

# Shark Bytes

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**Staff and Student Holiday - School Closed Monday, September 4**  
**Teacher Workday - No School for Students Tuesday, September 5**  
**Professional Development Day - No School for Students Wednesday, September 6**

## Shark Tales:

### Afterschool Enrichments start next week!

If your child is signed up for any of our afterschool enrichments starting next week, please send in a dismissal note the day the enrichment starts and the day it ends. Please click [here](#) to access our Change of Dismissal form.



### Newcomers Coffee

We want to thank all of our new families and PTO Board members that joined us Tuesday, August 29 for our Newcomers Coffee. If any member of the Shakerag family, new or returning, ever has an issue, concern, or question, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher and/or any member of the Shakerag staff.

### Fall Picture Day

Fall Picture Day is Thursday, September 14. Lifetouch will be taking our individual portraits for the yearbook. These pictures will be available for purchase at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com). Order forms were also sent home today in your child's Friday folder.

## Spotlight On Special Areas:

### Art with Mr. Avery this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Art Newsletter.

### What's Happening in ASL with Ms. Pennywell this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's ASL Newsletter.

### What's Happening in Music with Ms. Housholder (Petty) and Mr. Denney this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Music Newsletter.

### What's Happening in PE with Coach Smith this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's PE Newsletter.

## 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 **Wednesday, September 13, at 8:00 a.m.**

## A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

### PTO Membership

Our PTO has consistently provided our students with outstanding and fun activities and events over the years. Your financial support directly impacts the quality and quantity of academic programs, materials and all the fun events our PTO provides. Please visit the PTO website to support our mission by purchasing the membership [HERE](#). Every membership makes a huge difference!

## FCS News:

### Pandemic Impact Survey

FCS continues to partner with the Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education (MAPLE) at Georgia State University to gain insight into the impacts of the pandemic. We wish to better understand students' experiences during and after the pandemic to better understand and meet our students' needs moving forward. Please complete this optional and anonymous survey by clicking this link: [https://fultonschools.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3lpnaRG2USGTurs](https://fultonschools.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3lpnaRG2USGTurs). The survey will close on **Wednesday, September 6th**.

### **Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early**

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool/kindergarten so they learn right away that going to school ***on time***, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school, college, and whatever career path they may choose.

#### **7 ways you can help your child show up to school on time:**

- Set your alarm each night to allow for plenty of time to get ready. Leave extra time for any unexpected delays.
- Prepare for the morning the night before. Lay out outfits, be sure backpacks are ready to go, and pre-pack lunches.
- Check the weather and plan accordingly.
- Help keep your child engaged with their school day by asking them what they did in school, what their favorite part of the day was, or what they learned.
- Avoid scheduling appointments for your child during school hours. Check the school calendar when planning family vacations to make sure they align with days off.
- Keep the television turned off on school mornings and avoid other distractions that can take away from your routine.
- Let the school administration know if you are having any issues getting your child to school and communicate all absences with the school.

### **Café News - Birthday Treats**

Class birthday treats may be purchased for students to enjoy during lunch. Parents need to contact the cafeteria manager [Santanav@fultonschools.org](mailto:Santanav@fultonschools.org) and the classroom teacher at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the celebration. If there are multiple children with the same birthday, only one birthday treat will be served on that day. **No outside food, goody bags, invitations, or class gifts are permitted for distribution to students.**

## **In the Community:**

### **Girls in STEM!**

Girls in STEM aims to encourage young girls to pursue the field of STEM by introducing them early to the field of science. Monthly meetings will be held on Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:00 at Northview High School. Girls will participate in free experiments to learn about science and the STEM field. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**Have a wonderful LONG weekend!  
Thank you for an amazing start to the school year!  
Be SAFE!**

