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BE EMPOWERED

SHARON FAMILY BULLETIN

WE LEAD

WE LEARN

WE GROW

AUGUST 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18 WELCOME BACK HORNETS!	19 Elementary Rolling Open House	20 First Day of School (A-L Kinder, 1st-5th)	21 First Day of School (M-Z Kinder)	22 All Students
25 First Day for Preschool	26	27 Bus Safety Lessons	28 Bus Safety Lessons	29



Student Arrival: 8:45
Tardy Bell: 8:55
Car Rider Dismissal: 3:20
Bus Dismissal: 3:30
AM Latchkey: 6:30-8:45
PM Latchkey: 3:30-6:00



SHARON WELCOMES NEW STAFF



We are pleased to introduce some new faces to Sharon Elementary. Noted below are both staff changes and additions beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

Assistant Principal: Brittany Troyer
Second Grade Teacher: Hayleigh Thomas
Second Grade Teacher: Alexa Yuschak
Custodian: Nicki Bowen

CLASS ROSTERS & BUS INFORMATION

Class rosters and bus information will be available on [PowerSchool](#) on **Monday, August 11**. Parents of new students, including kindergarten students, can login to PowerSchool as your child prior to receiving your letter for instructions on getting into the parent portal. If you need additional assistance, please submit a help ticket [HERE](#).

Logging in as a Student

- 1. Username:** The student's login is made up of:
First initial + last name + last 2 digits of the student ID number
Example: jdoe45
- 2. Password:** First initial + last initial + full student ID number
Example: jd123456
Student ID numbers can be found in Final Forms.
- 3. Important:** Make sure you're using the correct Google profile for the student you're logging in as. *Each student in the same family must use their own Google profile.*
Resource: [Chrome Profile & Clever Help](#)
- 4. Accessing PowerSchool:**
 - Go to the [Highland Local Schools Website](#)
 - Click **Student Portal** (top right corner): [Student Portal Link](#)
 - Click **PowerSchool Sign In:** [PowerSchool Sign In Link](#)
 - Scroll down and select **Student Sign In**

Students will only be permitted to ride their assigned bus. Questions regarding bus information should be directed to the Transportation Office at 330-239-1901, ext. 1219, or via email at transportation@highlandschools.org.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Students in grades PK-5 are invited to Open House on Tuesday, August 19. This will offer parents and students the chance to meet teachers and school staff. The schedule provides a morning, afternoon and evening option for families.



9:00 - 11:00 am: Open House Session

11:00-1:00 ~ BUILDING CLOSED

1:00 - 3:00 pm: Open House Session

3:00 - 6:00 p.m ~ BUILDING CLOSED

6:00 - 7:30 pm: Open House Session

BACK TO SCHOOL



Tuesday, August 19:	Elementary Rolling Open House
Wednesday, August 20:	First Day of School, Kindergarten A-L & All 1st - 5th Grade
Thursday, August 21:	First Day of School, Kindergarten M-Z & All 1st - 5th Grade
Friday, August 22:	All Students

**Please note the staggered start for kindergarten students. Kindergarteners should attend on the designated day based on the alphabet split.*

FINAL FORMS REMINDER



Parents and guardians are asked to complete registration forms online annually (prior to the first day of school). These forms may be accessed [HERE](#).

SUPPLY BOXES & LISTS



School supplies may be brought in during Open House.
A copy of the Sharon supply list can be found [HERE](#).

ELEMENTARY STUDENT HANDBOOK



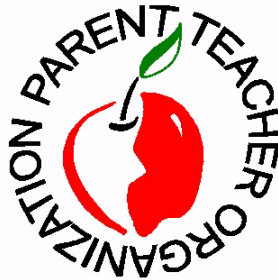
A current copy of the Elementary School Student Handbook can be accessed [HERE](#). Please take the time to become familiar with the content and discuss pertinent information with your child. It can be accessed throughout the school year for many of the questions you may have about the general operation of our elementary schools.

K-5 SCHOOL PICTURES



September 18, 2025

SHARON ELEMENTARY PTO



Please mark your calendars and join us for the first PTO meeting on:

Monday, September 15

Meetings will take place in the Sharon Elementary cafeteria at 9:30 a.m.

