

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:



BINGO NIGHT ~ THANK YOU!

The Shakerag PTO would like to say THANK YOU to everyone that came out to Bingo Night last week! It was a huge success, and we hope everyone had a great time! A very special THANK YOU to all of our wonderful volunteers and donors! We could not have pulled it off without your help. And finally, a BIG THANK YOU to this year's coordinators who did all of the heavy lifting in the weeks leading up to Bingo Night – Lisa McNary, Sarah Chu, Megan Milovich, Marissa Durkin, PJ Shen, Stephanie Truchan, Johanna Melo, Shivangi Patel, Sonam Dewan, our emcee, Tony McNary, and the entire Shakerag PTO Board and Shakerag staff that participated.

Red Ribbon Week (October 26-30)

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. At Shakerag, we communicate to our students the importance of making mindful and healthy choices in their lives, about respecting yourself, and respecting others. Our theme for the week is: **Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Make Healthy Choices.** We will be celebrating all week with a special theme each day.

- **Monday, 10/26: Wear Wild Socks and Make Wise Choices** - Wear your wildest socks today as we kick off Red Ribbon Week and celebrate making healthy choices!
- **Tuesday, 10/27: Your Future is BRIGHT** - Wear bright or neon colors to show that making healthy choices can help lead to a bright future!
- **Wednesday, 10/28: Shakerag Spirit Wear Day:** Heroes Make a Difference - At Shakerag, we are all part of a team. We are each responsible for making healthy choices for ourselves, but we can also encourage and support our teammates so they, too, can make healthy choices. When we work together to make healthy choices, we show respect for ourselves AND others.
- **Thursday, 10/29: Wear Red Day** - Wear red as a reminder to respect yourself and others and to make choices that help keep you healthy, safe, and strong.
- **Friday, 10/30: Everyday Heroes Day** – Dress as your favorite everyday hero who inspires you! Think about how your hero makes a difference, helps others, shows courage, or makes good choices. No masks, props or weapons or scary movie characters please. Please also remember to wear proper shoes to school.

Friday, October 30: Everyday Heroes

Next week we will be wrapping up our Red Ribbon Week by celebrating our Everyday Heroes! The Red Ribbon Week theme this year is: **Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Make Healthy Choices!** We encourage all of our students to dress up like their HEROES! While we know next Saturday, October 31 is Halloween, we ask that families save other costumes for the weekend unless it is connected to our HEROES theme for Red Ribbon Week. We hope that all of our students that celebrate have a fun and safe time with their friends and families.

Northview Cluster Community Night- 10/28 – 6:00-8:00 PM at Northview

Come out and enjoy a fun evening with our Northview Community and cheer on your teachers, staff, and some students as they compete in some friendly competitions. We hope to have a HUGE Shakerag fan turnout to show our Shakerag Pride and hopefully win the Titan Cup. We encourage everyone to arrive in the gym at Northview by 5:45 PM so we can start promptly at 6:00 PM with the National Anthem followed by a few friendly competitions to see which school can claim the Titan Cup for the 26-27 school year. After awarding the Titan Cup (6:30ish), all Northview clubs will host a "Trunk or Treat" for students (and siblings!) until 8:00 or until the candy runs out. There will be several food trucks/dinner options available. All students who show up in costume or in Shakerag spirit wear will receive a Northview drawstring bag to collect candy from the Trunk or Treat with the first 30 students from each school receiving a free item at the Carnival Food Truck. Come show your Shakerag pride and help us win the Titan Cup for the year! It is an event you won't want to miss!

Mark Your Calendars: Remote Learning Day Tuesday, November 3

Tuesday, November 3 is a statewide election day and will be a Remote Learning Day for all students. Students will participate in asynchronous learning at home on this day. Teachers will be sending lessons and activities home with the students in Friday Folders on **Friday, October 30**. Please look over your child's assignments and email your teacher(s) with any questions. Teachers will be engaged in professional development sessions most of the day on Tuesday so they will have limited access to their email. They will do their best between sessions to periodically check for questions and/or concerns and try to respond as quickly as possible. All assignments should be returned to school with students on **Wednesday, November 4**.

Hearing & Vision Screenings for Grades 1, 3, and 5

Annual hearing and vision screenings for students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will take place on **Tuesday, November 10**. Students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will receive a more detailed letter in their Friday folders today. Please fill out this form and return it by **November 6** only if you wish to OPT your child OUT of the screening(s). It is important to make a special effort to ensure your child is in attendance on this day so they can participate in the screenings. If your child wears glasses, we ask that you make sure they have

them and bring them to the screening. If the screenings identify a possible concern, parents will be contacted with a letter. If you do not receive a letter in the days following the screenings, it is safe to assume the screening did not produce any concerns at this time. If you have any additional questions, please contact our Assistant Principal, Samantha Weaver, at weavers@fultonschools.org.

