



November 3, 2024

Shaker Heights Middle School Calendar

- October 31st - No School - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 1st - No School - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Link to [Online District Master Calendar](#)

A Message from Principal Forman

Dear Shaker Middle School Families,

It was a great week at the Middle School! A few highlights include:

- Parent-teacher conferences were this past week. While this was an opportunity for universal parent check-in time, please know that you can reach out to your child's teacher as needed. An open line of communication is essential to support students.
- MS and HS choirs performed together on Tuesday in their Fall concert. It was an amazing show demonstrating the breadth and depth of vocal learning and skill in our district.

Please see the note below from our Sources of Strength team about the program and our upcoming student-led Spirit Week during the week of November 11th.

A reminder that we do not have school on Tuesday for Election Day. If you have not done so early make sure you vote on Tuesday!

In the spirit of Ubuntu,

Mr. Forman

School Counseling Corner

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Shaker Heights Middle School is excited to highlight one of our initiatives for all grade levels, Sources of Strength. This program is designed to enhance the well-being of our students by promoting positive connections and resilience.

Sources of Strength is a comprehensive, youth-led program that empowers all students to identify and utilize their strengths to cope with challenges. The program focuses on building eight key areas of wellbeing: Family Support, Positive Friends, Mentors, Healthy Activities, Generosity, Spirituality, Physical Health, and Mental Health. Through various school-wide campaigns and activities, students will learn to draw upon these sources to foster a supportive and resilient school environment.

Our first student-led campaign will be a Sources of Strength Spirit Week November 11-15.

- Mentor Monday - dress like your mentor
- Twin Tuesday - match with a positive friend or wear Shaker gear
- Wellness Wednesday - wear the colors of the emotions from the movie Inside Out 2
- Thankful Thursday - let your gratitude shine! Wear neon or glitter
- Fun Friday - dress to represent one of your hobbies

Throughout the week, we will also have activities each day, including a canned food and winter wear drive on Thursday. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to reflect on their strengths and connect with their peers.

We believe that fostering a supportive and positive school environment is crucial for our students' well-being. Thank you for your support as we celebrate the strengths that make our Shaker community vibrant!

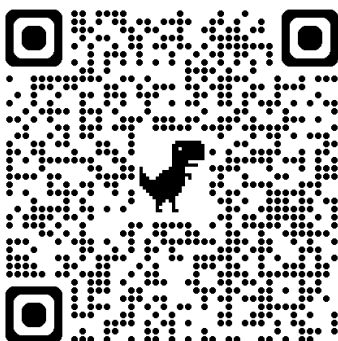
More information can be found at sourcesofstrength.org or please contact Katelyn Mock at mock_k@shaker.org for any questions.

SHMS Sources of Strength

School News

8th Grade Trip to Washington DC Parent Meeting 24-25

Please Scan the QR Code below for Meeting Details.



After-School Clubs Bus Information:

<p><u>SHMS A Run:</u> Depart MS Loading Dock at 4:30</p> <p>Drop off at Mercer - 13325 Wimbledon Rd - 4:35</p> <p>Drop off at Fernway - 17420 Fernway Rd - 4:40</p> <p>Drop off at Lomond - across from 3604 Palmerston Rd - 4:45</p>	<p><u>SHMS B Run:</u> Depart Loading Dock at 4:30</p> <p>Drop off at Woodbury Rose Garden- 3082 Woodbury- 4:35</p> <p>Drop off at Boulevard - 14900 Drexmore Rd - 4:35</p> <p>Drop off at Ludlow School - 14201 Southington Rd - 4:45</p> <p>Drop off at Shaker Warehouse II - across from Chelton Park at Chelton & Hampstead - 4:55</p>
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After-School Sports Bus Information:

<p><u>SHMS A Run:</u> Depart MS Loading Dock at 5:30</p> <p>Drop off at Mercer - 13325 Wimbledon Rd - 5:35</p> <p>Drop off at Fernway - 17420 Fernway Rd - 5:40</p> <p>Drop off at Lomond - across from 3604 Palmerston Rd - 5:45</p>	<p><u>SHMS B Run:</u> Depart Loading Dock at 5:30</p> <p>Drop off at Woodbury Rose Garden- 3082 Woodbury- 5:35</p> <p>Drop off at Boulevard - 14900 Drexmore Rd - 5:35</p> <p>Drop off at Ludlow School - 14201 Southington Rd - 5:45</p> <p>Drop off at Shaker Warehouse II - across from Chelton Park at Chelton & Hampstead - 5:55</p>
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International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) Info Sessions

These IB DP sessions offer the opportunity to meet current Diploma candidates, hear about their experiences, ask questions and receive an overview of the many IB DP options available. Please contact IB Coordinator, [Laura Hartel](#) (216-295-7236), with any questions.

Date	Time	Session	Location
Wednesday, October 16	6 - 8 p.m.	Pathway to the DP for Grades 8 & 9 Families & Students	Small Aud
Thursday, October 31 (Conference Day)	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	IB DP Open House	Eli Gallery by Main Office
Thursday, November 14	6 - 8 p.m.	IB DP Info Session for Families & Students	Small Aud
Wednesday, December 11	6 - 8 p.m.	IB DP Info Session for Families & Students	Small Aud
Thursday, January 16	6 - 8 p.m.	IB DP Info Session for Families & Students	Small Aud
Saturday, January 25	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	IB DP Info Session for Families & Students	Small Aud
Wednesday, February 20	3:15 - 4 p.m.	IB Tea for Students	Upper Caf

“Did You Know”

District College Credit Plus (CCP) Info Night

Monday, December 2 @ 7:00-8:00pm

Large Auditorium at Shaker Heights High School

Heard of CCP, and want to learn more about how your students can seize the opportunity to earn free college credits during grades 7-12? Students and families are invited to this yearly presentation, where we'll discuss the opportunities and risks of this educational offering.

