

The Spinning Hills *Spectator*



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

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I hope this letter finds all of you well rested and excited to begin the 2026-2027 school year. I want to welcome all of our new 5th grade students into the building as well as any new 6th grade student coming to us for the first time. Please know that our staff is dedicated and passionate about your child's education and you will see numerous examples of that throughout the school year.

Our mission at Spinning Hills is to provide a *safe* community where *respect* and *education* are top priorities. Our belief is that when it comes to the educational setting, nothing is more important than providing the safest learning environment as possible. We have been very fortunate at Spinning Hills to establish and maintain this environment due to the focus and the importance that our staff places on it. Feel free to call or email your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year. Keep in mind that they are extremely busy during school hours, but they will contact you back as soon as they possibly can.

Please take special note to the right of this page to see the upcoming events that we have scheduled during the months of August and September in the building. Our 6th grade Open House will be on September 1st from 3:00- 6:00 PM. Our 5th grade Open House will take place on September 2nd from 3:00-6:00 PM. During this time, students can visit their homeroom teachers, drop off supplies and look at their schedule for the school year.

Our building will open for all students at 6:50 AM. During this time, they can eat breakfast and get ready for the start of their day. The official start of our school day is at 7:10 AM. All students need to be in the building by this time to avoid being counted tardy for school. If your child is going to be a walker or a car rider, please make sure they arrive by this time.

I am excited for the upcoming school year. I feel very fortunate to be part of such an amazing building. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist in your child's experience during their time at Spinning Hills.

Mike Combs
Principal

Upcoming Events

Mon. Aug 24	Day of Giving Back/937 Haircuts/ Vaccines 10 a.m.—4 p.m.
Tues. Aug 25	Schedule Pickup 7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Mon. Aug 31	First Year Band & Orch Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
Mon. Sept 1	6th Grade Open House 3-6 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 2	5th Grade Open House 3-6 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 8	First Day of School
Thurs. Sept 24	Fall Picture Day

WELCOME STUDENTS!

We hope that your summer was relaxing and enjoyable. As impossible as it may seem, it is almost time to start a new school year. We are sure your son or daughter is anxiously awaiting for the start of school. It is our belief that this building is your (the community's) school. We want you to be actively involved in every aspect of your child's education. You as parents are the most important and first teacher for your child. No one knows your child and their learning styles better than you do. If you have a question, please call or stop in and discuss the situation. Parents are always welcome at Spinning Hills Middle School. Remember that we are all on the same team and have the same goal....the best education possible for your child. Attached is information you will find helpful. Please look it over with your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 259-6635.

5TH/6TH GRADE FEE DAY

We will **NOT** be holding a 5th or a 6th Grade Fee Day.

There will be **no regular** academic school supply student fees for the 2026-2027 year, but there can still be fees for field trips, library books, technology equipment, etc. All outstanding fees must still be paid.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

School begins for students on **Tuesday, September 8th at 7:10 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.** Students are to report to their homerooms on the first day where they will be given their entire daily class schedule. Students who cannot locate their names should report to the office for assistance. **WELCOME TO SPINNING HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL!!!**

PHONES

While phones are available for emergencies, we will discourage students from calling home for forgotten items. We feel that this encourages responsibility and planning. It also limits the inconvenience to parents. We hope this procedure will help make your life a little easier.



ARRIVAL TIMES

The warning bell rings at 7:05 a.m. and the tardy bell at 7:10 a.m. We request that walkers and car riders do not arrive at school before 6:50 a.m. **Students will not be permitted in the building until 6:50. Parent supervision is required for students while waiting for the building to open. Please do not drop off your child and leave before 6:50 a.m.** Drop off area is in the front of the school. No cars will be permitted in the bus parking lot during drop off and pick up times.

SCHEDULE PICKUP

We will be having a schedule pickup day on Tuesday, August 25th. Times are from 7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. You may also view your child's schedule on Progress Book. If you are unable to attend, you may pick them up at Open House.

NO-COST MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS 2026-2027

Thanks to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service's Community Eligibility Provision Program, **EVERY** student attending Mad River Local Schools will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost for the 2026-2027 school year.

