

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Get Ready for the Holidays

Help us celebrate and have a little fun as we get ready for winter break. Each day next week we will be celebrating the season with a different theme. Show your winter holiday cheer!

Monday, December 15: Channel your inner **Flannel** – wear your cozy flannel to school.

Tuesday, December 16: Wear your favorite **festive sweaters** and/or attire.

Wednesday, December 17: It's **holiday sock** time! Show off your cozy winter favorites.

Thursday, December 18: It's a winter wonderland! Think of **polar bears, snowmen, hats and gloves!**

Friday, December 19: Get ready to sleep in over winter break. Wear your favorite school-appropriate **pajamas**. Don't forget to make sure you wear something that you are comfortable in for outside recess to include the appropriate shoes.



🌟 Aladdin Kids! 🌟

The Shakerag Theater Committee is proud to present our [2025 Winter Musical: Aladdin Kids!](#) We have two incredible night performances on Wednesday, **December 17** and Thursday, **December 18**. Please join our amazing cast and crew for this MAGICAL performance! Tickets (\$5.00/each) are pre-sale only. 1 Ticket = 1 Seat. No tickets will be sold at the door, so buy yours today using our [Shakerag Online School Payments](#) platform! Any questions or concerns can be directed to Mrs. Housholder at housholders@fultonschools.org.

2026 Shakerag Spring Chorus

Attention all 4th and 5th grade students: You are invited to join our *2026 Shakerag Elementary Chorus!* Chorus rehearsals will take place every Thursday afternoon from 2:30-3:30 PM. Participation costs only \$25, and there is no audition to join! If you are interested, [please sign-up at our music website!](#) Deadline to sign up is Friday December 12, 2025. Our first rehearsal will be January 8, 2026!

Classroom Parties

It is hard to believe our winter class parties are right around the corner. The room parent for each classroom will be working closely with classroom teachers on party plans and volunteer needs. Any parent that is **scheduled to attend** MUST complete the volunteer registration AT LEAST 48 hours prior to the scheduled party date. Please complete this important step NOW or it might not be processed in time. To complete the volunteer training, click [here](#). **Please don't wait until the last minute! If you are not cleared through the volunteer registration process when you sign-in to volunteer, you will not be able to participate.**

A Message from the PTO:

We Need Your Help Now – Join Us in Filling Shakerag's Giving Tree

The season of giving is here, and together we can make a difference. Our **Giving Tree** is ready to be filled with joy, and we invite you to help brighten the holidays for children in need. Once again, **Shakerag PTO** and **Girl Scouts Troop 24088** are partnering with the **Marine Corps Toys for Tots program** to spread cheer throughout our community.

Here's how you can participate:

1. **Donate** new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages.
2. **Students:** Place toys in the Giving Tree box in the atrium. Afterwards, sign your name on a leaf and place it in the basket — a symbol of your kindness.
3. **Parents:** Drop larger items at the front desk. Request a leaf, write your student's name, and staff will place it on the tree.
4. **Collection Dates:** December 1–16

Every toy and act of generosity helps build a season of joy. Thank you for being part of this tradition of giving at Shakerag.

Lights, Camera, Community! Submit Your 2025–2026 Yearbook Photos

We're collecting photos for the **2025–2026 yearbook** and want to capture the heart of our school year—moments big and small!

Think about highlights like:

Classroom fun School-wide celebrations Winter & End-of-Year Parties Field Trips & Field Day

Community favorites: Sneak Peek, Bingo & Movie Nights Musicals and more

If you've snapped a great shot, we'd love to consider it. [Upload Yearbook Pics](#)

Let's make this yearbook unforgettable—together.

Through My Eyes Art Contest!

There's still time for your Sharks to participate in the Annual *Through My Eyes* Inter-School Art Contest — a cherished event that brings together students from Shakerag ES, Ocee ES, Wilson Creek ES, Findley Oaks ES, and Medlock Bridge ES. This contest gives children the chance to express themselves, explore new ideas, and showcase their talents.

