

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Curriculum Night – Thank you!

We hope you were able to join your child's teacher(s) for curriculum night on Thursday. We truly appreciate your support as we begin the new year, especially with the unexpected enrollment changes. If you have questions or concerns about your child's classroom, please communicate them with your child's teacher by writing a note or sending an email. We look forward to a great year and appreciate your partnership!



Teacher Assignments

You have all been extremely supportive as we work through district changes due to the impacts of decreased enrollment in some grades and increased enrollment in other grades. We can't tell you enough how much we appreciate you. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for any additional changes, but we were able to make our 5th grade adjustments prior to curriculum night allowing our 5th grade families to meet their child's new teacher as we will be losing a 5th grade classroom. While we are sad to see a decline in our 5th grade classes, we are excited that Ms. Donatucci will be able to now join our 2nd grade team to fill their current vacancy.

As we learn about any additional impacts, we will continue to communicate with the community. Again, we can't thank you enough for your support and understanding during this challenging process.

Newcomers Coffee – Wednesday, August 27

We look forward to welcoming all of our new families to Shakerag next week! If you are NEW to Shakerag, please mark your calendar for our Newcomers Coffee on **Wednesday, August 27, at 8:00 a.m.**

Mark Your Calendars: No school September 1

All staff and students will be off on **Monday, September 1**, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

2024-2025 Georgia Milestones Results Released for Grades 3-5

GA Milestones assessments are one of the tools we use to measure student mastery of grade level standards. These assessments are taken by all 3rd-5th graders in the Spring each year. The results from the 2024-2025 school year are now available in the State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). Student scores are accessible via your child's Infinite Campus portal (Please click [here](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to set up your account.). You will need to click on the SLDS Portal link once you are logged in.

We have so much to celebrate. We are so proud of our students and staff. Below is a high-level summary of the percent of students scoring Developing or above:

Grade	English Language Arts			Mathematics			Science		
	State	23-24 Shakerag	24-25 Shakerag	State	23-24 Shakerag	24-25 Shakerag	State	23-24 Shakerag	24-25 Shakerag
3 rd Grade	63.1%	84.5%	90.4%	81.8%	94.5%	97.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
4 th Grade	68.9%	90.8%	94%	80.4%	96.7%	99.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
5 th Grade	75.7%	98.5%	100%	73.2%	96.2%	95.8%	68.1%	93.9%	94.9%

Science Olympiad Tryouts

Do you have a 3rd, 4th or 5th grade student interested in joining a team of young scientists and engineers? If so, they should join our Science Olympiad team. Science Olympiad is filled with science experiments, engineering, and learning new things about science. Click [here](#) for more information about Science Olympiad and our upcoming tryouts.

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.

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.

FCS News:

SY27-28 Instructional Calendar Feedback Opportunity - DUE 9/5

As part of Board Policy AEA on the Instructional Calendar, two consecutive instructional calendars should be available to the public at any given time. To ensure this, the Strategy and Governance department has begun the annual process of convening the Calendar Steering Committee. The committee will review the calendar parameters and stakeholder feedback and propose any updates to the parameters along with a draft of the 2027–2028 instructional calendar for Board consideration.

Community Feedback will be collected through a ThoughtExchange from August 8 to September 5. Please use the following link to submit your feedback. <https://tejoin.com/scroll/372728629>

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 ChangB1@fultonschools.org with additional questions.

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.

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.

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!**

PTO Membership

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Curriculum Night to learn more about what the PTO provides. Hopefully you saw a dedicated team of parents working hard to bring all of the fun events and activities to the school community this year. Want to get involved? Email ShakeragPTO@gmail.com for more information and opportunities. It's going to be a great year! I

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:

Join Us for a Taste of Girl Scouts!

Girls in grades K–5 will enjoy fun activities while parents learn how Girl Scouts builds courage, confidence, and character. Come see how your girl can make friends, explore new things, and become a leader! Sign up for our upcoming event on Saturday, August 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the Johns Creek UMC (1180 Medlock Bridge Road, Johns Creek, GA 30097).

<https://www.girlscoutsatl.org/en/sf-events-repository/2025/taste-of-girl-scouts-.html>

Northview Fundraiser

Please join the Northview Soccer and Volleyball teams this Saturday for a Mattress Fundraiser from 10-5 at the Northview HS Gym. There will be an extra 10% discount for teachers, staff & their families. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Girls in STEM

Girls in STEM is a club run by Northview High School students to encourage elementary school girls to join STEM fields at a young age! We introduce topics such as chemistry, engineering, physics, and more, through fun science experiments and activities. Meetings are completely free of charge and held once a month on Thursdays at Northview High School from 3:50 – 5:00 pm!! Please click [here](#) for the flyer to join our mailing list!

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!

