

# Shark Bytes

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## Shark Tales:

### It's almost that time....

As the sun quickly sets on summer, hopefully you have had a chance to relax and enjoy time with friends and family! We hope you are just as excited as we are to start another amazing school year. Below you will find some key information that will help us get started.



### Sneak Peek

We can't wait to see all of our students at our annual Sneak Peek on Thursday, July 30. To assist with volume, students with last names A-L should attend from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and M-Z from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Teachers will be sending a welcome email by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29 to introduce themselves. Should you not be able to attend Sneak Peek, we ask that you please reply to the teacher and ensure they know how your child should be dismissed on the first day of school (i.e., car rider, bus #, daycare, etc.) We highly encourage that students begin their normal dismissal routines on the first day of school.

As enrollment numbers across the district decline, we need everyone to be All in on Day 1! The first day of school is Monday, August 3 (School Hours are: 7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.). Our enrollment counts/attendance is what determines the number of teachers we are allocated. It is critical that we are able to account for all students on Day 1.

### Attention ALL 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families

Fulton County Schools require all families who are new to the district and/or those entering grades 2, 7 and 10 to submit two proofs of residency prior to the start of the school year. One of the approved utility items and one of the approved residency items must be provided. We ask that you please bring the original and a copy with you to sneak peek. We must see the original and then we will keep the copy to scan and upload to your child's permanent record. If proof of residency is not provided by the first day of school, your child will be placed on a provisional enrollment for 30 days. On the 31<sup>st</sup> day of enrollment, if proof of residency has still not been provided, your child will have to be withdrawn from school.

**One Utility Item:** Current water or electric monthly statement (Note: Gas bills are not accepted)

**One Residency Item:** Current mortgage bill/statement, Home sales contract, Current apartment/house lease, Section Eight/HUD housing document, Current HOA bill

**Both documents must contain parent/guardian name and current address where the student resides.**

### First Day of School

The first day of school is **Monday, August 3**. Our school hours are from 7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m. Arrival begins at 7:10 a.m. Parents may begin lining up in the carpool lane; however, for supervision reasons, students should not enter the building prior to 7:10 a.m.

### Transportation

We encourage you to get your children into their normal routines, i.e., arrival/dismissal, as quickly as possible by having them come to and leave school the way they normally would come and go on day 1. Dismissal tends to run a little slow the first few days of school as we are triple checking to make sure all of our students get home the correct way. Please help your child learn his/her dismissal routine by remembering their carpool and/or bus number (you will get this number at Sneak Peek if you do not already have them).

**Bus Route Updates:** New Bus Route information should be available through our FCS Transportation Website ([click here](#)) and/or the Here Comes the Bus app.

An advertisement for the 'Here Comes The Bus' app. On the left is a smartphone displaying the app's interface with a bus icon and a list of students. To the right is a map background with the text 'Here Comes The Bus®' in large orange letters, followed by 'A GPS-BASED APP TO TRACK YOUR CHILD'S BUS'. Below this is a green box with the text 'HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED'. A list of steps follows: 'Download the Here Comes the Bus app or visit www.herecomesthebus.com', 'Click the Sign Up button', 'Enter school code 87428', 'Click "Next" followed by "Confirm"', 'Complete the "User Profile" box', 'Under "My Students," click "Add." Enter your child's last name and student ID number.', and 'Once you confirm your information, you're ready to go!'. At the bottom right are logos for the App Store and Google Play.

## Important Bus Route Updates

**New route information will be available July 17, 2026.**

### ROUTE UPDATE

#### What Families Need to Know

Fulton County Schools will be updating and improving bus routes over the summer for the 2026-2027 school year.

- Bus routes may be updated for some streets and neighborhoods.
- Pick-up and drop-off times could shift significantly.
- Most bus stop locations will remain the same, but there could be some changes.

### TAKE ACTION

#### What Parents Should Do Now

- Review your child's bus information before the first day of school.
- Check the *Here Comes the Bus* app regularly for updates, delays, and notifications.
- Final route information will also be available in Infinite Campus – Transportation tab.

### Why it matters

Reviewing transportation details early can help families have a smoother start to the new school year.

### What's next

Additional reminders and updates will be shared throughout the summer.

### Questions?

**Zones 4-7:** North Transportation [470-254-2970](tel:470-254-2970)

**Zones 1-3:** South Transportation [470-254-6060](tel:470-254-6060)

### Curriculum Night – Mark your calendars!

At Shakerag, we believe that we are one big family working together to support the success of every child. A key to that success is open communication. We hope you will be able to join us for Curriculum Night as teachers will walk you through the class structure/schedule for their grade level and what you need to know to help your child be successful for the year. **This is a night for parents and teachers only! If you must bring your child, he/she will need to sit with you in the classroom for the duration of the evening.**

We have received great feedback from families regarding our one-night curriculum night. We know parking is always a challenge, but we hope that one night will help families with children in multiple grade levels.

