



SHADYCREST ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

FOUR HOUSES. ONE FAMILY.



September 2026

Welcome to Shadycrest

As we turn the page to September, we're filled with excitement and anticipation for all the learning, growth, and memorable moments ahead. Whether you're returning familiar faces or joining our community for the first time, we're thrilled to have you here. This year promises to be filled with engaging lessons, meaningful connections, and countless opportunities to discover something new. Let's make it a great one together!

Welcome our new Owl Staff

Lisa Graham, PE Teacher
Carly Cummings, PK Teacher
Jacob Chiappetta, 3rd Gr Reading
Christine Velasquez, 3rd Gr Math
Tatiana Soliz, 4th Gr Reading Teacher
Michele Calvillo, PE Aide
Nikole Zurek, Diagnostician
Alyssa Cooper, LSSP
Sandra Hawkins, ARD Facilitator
Lis Mireles, Cafeteria Manager

Important Dates

8/28-9/4	Book Fair
9/7	Labor Day
9/8	Open for Lunch Visitors
9/22-9/25	Start with Hello Week(dress up days)
9/30	Picture day!

Office Staff

Principal: Ryan Peterson
Asst Principal: Sara Holmes
Counselor: Erin Schmidt
Secretary: Kim Phillips
Registrar: Mary Kirst
Receptionist: Lindsey Cockrell
Nurse: Megan Johnson

School Hours

Grades PK-4 7:55 AM - 3:15PM
Front Doors Open 7:15AM
Breakfast 7:20 AM - 7:50 AM
Class Begins 7:55AM



Honoring Our Grandparents!

While National Grandparents Day falls on September 13th, Shadycrest has a cherished tradition of celebrating with a Grandparents Day Luncheon in the cooler fall months.

This year, we'll gather in October to honor the special grandparents who mean so much to our students and our school community. More details coming soon!

To all our Shadycrest grandparents: thank you for your love, wisdom, and support. We can't wait to celebrate you!

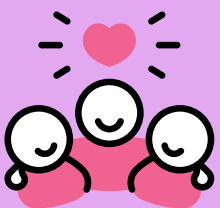
Hello from the Counselor! This year, Shadycrest will be developing our Character Traits through the district approved curriculum, Character Strong!

Each month, we will focus on a new character trait. Your child will have daily activities within their classroom as well as a lesson with the School Counselor. This month, we are building and practicing Respect. One way to think about Respect is "seeing value in all people and things and treating them with care." Many people feel Respected in different ways and we hope this month inspires discussions with your family about what Respect means to you and how you can practice it together!

Students will also have an additional lesson this month focusing on bullying prevention. You have the option for your student to not participate in the prevention lesson but must let me know by

September 4.

**Thank you,
Erin Schmidt
School Counselor**



Respect

It's that time again!

PICTURE DAY! 😊



Wednesday,
September 30th
Shadycrest ES

Scan to order
today!



1st Photo will be on campus soon for taking school photos. Follow the link to PREORDER your child's photo! Cash/Check orders can be turned in on picture day to the photographers. Help support our school by purchasing photos.

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PHOTO

****QR code only good for PREORDERS at Shadycrest ES****

Morning Drop Off

Students may be dropped off starting at 7:15 a.m. in the front circle and will enter through the front doors. Beginning at 7:25 a.m., staff will assist with transitioning students from cars to the building. A second morning drop off location will open at 7:35 a.m. in the bus loop after the buses have dropped off students. At 7:55 a.m. the bus loop doors will be locked, and all students will need to enter at the front of the school. Please note that for traffic flow reasons, left turns into the parking lots are not allowed at designated times including morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Please do not pass cars waiting in line. ****After 7:55 am, parents will be required to walk their children in the building and sign them into school. This is to ensure student safety and to account for all students.**

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation is provided free of charge to students who live two miles or more from his/her zoned campus as measured by the nearest commonly traveled public road. Transportation is available for a fee to students who live within two miles of their zoned campus. Students are not allowed to ride home with friends. Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten will only be released from the bus to an approved adult using their child's unique PIN# provided by the parents at the time of registration.

