

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Teacher Assignments

Each year the first 10 days of school are critical for our enrollment counts and teacher allocations. As shared in your Sneak Peek packets, we are watching our enrollment very carefully. Today was the tenth day and final enrollment count for allocations. We are closely watching our numbers, especially in **1st grade and 5th grade**. Current teacher assignments are tentative pending the potential allocation of additional teachers and/or the reduction of teachers. As soon as any additional details are finalized at the district level, we will share an update. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this process each year as we know the anticipation is not ideal.

Curriculum Night: Thursday, August 21

On Thursday, August 21, we will hold our annual Curriculum Night. This night is intended to provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, establish effective communication, and learn more about each teacher's classroom routines, procedures, and expectations for the year. The first session will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m. in your child's homeroom and end at 6:00 p.m. At that time, we ask all families from the first session to make their way to the cafeteria. Those attending the second session, we ask that you arrive promptly at 6:00 p.m. so you can join us for our general session in the cafeteria. At 6:30 p.m., we will be inviting families down to the homeroom classrooms where the teachers will be performing a repeat of their first session. This is a night for parents and teachers only! If you must bring your child, he/she will need to sit with you in the classroom for the duration of the evening. We know parking is always a challenge. Please consider arriving early to ensure adequate time to park.



If you only have one child, you may choose which session you would like to attend. Please note this is not a time for individual conferences. Those should be scheduled at a separate time with the teacher(s).

- 5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Session 1 (The ESOL teachers will also be doing a presentation in room B182)
- 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – General Information Session and PTO meeting in the cafeteria – We highly encourage all families to attend and hear important updates for the year.
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. – Session 2 (The ESOL teachers will also be doing a presentation in room B182)

Special Areas and TAG: Our Special Area and TAG teachers will also be available along the main hall to share more details about their individual programs and answer any questions.

Special Education: The case managers for all of our special education students should have reached out by now. If you would like to put a name with a face, our special education teachers will be in the atrium from 5:00-5:15 and then they will be in some of the classrooms they support. If you have individual questions, please reach out to your child's teacher(s) and/or case manager.

Morning Carpool

Thank you for making carpool run so smoothly during the first two weeks of school. We have had very few tardies, so that is a great start! Please remember that students will be marked tardy if they are not in the building when the bell rings regardless of the volume of traffic. Here are a couple of reminders about carpool at Shakerag.

- Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:10 a.m.
- Pull all the way up to the front of the carpool line before stopping.
- Drive slowly, be attentive, and refrain from using your cell phone while driving through the carpool lane.
- Please do not pass other vehicles.

Thank you for working with us to have a successful school year.

Cafeteria Reminders

Due to district requirements and increasing costs, the cafeteria will no longer be able to provide extra condiments and silverware for students who do not purchase their lunch from the cafeteria. If your child brings his/her lunch from home, please make sure to include a fork, spoon, napkin, and/or straw if needed. We appreciate your help and support and apologize that we will no longer have extras available.

Newcomers Coffee

If you are NEW to Shakerag... Welcome to the family! Please mark your calendar for our Newcomers Coffee on Wednesday, August 27, at 8:00 a.m.

TAG Eligibility Update

The Fulton County School System screens all students for eligibility for gifted services (TAG) twice a year and uses a systematic approach to identify highly capable students who may qualify for gifted services. Please click [here](#) for more information on the TAG Eligibility Process.

Student Success Skills Pre-Inventory

All FCS parents/guardians will continue to have access to all Student Success Skill lessons that are in the FCS ReThink Ed lesson database. Directions for establishing an account and accessing all Student Success Skills lessons and home discussion guides in ReThink Ed can be found by clicking [here](#). Students in grades 3-5 will be taking a pre-inventory during the screening window of August 25 – August 29. As a school, we will use this information to guide our lessons and classroom conversations as we support our children in becoming socially and emotionally aware and confident. A post-inventory will be administered between March 30-April 3. It takes about 15 minutes to complete and is administered through the Illuminate platform.

Parents can choose to opt their student out of the inventory. To opt out, parents must submit a written request to the assistant principal by Friday, August 22. Please contact Becky Chang, School Counselor, at Chang B1@fultonschools.org with additional questions.

Linewize Online Safety Partnership

Last year we implemented **Linewize Monitor** on all FCS-issued devices to help ensure students are safe while using school technology. This was done as part of Fulton County Schools' commitment to student safety, mental health, and well-being.

Linewize Monitor is one of the most advanced threat detection tools in K-12 education. Its role is to:

- Detect and alert staff of suspicious online activity
- Identify students who may need mental health resources
- Notify parents when students access inappropriate or harmful content
- Provide school staff with well-being reports to intervene when necessary

Please note, **this new level of monitoring only applies to FCS-issued devices** and is in place to protect your child in online environments during school-related activities. The system cannot access personal devices, cameras, or private data.

