



September 21, 2025

Shaker Heights Middle School Calendar

September 16-19 - Sixth Grade Camp

September 23 - Schools and Offices Closed for Rosh Hashanah

September 24-26 - Sixth Grade Camp

September 29 - PTO meeting - 7:00

October 11 - Raider 5K and Fun Run!!!!

Link to [Online District Master Calendar](#)

A Message from Principal Forman

Dear Shaker Middle School Families,

It was a great week at SHMS! . Some highlights include:

- Our 1st two 6th grade teams went to Hiram House for our first SHMS 6th Grade Fall Camp! The last group will go next week. It is great to get to do this event early in students' Middle School experience as an opportunity for team building and community joy.

Our first PTO meeting will be held on September the 29th at 7:00. Our Social Emotional Learning Team here at the MS will be leading the conversation with families. We are hoping to have a big turn out! See you there!

Please see below for information about this October's first annual Raider 5K! This is an amazing opportunity for our community to come together and have some fun! We are looking for a great Middle School turnout! Registration is open!

In the spirit of Ubuntu,

Mr. Forman

Register Now for the Shaker Raider 5K & Fun Run!

Get ready to lace up your running shoes and join us for the **Shaker Raider 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run** — a fun-filled event for Students, Staff, Families, Alumni, and Community Members of all ages and fitness levels!

Whether you're racing to beat your personal best or enjoying a leisurely walk with friends and family, this event is a fantastic way to show your Shaker spirit and support our community. The PTO units from each of our eight school buildings have worked together, and alongside the Shaker Schools Foundation and School District to bring this event to reality. All money raised will go directly to the schools!

Shaker Raider 5k & 1 Mile Fun Run: Saturday, October 11

Location: Shaker Heights High School Football Stadium

Race begins at 9:30am (check-in starts at 7:30am)

Register by Sunday, September 21 to guarantee your preferred t-shirt size! If you are unable to participate, you can still support the cause by donating to the cause via the link as well.

[Register HERE!](#)

Bring your energy, enthusiasm, and Raider pride! Every step helps support a great cause, and we can't wait to see you out on the course.

Go Raiders!

School Counseling Corner

Minute meetings have begun for sixth grade students, with seventh and eighth grades to follow. Please ensure that your student has joined their counselor's Google Classroom, and has completed the Beginning of the Year Check-in Form. The counseling team will also be sending out weekly check-in forms that students can fill out each week, giving both us and them a chance to touch base. It's another easy routine that students can develop to pro-actively connect them with support.

Next week is Start With Hello Week here at the Middle School. This nationwide campaign seeks to target loneliness and social isolation through a beginning of the week presentation, welcoming activities, challenges throughout the week, and a Green Out on Wednesday. Please encourage your student to participate alongside thousands of schools nationwide. We would especially like to thank Kelly Taylor of Card My Yard for donating a fantastic display to help welcome students!

Finally, we want to highlight two events coming up soon. The first is September's PTO meeting on September 29th, where counselors will be presenting on topics chosen as important by our school community. If you'd like to help select these topics, please fill out this [PARENT NEEDS](#)

[ASSESSMENT](#). The second event is a “Fall In Love with CTE” event hosted by the Heights Consortium, our partners in Career Tech Education. This event on Saturday, October 18th is designed for students and their families to explore the exciting programs offered in our schools through the Consortium, as well as connect with local businesses. For more information, check out this [flyer from the Heights Consortium](#).

As always, we look forward to working with you towards your student’s success!

