

# Shark Bytes



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## Shark Tales:

### **Hands on Shakerag is TOMORROW!**

Tomorrow, September 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., all Shakerag families and friends are invited to help us with planting, removing weeds, and spreading pine straw around the school. Bring gardening gloves, yard waste bags, and your water bottles. The more families we have available to help, the faster we can go in completing this amazing project! Please sign up at [Hands On Shakerag 2022](#). For more information, please click [here](#). When you arrive, please sign in at the table at the entrance of the school.

### **Carpool Safety Reminders**

As the weather and daylight time changes, we often see an increase in our carpool traffic. For safety reasons, please assist us with the following:

- Do not let your child out of the car before the bell rings at 7:10 a.m. It is important that all students remain safely in their vehicles, supervised, until the staff arrive at carpool and the bell rings.
- Please do not drop your students off on Rogers Circle and allow them to walk to school. All car riders need to remain in their vehicles and go through the carpool line.
- We see a steady flow of traffic, and even some lulls, between 7:10-7:20. After 7:20, there is a huge increase in traffic. Please make sure you plan accordingly to ensure your child arrives at school on time. Students not inside the building when the bell rings will be marked tardy.
- As you pull up to the carpool line, please make sure your child is ready to get out of the vehicle. Students need to have their shoes on, breakfast finished, and backpacks zipped and ready.
- For the safety of all, please make sure you remain vigilant while driving on campus.

### **Spirit Night at Johnny's New York Style Pizza – Wednesday, September 28**

Join us at Johnny's New York Style Pizza of Johns Creek (11030 Medlock Bridge Parkway, Johns Creek, GA 30097) for our upcoming Spirit Night on Wednesday, September 28. They will be graciously donating a percentage of sales to our school from Shakerag patrons between 5:30-8:00 p.m.! This applies to call ahead orders, online orders, and dining in. For all call-in or online orders, please use the code Shakerag. Come support your school and have a meal out with your family and friends!

### **Shakerag Elementary will soon teach kids to Think First & Stay Safe™**

Fulton County Schools is excited to share that we will soon commence our personal safety education program for all elementary students called *Think First & Stay Safe™*. The *Think First & Stay Safe™* program is a research-based program that teaches specific personal safety education by way of interactive classroom lessons, classroom posters, role-plays, and corresponding activities. *Think First & Stay Safe™* enables students to take an active and necessary role in protecting themselves from harassment, abduction, bullying, exploitation, and various forms of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional).

In October of this school year, *Think First & Stay Safe™* lessons will be implemented at Shakerag Elementary School for all K-5 students. You may preview the materials upon request. Please reach out to Ms. Paras to schedule an appointment. You can also learn more about the detailed lesson plans and research behind this program at [www.childluresprevention.com](http://www.childluresprevention.com). Please be aware that more information is provided on the website than will actually be used in Fulton County Schools.

**If you prefer that your child not participate in the *Think First & Stay Safe™* program, please sign and return the bottom of the parent letter that was sent home last week in your child's Friday Folder to our school counselor, Ms. Michelle Paras, by September 28.** If you have any additional questions, Ms. Paras can be reached at [ParasM@fultonschools.org](mailto:ParasM@fultonschools.org).

## A Message from the Shakerag Foundation:

### **Volunteer to Support the Foundation**

Wondering how you can get involved at Shakerag? Looking for something with a LIMITED time commitment but a BIG IMPACT? Do you enjoy fundraising activities and/or community engagement? Then, The Foundation might be for YOU! **We are currently looking for volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year!** Fun Facts - The Foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization formed to benefit Shakerag, the teachers, and our students. We also cooperate with local businesses for Spirit Nights, support our fabulous teachers with gift cards, engage in business partnership programs, sponsor Career Day and many more things! Most importantly – This is a LIMITED time commitment! We are a small team but are filled with good people! We would love to welcome you to our team! Please contact Christine Lemerond at [lemerond@fultonschools.org](mailto:lemerond@fultonschools.org) for more details and she can connect you with the team.