Fulton County Schools 2026-2027 Student Technology Competition

The 2026-2027 Fulton County Student Technology Competition (FCSTC) will be held in person on 1/9/2027 (Saturday) at North Springs High School from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All 3rd -12th grade Fulton County students are eligible to enter one student-created technology project that aligns with one of these [CATEGORIES](#). Projects are to be designed and created by students. A student (either as an individual or as a team up to 2 members) can only register for ONE competition category. Individuals and teams of two compete against each other. Only ONE project entry is allowed for each competition category by division. Please read the category descriptions before you select your project category and consult Mrs. Francis in the media center if you need assistance. No changes can be made once a student registration is submitted. Student projects will be judged based on the category for which they are registered. Changes in category WILL NOT be made for any reason after submission. Projects will be judged by the category under which the project was submitted. Some adult guidance is allowed, but it must be clear that the work was done by the student(s). If interested, please click on the link below for more details. All registrations should be completed and given to Mrs. Francis in the media center no later than **Friday, October 30**.

- Link for more information: <https://www.fultonschools.org/all-departments/academics/learning-teaching/instructional-technology/technology-competition/fcstc-announcement>
-  [Registration Form](#) – Please complete and return to Mrs. Francis in the media center by October 30.

Fine Arts Contest: Celebrating Northview High School's 25th Anniversary.

Northview has a letter "N" that was uniquely designed to represent their school. They are inviting students to use this "N" as a creative foundation for their artwork, connecting their artistic talents to the rich history, culture, traditions, and diversity of Northview High School. Through their creative expression, students can showcase what makes the Northview High School Cluster such a special place and help celebrate their 25-year legacy. Any student interested in submitting a design can ask Ms. Munson for a printout of the "N" to use. They can submit their work to Ms. Munson by **January 29**. For more information, please click [here](#).

FCS News:

Important District Reminder: Food on Campus

As we approach the upcoming holidays, Fulton County Schools would like for us to remind parents and families that candy, desserts, baked goods (store bought/homemade), or any other edible items **are not** to be sold or distributed at school or on the bus. Please discuss this expectation with your student(s). You can help us protect your student(s) by requesting that they not eat anything given to them by another person, anything that they have not brought from your home, or anything not in its original sealed package. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping all of our students safe at school!

Capital Plan 2032: ESPLOST

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing and seeing more information about Fulton County Schools' next Capital Plan 2032 and the projects that will improve our schools. On November 3, 2026, Fulton citizens will vote on whether or not to continue ESPLOST as the funding source for these projects. For those unfamiliar, ESPLOST is the one-penny education sales tax that has funded new and replacement school construction, additions and renovations, technology innovations, transportation upgrades and safety improvements in our school system. Fulton County Schools has created a special webpage with information about Capital Plan 2032 and ESPLOST at www.fultonschools.org/ESPLOST. We encourage you to visit that page to view information about our school's projects as well as general information about districtwide improvements.

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 11 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:

Northview Techno Titans

The Northview Techno Titans Robotics Team will be hosting a STEM workshop for elementary students at their team workspace on Saturday, October 24, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Fulton Science Math Tournament – RESCHEDULED!

Fulton Science Academy's Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society is hosting the Fulton Science Math Tournament for students in grades 3-5 on Saturday, **October 31**. Students may compete individually or as part of a four-person team in Individual, Team, and Relay Rounds. Registration is open through October 29 at <https://forms.gle/7PLCCVwdUY9Efd87>, and proceeds support FSA students attending the ARML National Math Tournament. If you have any questions, please contact us at fsmt@fultonscienceacademy.org.

Event Details

Date: **Saturday, October 31, 2026**

Time: Check-in opens at **8:30 AM**; the competition begins at **9:00 AM**

Location: Fulton Science Academy Cafeteria, 3035 Fanfare Way, Alpharetta, GA 30009

Registration Deadline: **October 29 at 11:59 PM**

Registration Fee: \$25 per individual or \$100 per team of four (online payment link is in the registration form)

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/7PLCCVwdUY9Effd87>

Students compete in Individual, Team, and Relay Rounds. They can register as a team of four or on their own, and students who register on their own are placed on a team.

Have a wonderful weekend!

