

# HIGHLAND ~ A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE ENGAGED

BE COMPASSIONATE

BE EMPOWERED

## SHARON FAMILY BULLETIN

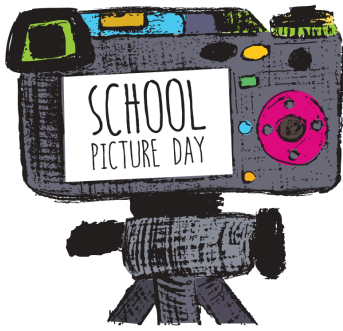
WE LEAD

WE LEARN

WE GROW

### SEPTEMBER 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> No School - Labor Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>15</b> PTO Meeting 9:30	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Constitution Day	<b>18</b> School Pictures	<b>19</b>
<b>22</b> <b>WALK-A-THON SPIRIT WEEK</b> Wear Your Favorite Band/Music	<b>23</b> Crazy Hair Day	<b>24</b> Neon Day	<b>25</b> Wear Sunglasses	<b>26</b> <b>SHARON ROCK-A-THON WALK-A-THON</b> 2025 PTO Shirt or Highland Gear
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Conferences, 4:00-7:30pm	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> Conferences, 4:00-7:30pm	<b>3</b>



## K-5 SCHOOL PICTURES

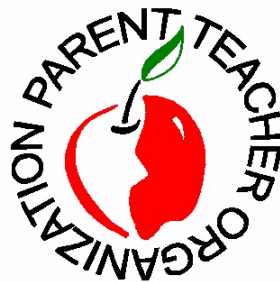
Thursday, September 18

Order at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)

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## 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

<b>President:</b>	Jennifer Grabenstetter, <a href="mailto:sharonPTO@gmail.com">sharonPTO@gmail.com</a>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	LeAnne Fuetter, <a href="mailto:lfuetter@truxandequipment.com">lfuetter@truxandequipment.com</a>
<b>Secretary:</b>	Kayla Sandridge, <a href="mailto:dvkksand@gmail.com">dvkksand@gmail.com</a>
<b>Communications:</b>	Sarah Davis, <a href="mailto:sarahforesterdavis@gmail.com">sarahforesterdavis@gmail.com</a>
<b>Volunteer Recruitment:</b>	Elise McMichael, <a href="mailto:elisemcmichael@gmail.com">elisemcmichael@gmail.com</a>

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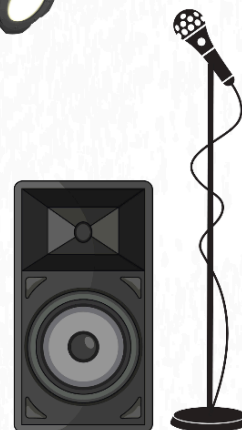
## VISION/HEARING SCREENING

Hearing and vision tests are given at the beginning of a child's kindergarten year. Group screenings for vision and hearing are given in grades one, three and five. Students new to our district will also be screened. Please note that you will be notified only if your child does not pass a screening. Please contact the school nurse by calling 330-239-1901, extension 4101, if you have any questions.



## Sharon Elementary PTO's 2025 ROCK-A-THON

The annual Walk-a-Thon is our only schoolwide fundraiser each year! Plus, it's a lot of fun! All funds go directly back to Sharon Elementary. Donations provide enrichment supplies to classrooms and encores, low or no cost events throughout the year, and support staff projects and events.



### Let's get this party started!



#### COLLECT DONATIONS

Donations accepted through 9/26.  
Every donation makes a difference!  
Cash/Check can be returned to school with a donation slip, or donate paperless using Venmo.



#### SPIRIT WEEK

Monday - Wear your favorite band/music  
Tuesday - Crazy hair day  
Wednesday - Neon Day  
Thursday - Wear Sunglasses  
Friday - 2025 PTO Shirt or Highland Gear

PLEASE INCLUDE ALL STUDENT INFORMATION FOR PRIZE CREDIT!



#### EARN PRIZES

Prizes based on donation level:  
Bass Players: Any amount - Finish line medal  
Vocals: \$25-\$49 - Hornets rock patch  
Electric Guitarist: \$50-\$99 - Highland cup  
Drummers: \$100+ - Highland fanny pack  
Rock Stars: \$250+ - Urban Air day pass  
You'll receive all rewards at and below your donation level!



