

# Shark Bytes

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**Staff and Student Holiday - School Closed Monday, September 1**

## Shark Tales:



### Newcomers Coffee

We want to thank our new families and PTO Board members who joined us Wednesday, August 27 for our Newcomers Coffee. If any member of the Shakerag family, new or returning, ever has an issue, concern, or question, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher and/or any member of the Shakerag staff.

### i-Ready For Families Report

We are currently wrapping up our fall iReady diagnostic assessments for ELA and Math. Families will have the opportunity to review their child's iReady Diagnostic results by viewing the i-Ready for Families Report. Families will have digital access to the For Families report after logging in to their student's i-Ready dashboard and entering our year-long district report code: W7QZLR on the top right-hand corner of the For Families tab. Please ensure that pop-up blockers are not enabled, or you will get an error message. For additional details and guidance on the assessment results, click [here](#). Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions about the results.

### Fall Picture Day – Tuesday, September 16

Fall Picture Day is Tuesday, September 16. Our new photography studio, GCI portraits, will be taking our individual portraits for the yearbook. These pictures will be available for purchase at [PRE-PAY FOR PICTURES - GCI Portraits](#). Order forms will be sent home soon in your child's Friday folder.

### Lunch Visitors and Lunch Drop Offs

As stated in our Family Handbook, we will be accepting lunch visitors starting next week. Please follow the guidelines in the Family Handbook which can be found on our [website](#) on the home page (or by clicking [here](#)). **As a reminder, we support our school nutrition program and thereby discourage all outside vendor food from being brought in during lunchtime. (i.e. Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, etc...)** This has become more of an issue. We appreciate your support with this.

We also want to remind parents to send their children to school with their lunches. **Lunches should not be dropped off daily.**

### After school enrichments start next week!

If your child is signed up for any of our afterschool enrichments starting next week, please send in a dismissal note the day the enrichment starts and the day it ends notifying his/her teacher of an afternoon transportation change. Please click [here](#) to access our Change of Dismissal form.

### 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.

## 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>

### 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:

### **Spirit Wear 25% Off Sale Ends TUESDAY (9/2)!**

If you haven't purchased your new Spirit Wear yet, head quickly to [1stplace.sale/25252](https://1stplace.sale/25252) before the sale ends!

### **PTO Membership Perks—Enter by September 5!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Newcomers' Coffee Talk! We loved seeing families connect with Shakerag staff and learn more about how the PTO supports our school—and how you can get involved. The *Amazon \$100 Gift Card Giveaway* is back! The original deadline was today, but we've extended it to **Friday, September 5 at 11:59 p.m.** – so there's still time to enter! Just **join, renew, or donate** by then to be eligible. Click the following link:

<https://shakeragpto.membershiptoolkit.com> or Scan the QR code to get started. 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:

### **Kid Chess**

Kid Chess teaches kids of all skill levels, from beginners learning the basics to experienced players looking to sharpen their skills. Our engaging lessons help kids develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and sportsmanship all while they have fun playing chess. We meet on Thursdays on the Shakerag campus, and our first club meeting is on September 4. To learn more and sign up, please visit [kidchess.com](https://kidchess.com).

### **Family Game Tournament – A Night of Fun and Connection**

Join the River Trail PTO and fellow RTMS families for a Family Game Tournament on Friday, September 5, from 6:00 to 8:30pm. It's an evening designed for families to unplug, reconnect, and enjoy some friendly competition through games like chess, basketball, Uno, bingo, and more. Dinner is included, prizes are waiting, and memories are guaranteed. Tickets are \$35 per family, and event will take place at River Trail. Bring your favorite game and wear comfortable shoes. Register here: <https://rivertrailpto.membershiptoolkit.com/packet/13390>

### **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!

**Have a wonderful LONG weekend!**  
**Thank you for an amazing start to the school year!**  
**Be SAFE!**

