

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Teacher Assignments

We appreciate all of the support you have shown throughout the start of this school year as we have navigated some allocation challenges due to increased or decreased enrollments, particularly in 1st grade and 5th grade. At this time, all placements should be set with the exception of 1st grade and/or any changes throughout the year due to placement levels in alignment with Fulton County's Continuous Achievement model. We are so appreciative of all of your support and understanding as we started off the year. We will continue to update our 1st grade families as we search for a suitable addition for the team.



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](#). Our school code is S125. Order forms were sent home today in your child's Friday folder.

Spotlight On Special Areas:

What's Happening in Art with Ms. Munson this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Art Newsletter.

What's Happening in ASL with Ms. Pennywell this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's ASL Newsletter.

What's Happening in Music with Ms. Housholder and Mr. Denney this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Music Newsletter.

What's Happening in PE with Coach Smith this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's PE Newsletter.

FCS News:

All in on Attendance – Building Strong Routines

September is the perfect time to set consistent morning and bedtime routines that make school attendance a natural habit. Students who start the year strong are more likely to maintain excellent attendance all year long.

Students who miss fewer than 5 days in the first semester are 3 times more likely to stay on track in reading and math.

The late bell rings at 7:40am for elementary school and 8:55am for middle school. Students should be in their classroom ready to learn at that time.

If your child needs to be absent, please make sure to email their teacher and send in a note upon their return so their absence can be recorded appropriately.

Digital Citizenship: Family Engagement:

Fulton County Schools believes that as students spend more time online—whether for learning, socializing, or entertainment—parents play a key role in reinforcing positive digital habits at home. By being informed about topics like online safety, screen time, cyberbullying, and media literacy, parents can support their children in making smart choices and becoming responsible digital citizens.

Below are some helpful family resources from Common Sense Media:

- [Common Sense Media Family Tech Planners](#)
- [Family Activities and Tip Sheets](#)



· [Parenting in a Digital Age video](#)

Optional Device Protection Plan

We are excited to share a new, simpler way for parents to sign up for the Optional Device Protection Plan for student devices. This plan provides families with affordable protection against accidental damage, loss, or theft of district-issued devices.

To support families, we've developed multiple resources:

- Step-by-step written instructions for different parent scenarios:
 - New Parents / Parents adding a student to their household
 - Existing Parents with a Parent Portal account
 - New Parents creating a New Parent Portal account
- A short video walkthrough showing parents exactly how to complete the process.

These resources are posted on the FCS Strategy and Technology webpage under Optional Device Protection. To gain easy access to these resources, please click on the following link: <https://www.fultonschools.org/all-departments/information-technology/optional-device-protection>.

Important Update: The signup window for families has been extended through September 26, 2025.

*After the close of the extended signup window families can still contact the Technology Support Center at 470-254-HELP (4357) to sign up for the plan. However, the local school-based Technology Support Specialist will inspect the device prior to initiating the coverage.

A Message from the PTO:

PTO Membership Perks—Enter by September 5 (TODAY)!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Newcomers' Coffee! 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!

Today, **Friday, September 5 at 11:59 p.m. – is your last chance to be entered in the drawing.** 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:

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

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 weekend!