#### GRADE AND CLASS PRIZES

- The top student in each grade wins their choice of a Prize Package!
  - Urban Air Prize Pack
  - Akron Zoo Annual Membership
- Classes with 100% participation receive pop rocks! The top class in each grade will receive extra recess with pop rocks!

## September 26, 2025

### COME CHEER ON SHARON'S ROCK STARS!

- |                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| • 1st Grade             | 9:15-9:45am   |
| • 2nd Grade             | 9:45-10:15am  |
| • 5th Grade             | 10:15-10:45am |
| • 3rd Grade             | 10:45-11:15am |
| • 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 1:30 - 2:00pm |
| • Kindergarten          | 2:00 - 2:30pm |



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Questions? Please contact us at SharonPTO@gmail.com



### Donation Slip

Students may donate more than once. Checks made out to Sharon Elementary PTO. Include ALL information for prize credit!

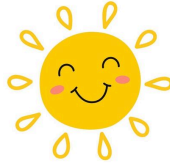
Student's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (circle): K 1 2 3 4 5

Total Donation Included with this slip: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held in-person at Sharon Elementary on 9/30, 10/2, and 10/7. Families may request a Zoom meeting if it is more convenient.



*PTO generously provides dinner to staff on conference nights. Thank you!!*

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## ROCK THE FUTURE WITH THE HIGHLAND FOUNDATION!

Mark your calendars for The Highland Foundation's 21st Annual Great Gifts Dinner.

***Saturday, October 25, 2025***

***Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland***

A night of music, innovation, and community celebration awaits – featuring:

- Live student performances
- Interactive stations and showcases
- Culinary & cocktail experiences
- Sponsor recognition throughout the Rock Hall

Questions? Email us: [events@highlandfoundation.org](mailto:events@highlandfoundation.org)

Learn more: [www.highlandfoundation.org](http://www.highlandfoundation.org)

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## 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](mailto: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](#)

# HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

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

 <b>Highland Elementary Lunch Menu</b> Choose the lunch of the day or Peanut Butter and Jelly Lunch 2025-2026 Students \$3.25 – Extra Milk .65 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>September 1</b>  No School Labor Day	<b>September 2</b> Breaded Chicken Patty on a Bun Waffle Fries Diced Carrots Fresh Apple or Juice Milk	<b>September 3</b> Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Tossed Salad Mandarin Oranges or Juice Chocolate Ice Cream Milk	<b>September 4</b> Romeo's Pizza Corn Fresh Baby Carrots with Ranch Fresh Grapes or Juice Rice Krispies Treat Milk	<b>September 5</b> Chicken Tenders Roll Tater Tots Fresh Berries or Juice Milk 
<b>September 8</b> Mini Corn Dogs Diced Carrots Pears or Juice Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk	<b>September 9</b> Chicken Nuggets Roll Baked Beans Fresh Baby Carrots with Ranch Applesauce or Juice Orange Sherbet Milk	<b>September 10</b> Cheeseburger on a Bun Twister Fries Corn Fresh Orange or Juice Fruit Snacks Milk 	<b>September 11</b> Romeo's Pizza Oven Fries Fresh Broccoli Florets with Ranch Fresh Grapes or Juice Milk	<b>September 12</b> Cheese Quesadilla Black Beans Fresh Berries or Juice Goldfish Cheddar Cheese Crackers Milk
<b>September 15</b> Tony's Personal Pan Pizza Corn Tossed Salad Peaches or Juice Teddy Grahams Milk	<b>September 16</b> Hot Dog on a Bun Waffle Fries Baked Beans Fresh Apple or Juice Fortune Cookies Milk 	<b>September 17</b> Chicken Tenders Roll Penne Pasta with Alfredo Sauce Broccoli Florets Mandarin Oranges or Juice Milk	<b>September 18</b> Romeo's Pizza Diced Carrots Fresh Grapes or Juice Chocolate Pudding with Whipped Topping Milk	<b>September 19</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Tater Tots Fresh Berries or Juice Danimals Yogurt 
<b>September 22</b> Pizza Crunchers Marinara Sauce Corn Pears or Juice Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk 	<b>September 23</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Roll Applesauce or Juice Fruit Snacks Milk	<b>September 24</b> Walking Taco Tater Tots Diced Carrots Fresh Orange or Juice Goldfish Cinnamon Grahams Milk	<b>September 25</b> Romeo's Pizza Smiley Fries Fresh Broccoli Florets with Ranch Fresh Grapes or Juice Milk	<b>September 26</b> Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Tossed Salad Garbanzo Beans Fresh Berries or Juice Vanilla Ice Cream Milk
<b>September 29</b> Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Fresh Baby Carrots with Ranch Peaches or Juice Rice Krispies Treat Milk	<b>September 30</b> Popcorn Chicken Roll Corn Tossed Salad Fresh Apple or Juice Milk			