Sharon PTO Officers

President:	Jennifer Grabenstetter, sharonPTO@gmail.com
Treasurer:	LeAnne Fuetter, lfuetter@truxandequipment.com
Secretary:	Kayla Sandridge, dvkksand@gmail.com
Communications:	Sarah Davis, sarahforesterdavis@gmail.com

CAR RIDER ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

Using Two Lanes

As you enter the school parking area, please begin using **TWO lanes** right away. Stay in two lanes through both parking areas. When you loop in front of the school, merge into **one lane** for drop-off and pick-up.

Drop-Off (Arrival) – 8:45 to 8:55 AM

- **Drop-off time:** 8:45–8:55 AM
 - **Do not arrive before 8:30**, as this causes traffic on Ridge Road and blocks the school entrance.
 - **Drop-off begins** at the **green “DROP OFF” sign** near the sidewalk.
 - Stay in your car. Staff will help students exit safely on the **passenger side** along the sidewalk.
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Pick-Up (Dismissal) – Begins at 3:20 PM

- **Do not arrive before 3:00**, to avoid blocking Ridge Road and the entrance.
 - Students are picked up along the sidewalk in the **four-cone loading zone**.
 - **Stay in your vehicle** — staff will help students get in on the **passenger side** only.
 - Any student not picked up by **3:45 PM** will be taken to **Latchkey**.
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Car Rider Tags

- All students receive a **car rider tag** at Open House.
 - Display your **car tag on your rearview mirror** during pick-up.
 - Keep the tag visible until your child is in your car.
 - If you don't have your tag, you may be asked for ID and directed to pull aside.
 - Need an extra tag? Send a note with your child.
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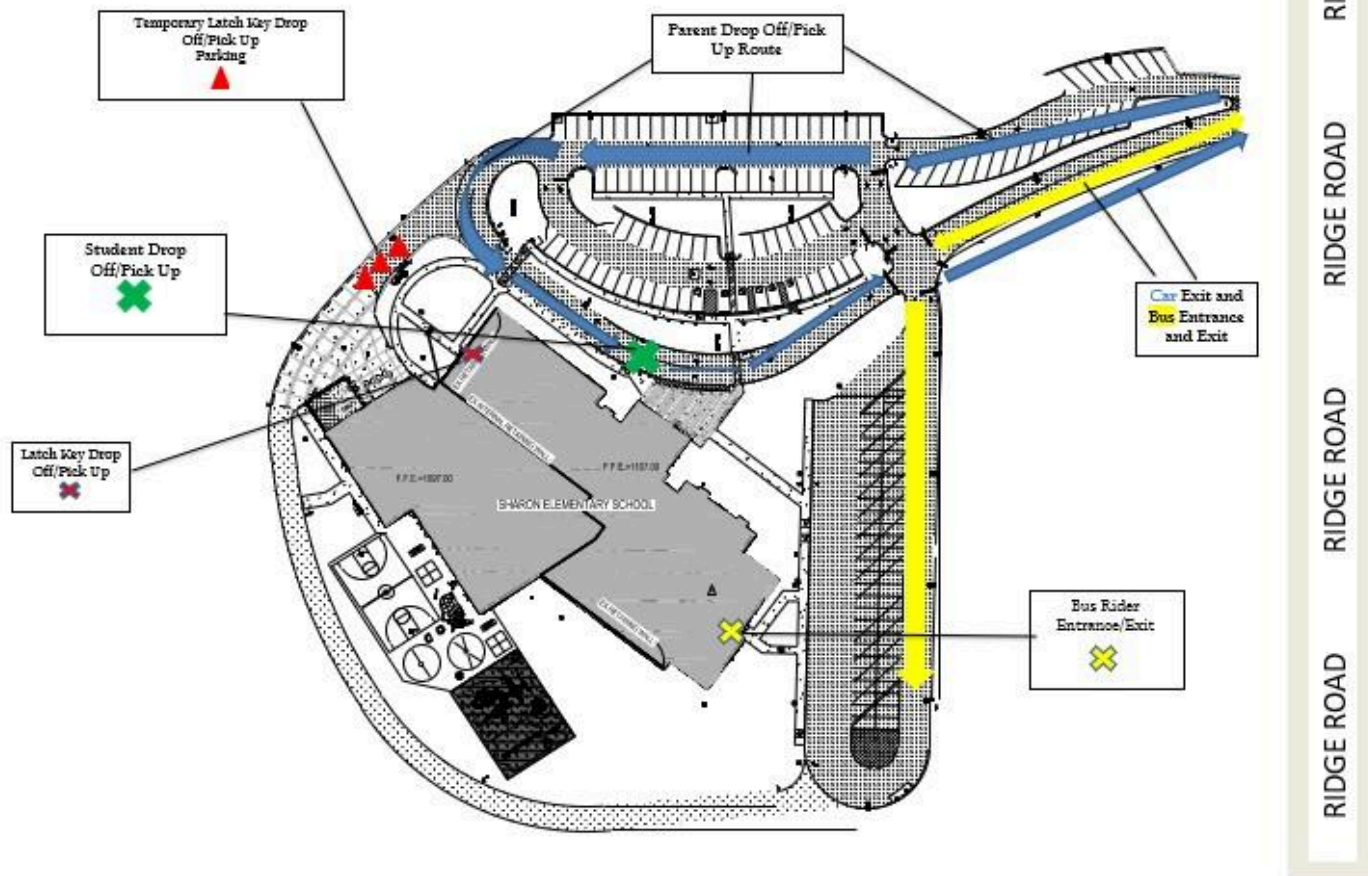
Letting the School Know