## A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

### **Attention Room Parents!**

We will hold our first Room Parent meeting on **Tuesday, September 27 at 8 a.m.** in the cafeteria. Please come prepared to make friends, learn how to run the PTO Message Boards, plan for upcoming classroom parties, and learn how to support your teachers throughout the year. Coffee and Donuts will be provided. Please be sure to complete your online Fulton County Schools volunteer training prior to the meeting. (<https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/9539>)

**Room Parents Needed** - We are still recruiting Room Parents for the following teachers: Patel (1st), Sudeth (2nd), Christiansen (3rd), Kim (4th) and Mack (5th). If your child has one of these teachers and you are interested in being part of a fun group of parents who like to plan parties and support your teacher, please reach out to Krista Zimmerman ([kzimmerman73@gmail.com](mailto:kzimmerman73@gmail.com)) for more information.

### **BINGO NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE!**

The **SHAKERAG PTO** is excited to announce their biggest fall fundraising event of the year! Mark your calendar for this in-person Shakerag family event taking place on **October 28 (2 sessions 5:30-7:00 PM & 7:30-9:00 PM)**. We are bringing back all the elements you love about Bingo Night, from silent auction, raffle baskets to many opportunities to score some AMAZING PRIZES!

Without your support, this event cannot be successful. Please help us continue to make this year's fall fundraiser as successful as it has been in the past by donating to our raffle items. The money raised from our fall fundraisers are used to support school programs and events. Help the PTO continue to support educational endeavors for our students and connect Shakerag families through your participation. Please donate by clicking here: [www.shakeragpto.org](http://www.shakeragpto.org) → **CLICK STORE** → **"SHAKERAG BINGO NIGHT DONATION"**. We will be accepting donations until **October 14**. You can also visit [www.shakeragpto.org](http://www.shakeragpto.org) for more information about this event.

Also, if you have any prize-worthy items/services that can be offered as silent auction or raffle prize items (e.g. game tickets, vacation home rentals, iPad, gift cards etc..), or if you are interested in volunteering to help on Bingo Night, please email [ejkim81@hotmail.com](mailto:ejkim81@hotmail.com). Stay tuned for more details on how to participate in Shakerag's Bingo Night! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PTO's Fall Fundraising Coordinator: Esther Ono [ejkim81@hotmail.com](mailto:ejkim81@hotmail.com) or Krista Zimmerman [kzimmerman73@gmail.com](mailto:kzimmerman73@gmail.com).

## A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

### **School Governance Council Meeting**

We invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#) or via our school website (click [here](#)) under the 'ABOUT' drop-down menu. Our latest Strategic Plan as well as other relevant SGC information is posted to this site for your convenience. Our next SGC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, at 8:00 a.m.

## FCS News:

### **Attendance Awareness Spirit Week 9/26- 9/30!**

We are celebrating Attendance Awareness Spirit Week from 9/26-30! Regular attendance is vital for student success. When students attend regularly, starting as early as preschool and kindergarten, they have an opportunity to achieve academically and thrive. Research shows that when students are chronically absent, (missing 10% or more of the school year or 18 days over an entire year), they are less likely to read proficiently by third grade, achieve in middle school and graduate from high school. Please click [here](#) for more information on Attendance Awareness Week.

- **Monday – Tie-Dye Day:** Wear tie-dyed clothing or a tie to show great attendance is "tie"d to great learning!
- **Tuesday – Head for Success:** Wear a hat or cap!
- **Wednesday – Tacky Day:** Nothing tacky about being on time! Wear tacky or mismatched clothing!
- **Thursday – Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow:** Wear a shirt from a college or university!
- **Friday – PJ Day:** Sit back & relax in your PJs! (Make sure you wear appropriate shoes!)

Please continue to send absence notes and emails to the teachers as soon as you can, or within 3 days of your child's absence. For additional information on our attendance policies and procedures, please refer to our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document.

## In the Community:

### **Coffee with Chris: A Conversation about Anxiety**

Chris Shearer, Principal at Johns Creek High School, will be hosting a panel of guests that will be speaking about anxiety. All are welcome to join on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the JCHS Auditorium. Please click [here](#) for more information and a list of speakers.

**Have a wonderful weekend!**