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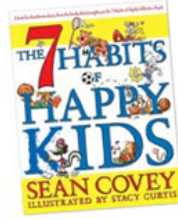
## SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOR SYSTEM

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



## OVERVIEW OF THE 7 HABITS

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

I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

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

I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school's mission and vision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

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

I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organized.

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

I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others' Emotional Bank Accounts. When conflicts arise, I look for Third Alternatives.

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

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.

### **Habit 6: Synergize** *Together Is Better*

I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others, we can create better solutions than anyone of us can alone. I am humble.

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

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep. I spend time with family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school. I find meaningful ways to help others

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## 2025-2026 DISTRICT CALENDAR



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



# 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](http://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](http://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). If your student will be out for a planned absence of three days or longer, please continue to complete the planned absence form that can be found on the Highland Local School District website under Quick Links on the webpage of your child's school building.

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## 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](http://www.highlandschools.org). For questions, enrollment, or more information – email Highland Community Education Director, Mary Fran Kudla, at [mkudla@highlandschools.org](mailto:mkudla@highlandschools.org).



### HIGHLAND COMMUNITY EDUCATION FALL 2025

4150 RIDGE ROAD, MEDINA, OH 44256  
Mary Fran Kudla, Director

[mkudla@highlandschools.org](mailto:mkudla@highlandschools.org)  
330-239-1901 Ext. 5503

# HELPFUL HORNETS

"Buzzing To Better Our Community"



## BUZZING IN... SEPTEMBER

Our **KINDERGARTEN** students and families will be working this month to collect donations of **DEODORANT**. These donations will help support the **MEDINA PERSONAL CARE PANTRY**.

### **KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES:**

Deodorant donations may be sent to school with your child from **SEPTEMBER 2-12**.



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.



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



# 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!

# HIGHLAND BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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



Medina County  
District Library

## 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)

## November

**November 5:** Thanksgiving Etiquette Class (Grades 3-5) 6:30pm

**November 6:** Apple-cano: Come and explore chemical reactions with an apple volcano experiment. (Grades 3-5) 6:00pm

**November 7:** Music and Movement, 10:30am

**November 8:** Rubber Ducky Globes (Grades 3-5) 1:30pm

**November 24:** Come and make a turkey headband

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## 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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# HAZEL HEALTH

The Highland Local School District continues to partner with Hazel Health to provide telehealth counseling services to students. All students, including those who are insured through private insurance plans and Medicaid, can access free online counseling and therapy. Please note, these services are 100% confidential and will not be provided without guardian consent.

Through the program, your child can work one-on-one with a licensed therapist in weekly video telehealth sessions. The telehealth option is offered to help support the wellbeing of students in a manner that brings less disruption to their school day by not having to leave for appointments and parents not having to miss work.

Students can see one of Hazel Health's therapists who specialize in supporting students who need short-term care and can help with:

- Mood & behavior changes, motivation, grief, loss
- Separation anxiety, worry, fears
- Social skills, bullying, peer & family relationships
- Academic stress

For more information or to enroll your child in online counseling services, please click [HERE](#).



## Calling All Future Girl Scouts Grades K-5!

Thursday, September 4, 2025, 6-8p  
Brunswick Skate Station  
1261 Industrial Pkwy N # 4  
Brunswick, OH 44212

Join this event and see many others by visiting [gsneo.org/join](https://gsneo.org/join) and **click RSVP Now!**  
**Or Scan the QR code below!**

**\$4 for skating**