey Colvin Levi Denny Gunner Harper Austin Luning Zelena Perrin Jaelynn Westerviller
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MHS Band

The Miller High School Marching Band is in the process of buying new uniforms. You may have seen the post from earlier this week. This is an additional post to give more insight to why the uniforms cost so much, and more info. We're in the process of buying 30-35 uniforms from Stanbury Uniforms. Attached is a picture of what the uniform looks like on one of our members, Melanie Miller. (posted with permission)

Each one is roughly \$550 per uniform. This includes all parts of the uniform, and storage of the uniform. They are:

Black Uniform Bins

Uniform Jacket

Gauntlets

Shako (Hat)
Plume (Purple Feathery thing)
Garment Bag
Shako Box

It may seem like these uniforms are expensive, and don't get me wrong \$20,000 is a LOT of money, but these uniforms have been custom-made special for us. It has taken a good amount of time to plan them, get an artist to custom design them, and approve the design after a few revisions. These uniforms are well worth the money, compared to other schools that have their uniforms custom-made, this is actually a pretty decent price. A lot of schools charge the students to rent their uniforms so they can make their money back. I want to keep membership fees low for the marching band, allowing students and parents to avoid high costs while being part of a welcoming and enjoyable community.

Thank you so much for your help!

- Mr. Carroll, Band Director

Colder Months are Near

Cold months are near!

Do you need any of the following for your child?

Coat

Hat

Gloves

Scarf

Winter Boots

We may have what you need

Please reach out to Rikki Wilson- School Outreach worker at 740-721-0522 or Rikki.Wilson@southernlocal.org



Nutrition for Life Contest

Winners of the Nutrition for Life Contest held during the week of September 18th-20th - Kindergarten Mrs. Hellyer's Class, 1st Grade Mrs. Vann's Class.



Southeastern Ohio Model United Nations

On Wednesday, Dec 18, 2024, Miller gifted students from grades 6-12 traveled to Ohio University to participate in the 27th annual Southeastern Ohio Model United Nations. Hosted by gifted coordinators from the region, hundreds of students from Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Meigs and Perry counties met to debate global issues and to share cultural projects. Miller students participating included:

12th grade staffers- Joseph Blaney, Hannah Stover and Shelby Stover

10th grade staffers- Emma Lanning and Cooper Plant

9th grade officers- Jeramiah Boley and Konnor Price

8th graders- Hailey Colvin, Vivian Dunkle, Taylor Jenks and Austin Luning

7th graders- Jayden Abram, Lyndsey Blaney, Mila Champ, Karter Fulk, Mattie Fulk, SJ Matheny, Leelan Paige, Lily Palmer and Audrey Plant

6th graders- Dominic Abram, Alyssa Edwards, Aubrey Evans, and Zoey Hinkle.

Gifted Coordinators Angela Plant and French teacher Lindsey Clawson are the advisors.



SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August	12-14	STAFF INSERVICE/TEACHER ORIENTATION
August 15	Thursday	FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS
September 2	Monday	LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL
October 17	Thursday	STAFF INSERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL
October 18	Friday	NO SCHOOL
November 27	Wednesday	PARENT TEACHER CONF. NO SCHOOL
November 28 - Dec 2		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Dec 3	Tuesday	SCHOOL RESUMES
December 23 - January 3		WINTER HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
January 6	Monday	STAFF INSERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL
January 7	Tuesday	SCHOOL RESUMES
January 20	Monday	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - NO SCHOOL
February 17	Monday	PRESIDENTS' DAY - NO SCHOOL
March 14	Friday	STAFF INSERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL
April 18	Friday	GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL
April 21	Monday	PARENT TEACHER CONF. – NO SCHOOL
April 22-25		SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
May 22	Thursday	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
May 23	Friday	LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS
May 26	Monday	MEMORIAL DAY
Evening Conferences - First Semester - HS: 9/19, 9/26		
Second Semester -HS: 2/20, 2/27		
		MES: 10/24, 10/31
		MES: 2/20, 2/27

MAKEUP DAYS AS FOLLOWS: Shall be added at the end of the school year unless otherwise determined by the mutual agreement, per SELA contract.

- Day #1 –
- Day #2 –
- Day #3 –
- Day #4 –
- Day #5 –

Last day for Students May 22
Last day for Teachers May 23

PERIOD	BEGINS	ENDS	DAYS	PROF. DAYS
1	AUG. 12	OCT. 17	48	4
2	OCT. 21	JAN. 6	42	1
3	JAN. 7	MAR. 14	47	1
4	MAR. 17	MAY 23	46	1
			183	7