



November 3, 2024

Shaker Heights High School Calendar

- **AP Registrations & [Fees Due](#)** (before price increase) | Sunday, November 3
- Band Boosters Meeting | Monday, November 4, 7 p.m.
- Election Day | Tuesday, November 5 (**No School for Teachers & Students**)
- South Africa 2026 Trip Interest Meeting | Wednesday, November 6, 3:15 p.m.
- SHHS PTO Meeting | Thursday, November 11, 7 p.m.
- PTO Senior Celebration Committee Meeting | Thursday, November 11, 8 p.m.
- IB Info Session | Thursday, November 14, 6 p.m.
- [Class of 2025 Parent Party](#) | Saturday, November 16, 7 p.m.
- Fall Musical *Spelling Bee* | Thursday - Saturday, November 21 - 23, 7 p.m.

Link to [Online District Master Calendar](#)

A Message from Mr. Juli

It's hard to believe we have made it to November. I hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful weather and the extra hour of the day.

I'm sure we've all noticed on TV, commercial after commercial offering extreme and polarizing perspectives for many Ohio and national candidates in the election on Tuesday. Recently, my doorbell has been ringing more often than normal, and it's often canvassers on my doorstep, to speak with me about their candidate. Regardless of my own political preferences or yours, I think we can all agree that nationally, across our state, and locally, we are headed towards a polarizing election day, and the days and weeks that follow the election have the potential to be difficult and complicated no matter who wins in Ohio and nationally in this upcoming election.

I think it's a commonly held misconception that everyone who lives and works in Shaker Heights must be politically aligned around the same political party. This may be what many believe, but it just isn't accurate. Just like our school is diverse racially and socio-economically, I know that we don't have one homogenous set of political beliefs among our high school staff and our families.

I'm confident and proud that we aren't a school that wants to teach our students to think and act only as we do. I know that we are working hard each and every day to teach students to think for themselves and apply what they are learning to new and complicated situations. I also know that no matter what happens

in the Presidential election, people will be unhappy across our country, in our state, in our community, and in our school.

It's unfortunately likely that our national dialogue will be tense and vitriolic post-election. How will we respond in our classrooms and hallways at SHHS? How will we share our feelings, both positive and negative with our students, each other, and our children? We need to ensure that all of our students and staff feel seen, heard, and valued, no matter their positions on election day and no matter the outcome of the election.

How do we do this? I think we start with listening, with dialogue, and with openness. I think we need to create opportunities in our classes and at our dinner tables, for different opinions as we head towards election day and after the election. I also believe that talking about election day before and after doesn't need to live in just our Individuals and Societies courses. There are positive, engaging, purposeful conversations and listening opportunities to be had across our school, no matter the courses our students are taking. I know I'm going to be watching tv on election night, and I'll do my best to answer my 8th grader's questions. He will be sitting beside me with questions and concerns. I think my first-time voting college student may reach out too, with different perspectives and questions. I hope we all make time at school and in our homes this week to hear what our students are saying and feeling. It's easy to focus on ID wearing, arrival to class on time, and whether or not the assignment was completed or our students were successful on their test or quiz. This week, we have the opportunity to talk about current events together. We have the opportunity to talk about what's happened in the past and how it impacts today and our future. We have the opportunity to share our feelings, find common ground and be a group of people feeling similarly or different together based upon our common experiences.

School is always intended to be a place of learning. But it's also a place for connection, belonging, and sharing common events, successes, challenges and concerns. I believe any school is at its best when students feel the connections between what they are learning in classes and how that learning is connected to what is happening in their lives. This is the week to build connections between school, learning, and our lives. And this is as important a week as we've ever had to focus on our feelings, and not just to focus on content. Let's remember as an entire SHHS community to be kind to each other, to be open to different opinions, and to find ways to search for what we have in common, and not just what sets us apart.

Get out and vote, and have a good week.

Eric Juli, Principal

School News

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Upcoming Schedule

Click on the link by each date to view that day's schedule:

- Monday, November 4 - [EVEN](#)
- Tuesday, November 5 - **Election Day** (no school for students & teachers)
- Wednesday, November 6 - [ODD](#)
- Thursday, November 7 - [EVEN](#)
- Friday, November 8 - [ODD](#)

- Monday, November 11 - [EVEN](#)
- Tuesday, November 12 - [ODD CREW](#)
- Wednesday, November 13 - [EVEN](#)
- Thursday, November 14 - [ODD](#)
- Friday, November 15 - [EVEN](#)

Here is the [link to our daily schedules](#) for the first semester.

