

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Progress Report Cards

Student progress report cards are now available on the Parent and Student Portals. For instructions on how to access your child's 4.5-week progress report, please click [here](#).

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 last week in your child's Friday folder.



Free and Reduced Meal Application Renewals DUE!

To continue receiving Free or Reduced-Price Meal benefits, each household must submit a new application every year. **Meal benefits for the 2025-2026 school year will end on September 16, 2025, if the household has not reapplied by that date.** If there is an interruption in benefits or no reapplication is received, the household will be responsible for meal payments until the new application is approved. To ensure uninterrupted benefits, households must **complete an online application by September 15, 2025**, at www.myschoolapps.com, or submit a paper application to the school cafeteria manager before September 15, 2025. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our cafeteria manager, Mrs. Vanesa Santana, at santanav@fultonschools.org.

Save the Date! Hands on Shakerag – Saturday, September 27

On September 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., all Shakerag families and friends are invited to help us beautify our school by planting, removing weeds, and spreading pine straw around the school. Bring gardening gloves, small gardening tools, large yard waste bags, and your water bottles. The more families we have available to help, the faster we can complete this amazing project! Please click [here](#) to sign up. If you would like to donate supplies for the event, please click [here](#). Thank you so much in advance for helping to make our campus beautiful.

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.

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:



Still Time to Join, Renew, or Donate – Make a Difference Today!

Thank you to everyone who joined, renewed, or donated to the Shakerag PTO. Your support directly impacts our school by providing valuable classroom resources for teachers and creating unforgettable experiences for our students.

It's not too late to make a difference! **Join, renew, or donate today:** Click on the link: <https://shakeragpto.membershiptoolkit.com/sneak-peek2025> or 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, October 8 at 8:00 a.m.** At this meeting we will be holding a 10-minute public comment session. If you are interested in speaking at our public comment, please email Debbie Wise at Wised@fultonschools.org. Public comment will be held at the end of the meeting. 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:

Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting

Our school board member, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at Autry Mill Middle School. All are welcome to join.

Northview Techno Titans

The Northview Techno Titans Robotics Team will be hosting a STEM Night workshop at their team workspace on Saturday, September 20, from 4:00 - 5:30pm. For more information, please click [here](#).

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

🎭 Northview High School Thespian Troupe #6577 presents *The Velveteen Rabbit!*

📅 October 2 & 3 at 7:00 PM | October 4 at 2:00 PM

📍 Northview High School Auditorium

Join us for a heartwarming journey through childhood, imagination, and the magic of becoming *real*. This one-hour play, based on the beloved book by Margery Williams and adapted by James Still, features whimsical costumes, humor, and touching moments that will delight audiences of all ages.

🎫 Tickets: <https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/accounts/northviewdrama/buy-tix>

💰 \$8 Students | \$10 Adults

🌟 Come support your local students and arts community while enjoying a timeless story of love, loss, and loyalty told through the eyes of a young adult looking back on his favorite toy.

Have a wonderful weekend!