Your School Counseling Team

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S-Z: Kelly Bailey bailey_k@shaker.org

After-School Clubs Bus Information for future reference. After School Clubs will begin in October

<u>SHMS A Run:</u> Depart MS Loading Dock at 4:30 Drop off at Mercer - 13325 Wimbledon Rd - 4:35 Drop off at Fernway - 17420 Fernway Rd - 4:40 Drop off at Lomond - across from 3604 Palmerston Rd - 4:45	<u>SHMS B Run:</u> Depart Loading Dock at 4:30 Drop off at Woodbury Rose Garden- 3082 Woodbury- 4:35 Drop off at Boulevard - 14900 Drexmore Rd - 4:35 Drop off at Ludlow School - 14201 Southington Rd - 4:45 Drop off at Shaker Warehouse II - across from Chelton Park at Chelton & Hampstead - 4:55
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After-School Sports Bus Information: 5:30

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PTO

November Shaker Schools' Levy Q&A THIS Thursday, September 25

Attend a Q&A session about the November Shaker Schools' Levy with District Treasurer Donte Hayes THIS Thursday, September 25 from 7 - 8 p.m. in the SHMS Auditorium. Childcare will be available (for toilet-trained children).

Parents in The KnOw Meeting and Speaker Series on September 29

Join the SHMS PTO for a quick meeting and the **Parents in The KnOw** Speaker Series: "Tips to Help Your Student be Healthy and Successful this School Year" featuring a Q&A with SHMS guidance counselors. A flyer went home with students including a QR code for you to submit questions in advance. If you did not receive a flyer, but have a specific question, email Erin at erin.l.stockdale@gmail.com and she will get your question to the counseling staff. This event will take place on Monday, September 29 from 7 - 8 p.m. in the SHMS Library. Childcare will be available (for toilet-trained children).

Help Stock the Monthly Teacher & Staff Snack Cart

Let's show the SHMS teachers and staff that we appreciate all that they do! Help stock the monthly Teacher & Staff Snack Cart. Simply sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4DABAF2EA7FD0-58585657-teacher>, then bring the donation to the SHMS Front Office by the 15th of the month for which you signed up. Thank you for your support!

Purchase a Coffee for the SHMS Staff

You can now purchase a beverage (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, etc.) from the Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck for a SHMS staff member! Your purchase/donation will contribute to the Teacher Appreciation Coffee Fund and will be used when the Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck visits SHMS. Teachers will be able to select their preferred beverage. To donate/make a purchase, visit <https://customer.travelintomscoffee.com/#/user/customer-details>, then enter the event Code: T94X11711778 (Shaker Heights Middle School teacher appreciation). Or, scan the QR code.



Register to be a Volunteer

All volunteers for a school or PTO event, whether during the school day or after, are required to register with the district and complete a free background and fingerprint check. This includes those volunteering in the classroom, working 1:1 with students, helping at PTO-sponsored events, chaperoning a field trip and more.

The process is simple, fast and at no cost to you. To register or learn more about the process, please submit the [Volunteer Registration Google Form](#). The volunteer registration process includes completing a short Google Form, a background check and fingerprinting and must be repeated every three years. Call 216-295-6268 if you need to check the expiration date for your background check.

Save the Date for the October Parents in The Know Speaker Series

Save the date for the October SHMS PTO Parents in The Know Speaker Series with Emily Fagan-Zirm, [M.A.Ed](#) from the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. This event will take place the evening of Monday, October 27.

Save the Date for the October Restaurant Night at Shake Shack

Save the date! The next restaurant give back day/night will be on Monday, October 6 from 10:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. at Shake Shack (311 Park Avenue, Orange Village, OH 44122). Watch for more details in coming issues of the Middle School Memo and on the PTO Facebook page.

Stay Connected

Stay connected to the Shaker Heights Middle School community this year. Learn about PTO news, events, volunteer opportunities, and more through these resources:

- E-newsletter - Read the school district's e-newsletter (Shaker eNews) that is distributed weekly on Sundays for district, school-specific, PTO and community news
- PTO website: Visit the [Shaker Heights Middle School PTO webpage](#)
- PTO Directory: Add your contact information to the PTO Directory accessible via the Shaker Heights Middle School PTO website
- Facebook: Like and join the [Shaker Heights Middle School PTO Facebook page](#).

In addition, be sure to check out the [Shaker Heights Middle School webpage](#) and the [Shaker Heights Middle School Facebook page](#) for more information.