- Picking up instead of using the bus?
 - Send a **note in your child's green folder** to let the teacher and office know.
Information to include in your note:
 - Student's first and last name
 - Teacher's name
 - Time & reason for leaving early
 - Change of plans during the day?
 - Call the school **before 2:30 PM** to notify us.
 - **Please do not come in the building** during regular dismissal.
 - **Latest early dismissal is 2:45 PM**. After that, students are getting ready to go home.
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Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for helping us keep arrival and dismissal safe and efficient!

Sharon Elementary Arrival/Dismissal Map

Car Rider & Bus Route



LATCHKEY PROGRAM

HIGHLAND EXPRESS CHILD CARE PROGRAM (LATCHKEY)

The Highland Express Child Care Program is available at Granger, Hinckley and Sharon Elementary Schools. Hours: 6:30-8:45 AM and 3:30-6:00 PM. Please note that in the event of a 2-hour school delay, there is no AM Latchkey. Sharon Elementary Latchkey utilizes the entrance located on the west side of the building. For more information, please email Sue Cahlik, scahlik@highlandschools.org

Fees:

- \$11 per session, AM or PM
- \$22 daily rate for both sessions, AM and PM
- \$55 per week per child, AM **or** PM
- \$110 per week per child, both sessions included
- \$35 registration fee

[Highland Express Program Overview](#)

[Highland Express Enrollment Form](#)

ABSENCE REPORTING



Report a student's absence in one of the following ways:

- App - Using your mobile device, download and install the **SM Home app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at home.schoolmessenger.com). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
- Website - Use the SafeArrival website home.schoolmessenger.com. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
- Phone - Call the toll-free number **at 1-855-677-8609** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

*When students are absent due to illness or appointments, please send in any documentation provided by your physician's office (if applicable). When medical documentation is provided, those absences are coded differently and the hours missed do not count towards a student's cumulative attendance record.

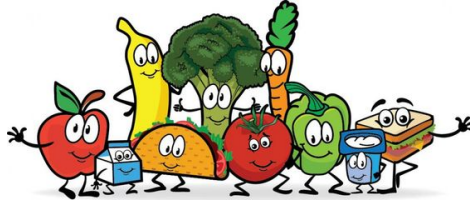
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY EDUCATION NEWS

Highland Community Education has several exciting classes both new and returning for Fall of 2025! We will be offering the very popular in-person elementary after school classes - Mad Science, Crayola Arts Academy and Engineering. Join us on Saturday mornings for our exciting Future Fashion Stars, Perfectly Polite Dining Etiquette, or fun-filled Princess Party/Superhero Party for Good Manners! Saturday morning options also include Safe Sitters Babysitting, Family Fairy Garden, Fundamentals of Cooking, KidzSafety and Young Rembrandts Drawing - all Saturday morning classes are held at Highland High School. Hummingbirds Soccer and Hoop Stars/Little Hoop Stars will again be offered for our little ones this fall on Saturday afternoons behind the Granger Fire Department. Our High School students have the opportunity to enroll in our ACT and SAT Test Preparation classes during the school day ALL period! Adults can also sign up for Retirement Planning, Stop Smoking, or Weight Loss seminars. A detailed brochure and registration form is posted on the Highland website - www.highlandschools.org.