Afternoon Dismissal Procedures

Car riders will be picked up in the front circle drive. Please display a placard with your child's first & last name as well as grade level on your dashboard throughout the year. Staff will call for your child to be ready for pick up underneath the breezeway. Those without a Shadycrest dashboard placard will be asked to show identification to ensure the driver is an approved emergency contact.

Another option, Student to Parent Walk Out, is designed for those that live in the neighborhood and desire to walk to pick up their child. These students will be escorted down the covered walkway in the bus circle. Parents need to be in the waiting in the grassy area next to the bus circle to meet their children at dismissal time (please do not block the sidewalk). If you choose to park in the neighborhood and walk up, please do not block residential driveways. Walkers and Bike Riders will be released at the crossing walk. To ensure student safety, Pre-K and Kindergarten students will not be allowed to walk home. Only students who live in the neighborhood can be designated as a walker.

For the safety of our students, parents may not park in the school parking lots or bus loop to walk up to pick up students designated as Student to Parent walk out or to walk over to pick up a student designated as a car rider.

Pearland Police contacted us to inform us they will be monitoring no left turn and fire lane violations; therefore, we want to ensure our arrival and dismissal procedures are clear as to avoid any of our Shadycrest families being ticketed.



CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION

It is extremely important to our staff that all students are dismissed safely every day. Frequently changing modes of dismissal transportation can cause confusion for children. Emergency situations do arise which may require a change in how students go home. If there is a change in how your child will go home, please notify the teacher in writing. If advance notice is not possible, phone calls advising the office of transportation changes must be called in no later than 2:00pm. Students' dismissal transportation will not be changed after 2:00pm unless approved by an administrator.

EARLY PICK-UP

To ensure a smooth and organized dismissal, parents who need to pick up their child up early for an after-school doctor's appointment, etc., should do so by 2:30 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation!

PICKING UP STUDENTS

If someone other than the parent will be picking up your child, the person's name must be listed in Skyward as family member or emergency contact. The person designated to pick up your child must be prepared to show appropriate identification to school officials.

Student Birthdays



Your child may bring in store bought birthday treats for the class to celebrate their class. Birthday treats will be shared with your child's class at the end of the day.

Half birthdays: June/ December, July/ January, August/February. We are squeezing a lot of birthdays in this time and while we try to get as close as possible to the half birthday, they may not be announced on the exact day.

VISITORS AND SAFETY



ALL visitors must check in with a current Driver's License and receive a Visitor Tag at the Front Office before going to any other areas of the building. The Visitor Tag must always be worn the entire time you are on campus.

Classroom visits will be permitted with the principal's and teacher's prior approval. Teacher conferences will need to be scheduled during the teacher's conference time.

We appreciate your time and understanding when you visit Silverlake and are required to show identification. The process takes only a few seconds and is well worth the safety of all our children.

CAFETERIA INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

Money can be easily added to your child's account for additional items they wish to purchase at www.schoolcafe.com.

- We welcome lunch visitors at Shadycrest beginning **Tuesday, September 8th** (We are closed to lunch visitors the first few weeks of school. This time is used for teaching routines, procedures, and expectations for the cafeteria.)
- All visitors will check in at the front reception desk with a photo ID.
- We suggest that you arrive early to ensure that you are ready at your child's lunch time.
- Visitors are welcome to bring in lunch for themselves and their Shadycrest Owl, however students can still purchase a meal from the cafeteria when they have guests. If a cafeteria lunch is needed, the student will get their lunch from the cafeteria line and meet their lunch guest at the tables on the stage of the cafeteria.
- We ask that lunch visitors refrain from taking additional students to the stage.
- Please say your goodbyes at the cafeteria doors at the end of your child's lunch time. Visitors should not walk back to the classroom with the class but should report directly to the front office to check out.
- Closed Campus Days: There will be a limited number of days when we will be closed to lunch visitors due to testing, etc....These days will be communicated well in advance.
- If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, please make sure you have it here early so that we have time to get the lunch to your child.

Attendance

School attendance is critical for the quality of your child's education. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning opportunities. Should it be necessary for your child to miss a day of school, you must submit a note via the online portal or send a written/signed note stating the reason for the child's absence within 3 days of the student's return to school with the information listed below.