If you have questions in the meantime, please contact your student's School Counselor or [CCP Coordinator Gabrielle Perrin](#).

DID YOU KNOW.....over 80 students at Shaker Heights High School are earning free college credits by taking CCP courses here at the High School? They don't even have to go to a college campus to take our Tri-C and Kenyon College (KAP) CCP courses, which include: **College Composition I & II, College Algebra & College Trigonometry, Early Black History and Contemporary Black History, and Photography I.**

PTO News

Mark Your Calendar:

November 12 | Teen Violence & Cyber Bullying Conversation | 6:00pm @ Shaker Nature Center

November 21 | Middle School PTO Meeting | 6:30pm @ Middle School Library

December 1 | SHMS Night Out with the Cavs | 6pm @ Rocket Mortgage Field House

Teen Violence & Cyber Bullying Conversation

Join us for a discussion on Teen Violence and Cyberbullying. The event will take place on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00pm at the Shaker Nature Center. We will be taking an indepth look at the topic and you will hear from a bullied student, their parents, a mental health expert, a lawyer, and more. This event is designed for the entire family, adults and students alike. [Please register in advance here.](#)

Cavs Night Out with Shaker Middle School

You are all invited to join other Shaker students and families for a Night Out with the Cleveland Cavaliers as they take on the Boston Celtics on Sunday, December 1st at 6:00pm at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse. Each ticket purchased will give the buyer a chance to be entered into a raffle to be part of the cheer tunnel as the Cavs enter the arena that evening. Tickets are \$49.00 each with a portion of each sale donated to our Middle School PTO. [Tickets are available for purchase via this link until October 30th.](#) If you have any questions please reach out to Shenita Siggers at siggers_s@shaker.org.

SCAN ME



Register as a Volunteer

All volunteers for a school or PTO event, whether during school hours or after, are required to register as a volunteer with the district and complete a background and fingerprint check. This process is simple and fast. To register or learn more about the process please [click here.](#)

RAFFLE BASKETS FUNDRAISER

The Senior Celebrations Committee is hosting an online fundraiser and you have the chance to win! Opportunities include Browns, Cavaliers, or Monsters games, tickets to the Cleveland Orchestra, self-care packages, yummy treats from local businesses, and so much more! Buy your raffle tickets today at bit.ly/ParentPartyFUNdraiser. The official drawing will be on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Proceeds will benefit beloved traditions for the Class of 2025 including After Prom Event, Senior Clap Out, and Black & White Photos.

“We Are Family”



Shaker Heights Middle School Family and Community Engagement Liaison team, would like to welcome you to another year. We are very excited to begin this journey with you; working alongside your family, providing the resources that you all may need. We've found that throughout our career each family has its own individual story to tell.

We will be here to guide you in expressing your concerns, being an advocate for your child and family's well being. It is our promise to work with your family and center our support on an individual basis, so that everyone feels supported and a sense of belonging! We have a confidentiality policy and will be glad to assist you with any resources and conversations that may help your family. As your Family Liaison, my goals are to **protect, motivate, inspire, empower, nurture, challenge** and **assist**. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

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Communication

Here at SHMS, we take great pride in who you are and we're committed to our vision for you and your child. Below is our list of resources, ways you can communicate with us so that you will always be well informed of the awesome things happening in our building and community. Please know that we rely greatly on technology in our building.

Resources:For a list of community resources, click **here**.

For Social and Emotional Resources, click **here**.

Power School: https://bit.ly/SH_PowerSchool

If you run into issues or are locked out of your account for any reason, email powerschool@shaker.org for assistance.

Volunteer: Review the **Shaker Heights Schools Volunteer Handbook** and **register to volunteer!** We welcome volunteers for a variety of events, classroom needs and more!

Safe School Helpline: The Safe School Helpline® is a confidential way to report concerns about unsafe or potentially disruptive activities or situations. Available 24/7.

Call: 1-800-418-6423, ext. 359

Text: TIPS to 614-426-0240

Online: SafeSchoolHelpline.com

Mobile App: Download the FREE app from the **GOOGLE PLAY STORE** and the **APPLE APP STORE**

SAFETY

Safety is our Number One priority! When coming into the building for anything please make sure you have YOUR ID READY. They will provide you with a pass to the appropriate location and/or make an appointment for you. Also, please understand that if you wish to volunteer in a classroom or main office you must go through the district process.

***"With the support of our Administration, Staff, and Community,
we will collaborate together
to make this school year extremely productive."***

***"Parenting is not always easy,
but it is the most rewarding position you will ever have!"***

"Informed Parents are Involved Parents!"

"We Are Family"



"FACE Resources"



Shaker Schools Foundation News



Coming To A Mailbox Near You!

Our Fall 2024 Donor Appreciation Report, "**Educate, Empower, Explore & Engage**," is hot off the press and coming your way soon! This report highlights the successes achieved by the Foundation because of your unwavering support and commitment to investing in our future! It also marks the launch of our Advancing Shaker Annual Appeal campaign. Your support allows us to continue to enhance educational opportunities for Shaker students. We are dedicated to our mission of building community resources to promote equitable access and enhance opportunities both in and out of the classroom!

Learn more by visiting www.shakerschoolsfoundation.org.

Stay up to date by following the Shaker Schools Foundation on our social media platforms, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#)!