#### **Thursday, August 20:**

If you only have one child, you may choose which session you would like to attend.

- **5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Session 1**
- **6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – General Information Session and PTO meeting in the cafeteria – We highly encourage all families to attend and hear important updates for the year.**
- **6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. – Session 2**

## FCS News:

### Cafeteria

In an effort to help our students get into their normal lunch routines, we will not be accepting lunch visitors until after Labor Day. Please feel free to begin visiting for lunch during your child's regular lunchtime the week of **September 7**.

The cafeteria will serve breakfast and lunch for those who wish to participate. Breakfast will be served from 7:10 - 7:40 a.m. All students are invited to purchase food at school, as it is a well-balanced meal.

- **Accounts:** Parents are highly encouraged to prepay online for breakfast and/or lunch purchases using MySchoolBucks.com. Parents may also submit payment in an envelope with your child's legal first and last name and teacher name written on the front. The cost of a breakfast and/or lunch will be deducted from the student's account balance with each purchase. Extra purchases (e.g., cookies, ice cream) will not be deducted unless permission has been given on the Student Profile (see extras below).

Notices will be sent home to parents when an account shows a negative balance. If you receive such notice, we ask that you pay the past due balance the following day and include additional funds for future purchases.

Charging on an account with a zero balance is discouraged and parents are asked to keep a pre-paid balance in the account so that it remains current. Students who forget their lunch money may request a charge to be placed on his/her account. Payment for that charge should be paid the following school day. Contact our cafeteria manager at 470-254-3887 with any questions regarding your account.

| Breakfast                 |        | Lunch                     |        |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| Elementary School Student | \$1.70 | Elementary School Student | \$3.10 |
| Reduced Price             | \$0.00 | Reduced Price             | \$0.00 |
| All Adults                | \$3.25 | All Adults                | \$5.00 |

*\*Students may purchase extra milk for \$0.75.*

At Elementary and Middle Schools, the meal price includes up to 1 entrée, 1 fruit side, up to 2 vegetable sides, and 1 milk choice. (All students can decline food groups, as long as there is at least a ½ cup of fruit or vegetable plus 2 other food groups on the tray. For the same price, students may select 3, 4, or all 5 food groups for a complete meal!)

**Extras:** Parents can request that their child not be able to get extra sales. This will be noted on the student's account.

**Menu:** A monthly menu is available on our [website](#). The menu will list the items available to purchase for lunch each day.

**Free & Reduced Meal Applications for the 2026-2027 School Year:** The Free & Reduced Meal Benefits Program is a part of the National Child Nutrition Program. This program makes Free or Reduced priced meals available to qualifying households. Qualifications are based on the gross income of all household members and the number of people living in the house. A **new** application must be completed every school year. If there is an interruption in benefits or the household does not reapply, the household is responsible for payment of meals until the Free and Reduced Application is approved. **Free & Reduced Meal Applications are available in the cafeteria and online beginning July 25, 2026. Visit [MySchoolApps - Home Page](#) to begin the online application process.**

Fulton County receives funding from a variety of federal grants based on the number of children in the district that QUALIFY for Free or Reduced priced meals, regardless if they choose to participate in the meal program. Many federal grant awards are allocated nationally to public school districts based on Free and Reduced percentages such as Title-1, E-RATE, and The National Direct Teacher Loan Cancellation Program.

For additional information regarding our School Nutrition programs, please [click here](#)!

### **First Day Fulton**

Click [here](#) for more information.



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**BACK-TO-SCHOOL RESOURCE FAIR**

**SAT, JULY 25** 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Now celebrating its 10th year, **FIRST DAY FULTON** is a back-to-school event helping students and parents prepare for the new school year with information, community services, free school supplies and giveaways.

**FREE FOR ALL FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS STUDENTS & FAMILIES!**

- School Supplies & Giveaways (while supplies last)
- Entertainment
- Health Fair & Health Screenings for Form 3300 (Certificate of Vision, Hearing, Dental and Nutrition Screening)
- Community Vendors
- FCS Department Expo

**TWO LOCATIONS SERVING ALL FCS STUDENTS**

**BANNEKER HIGH SCHOOL**  
6015 Feldwood Road, Union City

**CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
9310 Scott Road, Roswell

[www.fultonschools.org/FirstDayFulton](http://www.fultonschools.org/FirstDayFulton)

# Welcome Back!



Enjoy the remainder of  
your summer!  
We can't wait to see  
you soon!