Evening and Saturday classes are not restricted to Highland residents.

For questions, enrollment, or more information – email Highland Community Education Director, Mary Fran Kudla, at mkudla@highlandschools.org.

SCHOOL LUNCH









Keep up to date with your child's lunch account and activity by clicking [HERE](#). Additionally, there is an option to have an email notification sent to you when your child is low on funds. Lunches can also be prepaid at [PaySchool Central](#) (transaction fee) or by sending a check (payable to Highland Food Services) or cash with your child to school.

Elementary Lunch: \$3.25

Additional Milk: \$0.65

Free and reduced lunch applications are available [HERE](#). If a student received free or reduced lunches at the end of last school year, lunches remain at the same status for the first thirty days of school only. Please re-apply to continue these benefits, if applicable. The Highland Local Schools Food Service Department is dedicated to providing students with a nutritional lunch and is a member of the National School Lunch Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Questions? Please contact the Highland Food Service Department at 330-239-1901, ext. 5512 or email emakarek@highlandschools.org.

 Highland Elementary Lunch Menu Choose the lunch of the day or Peanut Butter and Jelly Lunch 2025-2026 Students \$3.25 – Extra Milk .65 				
Monday August 18	Tuesday August 19	Wednesday August 20	Thursday August 21	Friday August 22
		August 20 Cheeseburger on a Bun Twister Fries Broccoli Florets Mandarin Oranges or Juice Milk	August 21 Romeo's Pizza Diced Carrots Fresh Grapes or Juice Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk	August 22 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Tater Tots Fresh Berries Danimals Yogur Milk 
August 25 Tony's Personal Pan Pizza Potato Triangle Baked Beans Pears or Juice Milk 	August 26 Chicken Nuggets Roll Macaroni and Cheese Diced Carrots Applesauce or Juice Milk	August 27 Hot Dog on a Bun Smiley Fries Fresh Orange or Juice Milk 	August 28 Romeo's Pizza Crinkle Cut Oven Fries Fresh Broccoli Florets with Ranch Fresh Grapes or Juice Milk	August 29 Popcorn Chicken Roll Tossed Salad Garbanzo Beans Fresh Berries or Juice Goldfish Cheddar Cheese Crackers Milk

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SHARON KINDER CLASS OF 2038 MEET & GREET

COME AND JOIN US!

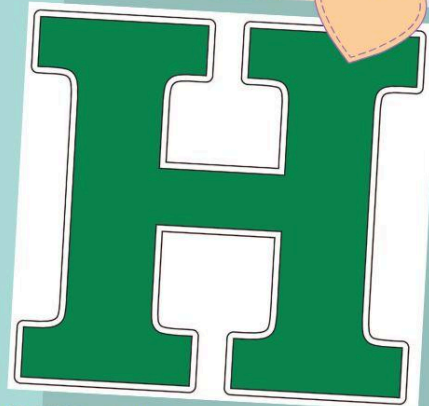
SUNDAY AUGUST 17TH

12PM, SHARON
ELEMENTARY
PLAYGROUND

WHY PLAY WITH US?

- Students meet up with old friends and make new friends!
- Parents make connections with other Sharon families!
- Find out who else might be in your class next year!
- Sign up for PTO communications before school starts!
- Play outside and enjoy popsicles!

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SHARON ENCORE CLASSES



Art - Mrs. Gillihan

Music - Mr. Mundell

Physical Education - Mr. Savoia

Library - Mrs. James & Mrs. Kresowaty

Students attend one encore class each day. This year students will go to art, music, and physical education once a week and library twice a week.

SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOR SYSTEM

All students at Sharon Elementary follow the same set of rules and expectations throughout all areas of the school, including the bus.

HIGHLAND HORNETS®

Rule #1 **Be Respectful** Rule #2 **Be Engaged** Rule #3 **Be Compassionate** Rule #4 **Be Empowered**

SHARON LEADERSHIP

Our school theme is focused on leadership and is ongoing throughout the year. *The Leader in Me* and *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids* are woven into our school culture to guide students and staff in developing a leadership model. This is a journey of personal leadership, as well as developing the whole child; socially, emotionally, and academically.