South Africa 2026

SHHS Students - there is another South Africa 2026 interest meeting right after school on **Wednesday, November 6** in the Small Auditorium. Many have already signed up. Don't miss out on this AMAZING experience, come to the Small Auditorium on Wednesday, November 6 at 3:15 p.m.

AP Registration & Payment Due by **Nov. 3** to Avoid Late Fees

The window for Advanced Placement (AP) exam registration and payment has opened. Please submit payment promptly as **late fees apply after Sunday, November 3**. This [link](#) contains more information in regard to AP registration and payment.

Sem I January Final Exam Schedule

While not all teachers are giving final/midterm exams, those that are giving exams in January will follow the schedule below to help balance students' study schedules. All January final/midterm exams will be given during class time. *Please note, some classes may have final exams in December and/or projects due in January.*

Sem I January Final Exams Schedule

- Friday, January 10 - English and World Language

- Monday, January 13 - English and World Language
- Tuesday, January 14 - Science and Individuals & Societies
- Wednesday, January 15 - Science and Individuals & Societies
- Thursday, January 16 - Math and Electives
- Friday, January 17 - Math and Electives

Makeups must be scheduled with individual teachers.

Band Boosters News

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 4 at 7 p.m. in the high school Band Room. If you have a musician in Band at SHHS or SMS, you are a member of Shaker Band Boosters. Please put this date on your calendar and join us in support of our musicians and directors. Email shakerbandboosters@gmail.com for more information about how you can get involved.

School Counseling Information

Grade 11 Parents/Guardians College Planning Night & Naviance Intro Thursday, November 7, 6:45-8 p.m.

Large Auditorium at Shaker Heights High School

SHHS School Counseling Department invites families of the Class of 2026 to attend our yearly event designed specifically for the junior year. Wondering what your student and family should be focusing on and how to best support your student's college exploration?

Join our team for a presentation that will get you up to speed on using our college and career search tool called Naviance, as well as offering a snapshot of what to expect and our best advice for the most low-stress experience during this intense time! *This event will not be recorded, but the slide deck will be made available after the session.*

Career Technical Education (CTE) Fair Field Trip

Thursday, November 14

Wiley Middle School

10th graders will receive info soon about our upcoming optional field trip. At the CTE Fair, 10th graders will meet instructors and students from all the phenomenal programs and get their questions answered. Required permission slips will be available soon. Encourage your student to check out this opportunity to see all the programs in action!

Career Technical Education (CTE) through [Heights Career Tech Consortium](#) offers a strong academic and technical education to prepare students for both college and career. Heights Career Tech offers programs through a four-district consortium, which includes Cleveland Heights, Maple Heights, Shaker Heights, and Warrensville Heights High Schools. Students take core academic subjects at their home school, and travel to other schools daily for their technical training.

District College Credit Plus (CCP) Info Night

Monday, December 2, 7 - 8 p.m.

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 to learn about 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...students who enroll for college courses through CCP are in regular college courses - the professors don't even know they aren't traditional college students? Our students must meet the same standards and requirements as any other student.

SHHS Virtual Swag Store

The Class of 2025 Student Leadership Council is excited to present our SHHS [Swag Store](#) with our partner FUZION Sports. The store can be accessed conveniently via this link: <https://www.gearbyfuzion.com/shhsstudentcouncilholiday2024/shop/home>. The store is only open for a limited time and **will close at 9am on Monday, November 11**. When the store closes, FUZION will move to production and your selections will be carefully packaged and shipped to your front door in time for the holidays and colder weather.

This store is managed on our behalf by FUZION Sports. Should you have any questions regarding the products and/or the sizing for a specific item, please feel free to contact them directly by filling out the form at the bottom of the store page that reads "CONTACT US," calling 612-245-6404 or sending an email to support@gearbyfuzion.com.

We look forward to seeing what you select in the halls and around town! Happy Shopping!

OHYES! Student Survey for Grades 9 and 11

Shaker Heights High School will be offering the Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey (OHYES!) to students in grades 9 and 11 on November 12, 2024. To read more about this survey and its intended purpose, please refer to [this parent letter](#).