Submission Deadline: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Theme: *The Magic of Friendship*

Who Can Participate: Pre-Kindergarten to 5th Grade

Categories:

- Photography
- Visual Art
- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Music Composition
- Creative Writing

Students may submit entries in one or multiple categories. All artwork should follow the rules outlined in the entry form and will be judged on originality, theme interpretation, creativity, and technique. The entry form and rules can be found on the entry form by clicking [here](#). For any queries or clarifications, contact Meghana at meghanatme2023@gmail.com

Artist Day – We Need Your Help!

Shakerag Elementary's Annual Artist Day is returning this year, and we are dreaming even bigger. Our goal is to open our students' hearts and minds to the beauty of art and the richness of cultures from around the world - beginning with the incredible talent and heritage within our very own school community.

On **April 3rd**, we will host **Artist & Culture Day**, a vibrant celebration where students will have the chance to "travel the globe" without ever leaving school. They'll explore new art forms, hear stories from different cultures, discover creative expressions they've never seen before, and gain a deeper appreciation for the diverse world around them.

To bring this vision to life, **we need your help.**

Do you paint, dance, sing, craft, sculpt, or play an instrument?

Do you have traditions, art forms, or cultural activities you'd love to share?

Our students would be thrilled to learn from you. They light up when they hear real stories, see real demonstrations, and experience creativity and culture firsthand. Your participation can spark curiosity, inspire confidence, and shape how they see the world.

If you're interested in sharing your talents or cultural heritage, whether through a demonstration, a hands-on activity, or a story, we would love to have you join us. You can coordinate with other volunteers or lead a session on your own. Every contribution makes a difference.

Please reach out to our Artist & Culture Day co-chairs, Jen She and Myata Harris, at jen@fwdtalent.com and myataharris@gmail.com if you'd like to participate.

FCS News:

ALL IN ON ATTENDANCE – Finish the Semester Strong

The weeks before winter break are full of important lessons, tests, and projects. Attendance helps students finish strong and start the new year prepared. Students with perfect attendance in December score 15% higher on mid-year assessments. The late bell rings at 7:40 a.m. Students should be in their classroom ready to learn at that time. Please email our Data Clerk, Courtney Gatlin Cleary at gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org and copy your child's teacher when your child is absent.

Change of School Assignment (COSA)

The Fulton County School Board Policy JBCC ('Student Assignment') provides options for students to attend a school different than the one zoned for their home. Parents can apply for a school transfer using the district's Change of School Assignment (COSA) process. No specific academic, hardship or medical reason is needed; however, the school must be part of the district's list of accepting schools. For special education-related transfers, the accepting school also must offer the specific program and services outlined in the student's IEP or Section 504 Plan. Below you will find links to two important documents. The first is an overview of the process and the second is a document for what parents need to know. The application window for the upcoming school year runs **December 1, 2025-January 9, 2026.**

-  [COSA - Process Overview.pdf](#)
-  [COSA - What Parents Need to Know.pdf](#)

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 14 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:

Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting

Our school board member, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on **Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.** at Dovin Elementary 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, December 13, from 4:00 - 5:30pm. For more information, please click [here](#).

Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra holiday concerts – December 20, 2025

2PM - Kids' Christmas Concert (*Sensory-Friendly*)

A relaxed, family-friendly holiday concert perfect for young listeners and anyone who prefers a casual environment. Enjoy festive favorites, sing-alongs, the Fleetwood Dancers, a special narrator, and a visit from Santa.

7:30PM - IMAGINE: From Our Family to Yours

An evening full of seasonal classics, special guests, dancers, and the debut of the Christmas Voices of Johns Creek — our most popular concert of the year!

Both concerts take place on **December 20, 2025**, at Mount Pisgah Church, Johns Creek.

Tickets are at <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/johncreeksymphony/18>

Johns Creek Basketball Special Events

Basketball season is well underway at Johns Creek High School, and they want to share their events with the community! This season they are having a few nights to showcase their young feeder basketball teams, teachers, and elementary school kids.

Please click [here](#) for all the events. FCS teachers and staff always receive free entry and for elementary night, all elementary students will get in free.

Have a wonderful weekend!