No application is needed to receive this benefit. **ALL STUDENTS** will receive this assistance. Parents can still add money to the student's lunch account, for extra a la carte food items, in addition to the one meal provided at no cost.

PARENTSQUARE

DOWNLOAD THE PARENTSQUARE APP TODAY!

STAY INVOLVED IN YOUR STUDENT'S LEARNING AND ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL. **FROM ANYWHERE.**

- ✓ RECEIVE MESSAGES FROM SCHOOL(S) VIA EMAIL, TEXT, OR MOBILE APP
- ✓ SEND TWO-WAY TEXT MESSAGES TO TEACHERS AND STAFF
- ✓ RECEIVE ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS
- ✓ SIGN UP FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
- ✓ SIGN PERMISSION SLIPS AND MORE, ALL FROM YOUR COMPUTER OR MOBILE DEVICE

1) Register Your Account
2) Then Download the App

Available on the App Store | Google play

Questions? Watch this video for more information about ParentsSquare.

Or Visit: www.parentsquare.com/signin from your desktop

BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

Please log on to your Parent OneView Account and fill out the back to school forms as soon as possible. If these forms are not filled out, your child will not be able to attend any field trips.

On the first day of school your child will receive some very important forms. Please complete them and have your child return them to school within the first week. The forms are the following: EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM; HEALTH CLINIC FORM. **If changes occur in the information during the school year, please notify us so we can update these forms.** Changes in address will be communicated to the transportation office and bus routes will be altered accordingly.

MEDICINE POLICY



The school district will consider the diagnosis and treatment of illnesses and the prescription of all drugs, medications, preparations and/or remedies as the direct responsibility of the parent(s) and/or physician of their choice. Administering medication to a student in school by school personnel will be done in exceptional situations when it cannot be handled otherwise. Arrangements will be worked out with the physician, parent/guardian and the building principal to make the administration of the medicine workable. If you have an exceptional situation, please call the principal's office.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL—PLEASE CALL

Accurate attendance is required by law. Spinning Hills Middle School wishes to know at all times the whereabouts of our students, your children. When your child is going to be absent due to illness or appointment, please notify the school before the missed days. In the case of injury or illness occurring, please call the day of the absence. If contact cannot be made, please be sure to have your child bring in a written excuse the day of his or her return. The phone number to call if your child is going to be absent is 259-6635.

On days that your child is scheduled for physical education, please be sure that they are dressed appropriately to participate in any class activity. Pants should be loose fitting, but not sagging below the waistline. Shirts must be long enough to cover the body when arms are raised. Avoid low cut necklines to avoid potential embarrassing situations during movement activities. Students who are not prepared to participate due to shoes or clothing will sit out of the day's activities. We hope that this information helps with your back to school shopping.



Aug/Sept Events at SHMS

AUG

- 24 Day of Giving Back 10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 25 Schedule Pickup Day - 7:00 am. - 3:00 p.m.
- 31 First Year Band & Orchestra Meeting— 6:30

SEPT

- 1 6th Grade Open House 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- 2 5th Grade Open House 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- 8 First day of school
- 24 Fall Picture Day

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

The transportation department is arranging all bus schedules and determining rider eligibility for the upcoming school year. Below is direction on how to get your child's bus information. You should have received this information at the end of the school year in the mail. Questions concerning student bus transportation can be addressed by calling the transportation office at 237-4280.



Interactive Bus Route Finder

Bus route information is online from Infofinder. This web-based service enables you to find school and bus route information by typing in your street address. You can also register to receive notifications sent out by the Transportation Department.

How it works:

Go to the following webpage:

<http://www.infofinder.com/tfi/>

Locate bus stop information on the Infofinder website by doing the following:

Type in your address and zip code. Be sure to include Dr, St, Ave, etc.(Note: It is not necessary to select a school or grade when you search.)

Click the search button to get a list of bus routes associated with your address.

You can print your bus stop information by clicking the printer icon next to the school name. To print a list of routes and schools plus an area map, print the page from your browser.

Please be advised that the PM bus stop times listed are approximate due to unforeseen traffic, weather, etc. Students are to be at the assigned stop at least 10 minutes before the posted times.