We want to reassure you that this is a safety measure to protect our students and maintain our responsibility for their wellbeing.

Privacy is a top priority for Fulton County Schools, and Linewize Monitor fully complies with student privacy laws, including COPPA, FERPA, and CSPC certifications.

For more information, please visit our [Linewize Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) webpage](#), which provides additional details about how Linewize works and how we are ensuring your child's safety and privacy. If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to safetytechnologies@fultonschools.org.

Early Literacy Screening

Recently, the state of Georgia has introduced new early literacy legislation aimed at improving reading skills among our young learners. We want to make sure you are fully informed about what this means for your child. In our back-to-school packets that you received during Sneak Peek, you should have received a letter outlining the literacy screening process. Please click [here](#) for an additional copy. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact our MTSS/504 Chair, Amy Cook, at CookA4@fultonschools.org.

FCS News:

Email Quarantine

Our IT department recently discovered that some legitimate external emails, especially from parents, are being quarantined due to a recent change in Microsoft security settings. The district is working on this security feature and hopes to have it resolved soon. If you don't receive an email response within 24-48 business hours, please don't hesitate to call so we can get a message to the appropriate staff member. We truly apologize for any miscommunications that might be occurring due to this security measure.

Protect Your Child's School Device – Deadline September 4!

Fulton County Schools offers a Device Protection Plan to help families avoid the full cost of repairing or replacing student devices. For just \$50, this plan provides peace of mind throughout the school year. The deadline for purchase is September 4, so don't wait. To view all the details, please click [here](#) to access the Student/Parent Device Handbook.

Census Verification, Device Protection and Personal Devices

Please click [here](#) for more information from the district regarding census verification and devices.

Fulton County Schools Student Code of Conduct Handbook

Fulton County Schools' Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook is available online in a PDF format (click [here](#)). Once you have read the electronic version and have reviewed the contents with your student(s), please take a moment to complete the **Acknowledgment of Receipt Form** by using the provided link to access Infinite Campus' [Parent Portal](#). Please download the **instructions on how to complete the Acknowledgment of Receipt Form**. **All parents and students (over 10 years old) MUST sign this form found within your INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL ACCOUNT**. If you would like a paper copy of the Handbook, you or your student can pick up one in your school's front office. The deadline to sign the Student Code of Conduct is August 29.

Café News - Birthday Treats

Class birthday treats may be purchased for students to enjoy during lunch. Parents need fill out the ice cream form from our website or by clicking [here](#) and submit the form to your child's classroom teacher at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the celebration. If there are multiple children with the same birthday, only one birthday treat will be served on that day. **No outside food, goody bags, or class gifts are permitted for distribution to students**. Make sure you have enough funds or add funds to

your child's account through MySchoolBucks (click [here](#)) in your child's GENERAL lunch account to cover the cost of the treats for the number of students in the class.

A Message from the PTO:

Show Your Shakerag Spirit Every Friday!

Shakerag Sharks: It's Spirit Day **every** Friday! Yes, every Friday. Let's walk the halls with Shakerag pride—rock your gear loud and proud! Need Spiritwear? Get t-shirts, hoodies, and more at [1stplace.sale/25252](#) Your shark style might even make it into the yearbook! **Sitewide Sale Alert!** Everything is already marked down **25%**—no code needed. But just in case one's required, use code **SCHOOL25** at checkout. Hurry! Sale ends **September 2**. Scurry to Shakerag Spiritwear and represent Shakerag in style—**oh yeah!**

Shakerag Pride Shines Bright—Congrats to Our PTO Gift Card Winner!

Congratulations to Danielle Hines, winner of the \$100 AMAZON gift card! Thank you for joining, renewing, or donating to the Shakerag PTO—your support helps provide classroom resources for teachers and unforgettable experiences for our students. And a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated! Your generosity strengthens our Shakerag community. It's not too late to make a difference—join, renew, or donate today! Scan the QR Code. Thank you for your continued support.



A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 10 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](#).

In the Community:

Calling all 4th through 8th graders! Do you want to learn about basketball or work on your game?

Join the Northview Boys Basketball Players for a fun, skill-building basketball clinic designed to help players of all levels improve their game, meet new friends, and enjoy the excitement of basketball! (Click [here](#) for more details.)

What You'll Learn:

- Dribbling & Ball Handling
- Passing & Shooting Techniques
- Defensive Skills & Teamwork
- Game Strategies & Sportsmanship
- Fun Drills & Shooting Contests

Clinic Details:

- Who: Students in grades 4th–8th
- When: Sundays, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Dates: September 9, 16, 23, and 30, (4 sessions)
- Where: Northview High School Main and Auxiliary Gyms

Have a great weekend!

