

# Shark Bytes

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## Shark Tales:

### Conference Time

Starting next week, teachers will be scheduling parent-teacher conferences. Our front office is open from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (4:00 p.m. during the conference window of 9/22-10/24). If your conferences are scheduled outside of office hours, please make sure you have made arrangements with your child's teacher to meet them at a specific door so they can let you in the building (all doors are numbered). For safety reasons, our after-school programs will not be able to allow any visitors to enter and/or exit the building from their entry points.

If parents have a scheduled conference right after dismissal and are making a dismissal change to pick-up their student prior to joining the conference, a Change of Dismissal form (click [here](#)) must be sent in with your student the morning of the conference. Parents are required to pick their children up at 2:20 p.m. and provide supervision during the conference time.

### 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:

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR BINGO NIGHT!**

Bingo Night is coming! Mark your calendars for October 24, 2025, and plan to enjoy our annual Bingo Night fundraiser! To prepare for a great night of fun, we are seeking donations to purchase our raffle items. If you are able to support, kindly use the link to donate. Thank you for all your help! <https://shakeragpto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/336360>

### **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](mailto: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:

### **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](#).

### **🌟 Space Rocks! A Free STEM Adventure 🌟**

**Friday, September 26th | 5–9 PM**

📍 *Piedmont Park Community Centre (behind Shake Shack)*

Come explore the wonders of space at this exciting hands-on event!

- **Touch real meteorites** from Mars and the Moon
- **Make your own impact crater**
- **Become a space scientist** and analyze a mystery rock from outer space!

Hosted by the Atlanta Astronomy Club and Piedmont Park Conservancy, with special exhibits from Tellus Science Museum, Georgia State University, and the Meteorite Association of Georgia.

🌟 Perfect for curious kids and their families!

🚫 **Totally FREE!**

This STEM event will be exhibiting meteorites from Mars, the Moon, and the recently arrived "McDonough Meteorite" (yet to be officially named). Scientists will demonstrate how impact craters are formed, and how to analyze a meteorite to determine its provenance.

### **🎭 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!**