- Student's first AND last legal name
- Dates of the absence (Ex. 09/20/21-09/23/21)
- Reason for the absence
- Parent signature

If a doctor's note is submitted, please make sure that it covers ALL days of the absence. If not, please send an accompanying parent note with the above-listed information. Emails will not be accepted.

Students are required to attend class 90% of the time it is offered to be able to receive credit and be promoted to the next grade level. All absences, regardless of excused or unexcused, including leaving early and coming in late, count towards the 90% rule.

Please help make your child's education a top priority by building a habit of daily attendance.

Scholastic Book Fair Starts Soon!

Open during Meet the Teacher on 8/27th 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
August 28th - September 4th, 2026 open between 7:15 a.m.
- 3:00 p.m.

Open until 4 PM on 9/1

Check your child's 'Peek of the Week' for the book fair
schedule.

Scan To Go to Book Fair Homepage and create eWallets

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/shadycrестelemschool>

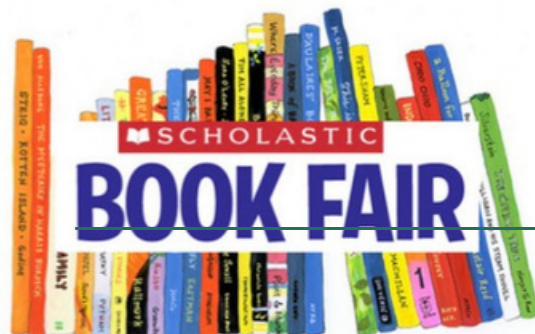


- A parent may shop with students from 7:15 a.m - 7:45 a.m.
- No loose change will be given out. Coin change will be added to our Share the Fair Fund.
- We accept: cash, checks written to Shadycrest, credit/debit cards, and eWallet.
- ***8.25% sales tax is added to all purchases***



Signup Genius for
volunteers

Volunteers make the book fair possible, please consider volunteering to help us have a successful fair. All volunteers will need a current PISD background check on file.





Shadycrest Elementary

Dress Up Days
(1st Semester)



September

Start with Hello Week

- 22nd - wear green
- 23rd - Hawaiian shirt
- 24th - Mismatch Day
- 25th - PJ Day

30th - Picture Day

October

Character Week

- 19th - Reveur BLUE
- 20th - Isibindi GREEN
- 21st - Amistad RED with your ORANGE bracelet (from school) for Unity Day!
- 22nd - Altruismo BLACK
- 23rd - go ALL OUT in your HOUSE color for HOUSE DAY!

Red Ribon Week

- 26th - wear Red
- 27th - wear your favorite team gear
- 28th - crazy hair & socks
- 29th - wear bright, sparkly, & neon
- 30th - wear a costume (school appropriate/no masks)

November

2nd - 50th Day of School! - wear your 50's gear!!

College & Career Week

- 16th - wear camo, red, white, or blue
- 17th - wear a college shirt & hat
- 18th - wear a nice outfit for an interview!
- 19th - wear your favorite sports team shirt & hat
- 20th - Dress in what you want to be when you grow up

December

Class Christmas Parties

Week of December 14th (info to come)