The 7 Habits

Habit 1: **Be Proactive** *You're in Charge*

Habit 2: **Begin with the End in Mind** *Have a Plan*

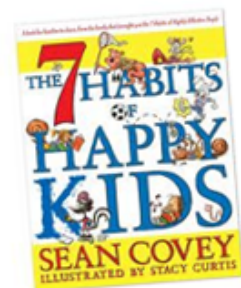
Habit 3: **Put First Things First** *Work First, Then Play*

Habit 4: **Think Win-Win** *Everyone Can Win*

Habit 5: **Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood** *Listen Before You Talk*

Habit 6: **Synergize** *Together is Better*

Habit 7: **Sharpen the Saw** *Balance Feels Best*



HELPFUL HORNETS

"Buzzing To Better Our Community"



We want our students to feel **EMPOWERED** by supporting their community through service projects that will provide items to various programs in Medina County. By serving others, giving generously, and showing **RESPECT** and **COMPASSION** to our community members in need, the students at Sharon Elementary will be **ENGAGED** in a positive experience that will transcend throughout their lives. We will form unity among our students and staff as we serve the Medina County community.

Each month, different grade levels will take the lead on a service project to help support the **MEDINA PERSONAL CARE PANTRY**, **ST. PAUL'S SHARING CENTER**, or the **HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK**.

Details of each month's service project and designated grade level(s) will be communicated to families in the Sharon Family Bulletin as well as grade level emails and newsletters.



COLLECTION SCHEDULE

SEP. Grade K: Deodorant

OCT. Grade 4: Bars of Soap

NOV. Grades K-5: Blessing Bags

DEC. Grades K-5: Food Drive

JAN. Grade 2: Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

FEB. Grade 5: Detergent

MAR. Grade 3: TP & Paper Towels

APR. Grade 1: Garbage Bags

**SPECIFIC DATES & DETAILS
WILL BE SHARED WITH
FAMILIES EACH MONTH.**

FEEDING MEDINA COUNTY ~ WEEKENDER FOOD PROGRAM



Again this school year, we are happy to partner with Feeding Medina County to support Highland students and families through the “Weekenders Food Program.” In order to participate in this program, you must reside in Medina County.

The purpose of the Weekenders program is to support elementary children who qualify for free and reduced meals by providing a bag of healthy food to eat over the weekend. The bag will discreetly be sent home with your child at the end of the week as they leave school. The Weekender bags will go home with your child every week during the school year. This is a **FREE program; there is NO COST** to the parent. If you have a need, and would like to participate in this program, please contact the Sharon Elementary school office.

HIGHLAND BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Library Live Newsletter will be available on August 15th (registration opens at 10am)



Medina County
District Library

August

August 20: Sock Puppet - make your own! (Grades 3-5) 6:00-7:30pm.

August 23: Ice Cream Social - Join us at the library as we turn basic ingredients into delicious ice cream. (Grades 1-2) 12:30pm.

August 30: Pokemon Club Lego Challenge (Grades 3-5) 2:00-3:30pm.

September

September 5: Music and Movement, 10:30am.

September 9: Chickens - Come and learn how to raise chickens and start your own farm - presented by Farming with Friends. 6:30pm.

September 16: Baby Storytime, 10:30am (every Tuesday for 8 weeks)

September 17: Toddler Storytime, 10:30am (every Tuesday for 8 weeks)

September 22: Leaf Rubbing.(Grades 3-5) 6:00pm.

October

October 3: Music and Movement, 10:30am.

October 11 & 12: Friends Book Sale

October 22: Yarn Pumpkin (Grades 3-5) 6:00pm

October 23: Spooky Cat Storytime (Grades 3-5)

SAFE SCHOOLS SPEAK UP!

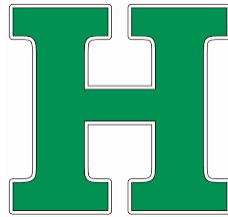


1.866.listen2me (1.866.547.8362)

Several years ago, the Highland Local Schools partnered with Public School Works to offer the “Stay Safe, Speak Up!” hotline. The purpose of this service is to report issues that affect safety and allows students, parents and staff to do their part to maintain a safe environment and promote a positive culture within our schools. Stay Safe, Speak Up! provides easy, private, confidential and anonymous reporting of concerns within the Highland Local Schools. The link is found on all pages (under Quick Links) of the district website. Remember, if you see something, say something. Immediately report any of the following concerns to a trusted adult or administrator, or feel free to use the hotline.

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2025-2026 DISTRICT CALENDAR



The 2025-2026 district calendar can be found [HERE](#).