PSAT Results

There are several ways for students to find their October 8 PSAT results:

- Students who provided cell numbers when they took the PSAT can download the BigFutureSchool app. In the app store, search for Big Future School. Here is a [screenshot of the correct app](#). Once the app is downloaded, students will be asked to enter the same cell number that they provided during the test. Here is a [screenshot of that "sign in" screen](#).

- Students who did not provide a cell number during testing can still access their scores in their student College Board accounts. If they do not already have an account, then they can create one here on the [College Board website](#).
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MYP Scores on Report Cards for Grades 9 & 10

As an IB World School, Shaker Heights High School strives to implement best practices in education that result in rigorous, meaningful experiences for students. To that end, the IB Middle Years Program (MYP) encourages the use of criteria based assessment scores. Beginning this year, these scores will be included as a complement to the traditional percentage and letter grades in each ninth and tenth grade course.

Criterion-based grading allows your student's teachers to share areas of strength and growth opportunities. This is a process that is grounded in feedback through the use of rubrics, and focuses on student growth. Each subject area is graded using four distinct criteria unique to that subject. But in all subjects, there is an emphasis on a student's knowledge of the content, their ability to communicate and how they reflect on the real world implications.

Because of the addition of MYP scores, the report card you receive each quarter will look a bit different. In addition to a traditional letter and percentage grade for each course, you will also see a score for the MYP-aligned criteria being assessed that grading period. These scores will be reported on a scale of 1-8, as all MYP rubrics are built on an eight-point scale. As a reminder, Q1 ended October 18 and report cards will be available on October 30.

For more detailed information regarding the philosophy of MYP grading and support for what you will actually see on the report card, please go to this linked [document](#). If you have any questions or need support, please contact the high school MYP coordinator Kailey Uhl (uhl_k@shaker.org).

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) Info Sessions

The scheduling process for next school year begins in February. Therefore, we are offering multiple opportunities to discuss the IB DP and help students and families make informed decisions. 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
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

Study Circles

- History Study Circles (Ms. Davis), Tuesdays in room 302, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
 - APUSH & History research projects
 - Math Study Circles (Mr. Routh), Wednesdays in room 232, 4 - 6 p.m.
 - Science Study Circles (Dr. O'Connor & Mr. Klapholz), Thursdays in rooms 272 & 273, 4 - 6 p.m.
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PTO News

Do You Want To Partner With The IC?

Do you own your own business? We'd love to partner with you! We're inviting local business owners from our school community to collaborate with us by presenting real-world challenges for our students to solve. As part of this partnership, you'll have the opportunity to share about your business and task students with tackling a challenge you currently face. The goal is to engage our students in critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration while giving them a chance to apply their skills in real-world situations. Interested in getting involved? Reach out to Anne Scott at scott_a@shaker.org!

SHAKER SENIOR FAMILIES

Show your Shaker pride and celebrate your SHHS senior with a Class of 2025 yard sign: [order here](#) and we will deliver the sign! The yard sign fundraiser goes to support activities of the senior Class of 2025. Cost is \$25 each.



The Shaker Heights High School PTO Senior Celebrations Committee is dedicated to helping celebrate the Class of 2025. We organize and are fundraising \$18,000 to support several major activities: After Prom Event; Senior Clap Out; Black & White Photos. Learn more at www.shakerpto.org/seniors

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Join us on Monday, Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. in the SHHS upper cafeteria to learn more about the annual events for graduating seniors!

CLASS OF 2025 PARENT PARTY

Let's celebrate this exciting year together on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.! This house party will be a great opportunity to support the Class of 2025 while mingling with each other and enjoying finger foods, drinks & more! All senior guardians are invited but a \$25 Parent Party ticket is required. Money raised will fund beloved traditions like After Prom, Senior Clap Out, and Black & White Photos. Buy your Parent Party tickets today at bit.ly/ParentPartyFUNdraiser

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 tickets today at bit.ly/ParentPartyFUNdraiser. The official drawing will be on Saturday, Nov. 16. Need not be present to win. Proceeds benefit beloved traditions including After Prom Event, Senior Clap Out, and Black & White Photos.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Sign up to help at bit.ly/SeniorCelebrations2025

Want to submit your own PTO-related news? Email Elina Gertsman: exg152@case.edu

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](#)!