18th - go ALL OUT in your HOUSE color for HOUSE DAY!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI DAY
BREAKFAST Students: \$1.50 Students, Reduced Price: FREE Adults: \$2.85 LUNCH Students: \$ 3.00 Students, Reduced Price: Free Adults: \$5.00				Offered at Breakfast Daily: Variety of Whole Grain Cereals with A Cheese Stick Fruit and 100% Juice Choice of Milk Offered at Lunch Daily: Fruit & Veggies Choice of Milk 
31 Blueberry Waffle Cheese Nachos Chicken Filet Sandwich Cheesy Refried Beans Cucumber Slices w/ Tajin Diced Peaches Watermelon	1 Glazed Donut Cheeseburger Grilled Cheese Hamburger Baby Carrots Crinkle Fries Banana Mandarin Oranges	2 Sausage Biscuit Cheese Stuffed Breadstick Chicken Alfredo Pasta Romaine Salad Seasoned Corn Apple Slices Diced Pears	3 French Toast Sticks Cheese Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Pepperoni Pizza Celery Sticks Roasted Ranch Cauliflower Razzleberry Applesauce/ Orange	4 Breakfast Sausage Pizza Breakfast Sausage Patty w/Mini Maple Pancakes Strawberry Yogurt w/Mini Maple Pancakes Baby Carrots Tater Tots Blueberries w/Whipped Cream Apple
7 Labor Day No School	8 Glazed Cinnamon Roll Hot Dog Mini Bagel Cheese Pizza Baby Carrots Crinkle Fries Banana Mandarin Oranges	9 Chicken Biscuit Grilled Cheese Mandarin Orange Chicken w/ Rice Celery Sticks Seasoned Broccoli Apple Slices Diced Pears	10 Froot Loop Waffle BBQ Pork Sandwich French Bread Cheese Pizza French Bread Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Razzleberry Applesauce /Orange	11 Pancake & Sausage Stick Breaded Chicken Drumstick w/ Roll Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese w/ Roll Wowbutter Sandwich & Cheese Stick Seasoned Green Beans Baby Carrots Apple Strawberry Craisins
14 Blueberry Waffle Cheese Nachos Chicken Filet Sandwich Cheesy Refried Beans Cucumber Slices w/ Tajin Diced Peaches/ Watermelon	15 Glazed Donut Cheeseburger Hamburger Grilled Cheese Baby Carrots Crinkle Fries Banana/ Mandarin Oranges	16 Sausage Biscuit Cheese Stuffed Breadstick Pasta and Meatballs Seasoned Green Beans Romaine Salad Apple Slices /Diced Pears	17 French Toast Sticks Corn Dog Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Celery Sticks Roasted Ranch Cauliflower Razzleberry Applesauce /Orange	18 Breakfast Sausage Pizza Breaded Steak Bites w/ Roll Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll Wowbutter Sandwich & Cheese Stick Baby Carrots Mashed Potatoes Blueberries w/ Whipped Cream Apple
21 No School	22 Glazed Cinnamon Roll Cheese Enchiladas Hot Dog Baby Carrots Crinkle Fries Banana/ Mandarin Oranges	23 Chicken Biscuit Cheese Lasagna Mandarin Orange Chicken w/ Rice Seasoned Broccoli Celery Sticks Apple Slices / Diced Pears	24 Froot Loop Waffle BBQ Pork Sandwich Galaxy Cheese Pizza Galaxy Pepperoni Pizza Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Romaine Salad Razzleberry Applesauce / Orange	25 Pancake & Sausage Stick Chicken Tenders w/ Garlic Tx Toast Mac & Cheese w/ Garlic TX Toast Baby Carrots Seasoned Corn Apple Strawberry Craisins
28 Blueberry Waffle Cheese Nachos Chicken Filet Sandwich Cheesy Refried Beans Cucumber Slices w/ Tajin Diced Peaches/ Watermelon	29 Glazed Donut Grilled Ceese Cheeseburger Hamburger Baby Carrots Crinkle Fries Banana/ Mandarin Oranges	30 Sausage Biscuit Cheese Stuffed Breadstick Chicken Alfredo Pasta Seasoned Corn Romaine Salad Apple Slices /Diced Pears	1 French Toast Sticks Mini Corn Dogs Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Celery Sticks Roasted Ranch Cauliflower Razzleberry Applsauce / Orange	2 Breakfast Sausage Pizza Breakfast Sausage Patty w/Mini Maple Pancakes Strawberry Yogurt w/Mini Maple Pancakes Baby Carrots Tater Tots Blueberries w/ Whipped Cream Apple
  Menus are subject to change due to supply issues or product changes. 				
To restrict your student's account, visit www.schoolcafe.com . For questions, please contact the Food Service Department at 281-412-1244.				



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CALENDAR

September 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Book fair	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Holiday No School	8 Open for Lunch Visitors	9	10 Progress reports	11	12
13 Grandparents day see info above	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 No School for students	22 Start with Hello Week Wear green	23 Hawaiian Shirt day	24 Mismatch day	25 PJ Day	26
27	28	29	30 PICTURE DAY Progress reports	31		