

The SPARK 
August 29, 2018

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Our school year is off to a very smooth start. I'm thankful for the support, positive attitudes, and general sense of unity I sense among you as parents, faculty, and students. Students seem to be doing a great job at prioritizing being on time, both in the morning and to classes throughout the day. I'm excited for the passion in some of our students to step up and provide both academic and spiritual leadership as well. Our golf and volleyball seasons are now underway as well! You will find updated schedules for both sports under the "Athletic Calendar" on our website. Each school year is a unique journey and I'm excited to see what the Lord has in store.

Here is some additional information you need to know:

Our long-standing Shekinah tradition, which also serves as our biggest event fundraiser of the year, is coming up next week – The Shekinah Festival & Auction! I know many of you already are actively preparing and some have been doing so for months! Thanks for your investment in making this event a success.

The Shekinah Festival & Auction is the most significant way for you to help reduce your family tuition bill. Last year we raised over \$100,000 in gross income and over \$60,000 in net profit. To raise these types of funds, we want a big crowd to attend, but it is most important that those who attend are willing to generously bid, buy and donate!

Remember after all Festival expenses and revenue have been finalized, each full-time family at Shekinah will receive a rebate on their tuition bill in November or December that is equal to 50% of what the school raised "per family". The other half of the Festival profit (after all expenses are paid) will go directly towards the school's budget to support operations and close the gap between what tuition & fees pay and the actual cost to operate the school. So, be sure to invite your neighbors, friends from church, and colleagues!

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S Con't

Now is a great time to connect and communicate with your child's teacher!

We encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions regarding his/her academic performance and behavior in the classroom even though we are only mid-way through the second week of school. Students achieve more when there is clear communication between home and school. One great resource that we ask you to check regularly is Quick Schools. Your child's grades and attendance are visible on Quick Schools. If you have trouble logging in or do not have an account set up, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Who are the "reserved" parking spaces in the back parking lot for? You may have noticed that our back parking lot was re-painted over the summer. During a school day, the spaces are reserved for for Miss Maust (our beloved first grade teacher), Mrs. Grissom (our fantastic administrative assistant!) and any other faculty member. During athletic events, these spaces may be used by officials, our athletic director, etc. During special events, these may be used as additional handicapped spaces. Please refrain from parking in these reserved spaces. These are not to be used for pick-up or drop-off.

A new afterschool opportunity for junior high and high school students is coming in late September....

One of our Shekinah parents has volunteered to offer a fun opportunity for students to engage in hands-on learning involving technology and computer coding. This opportunity is open to junior high and high school students. The after school Coding Club will launch on Thursday, September 20th from 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM. Be looking for more details soon!

Grandparents Day is coming on October 26th. While the event itself is nearly two months away, our PTO is already looking ahead to ensure this event is a success. Mark your calendar if you can help either the night before with set-up or the day of with food preparation and serving. This event is a fantastic way to honor and celebrate our grandparents!

FOR PARENTS

PSAT

Is your student in grade 9th -11th, interested in taking the PSAT. ? We need to know by next Wednesday, September 5th. Please note that we had said that if your student was planning to take College Credit Plus next year that this could be used in place of the ACT **and we were incorrect**. If you have already notified the office, disregard the notice.



SPORTS

Games

Please look for our current game schedule on our web site and head on out for the games. We would love for our teams to be surrounded by fans!

Help Needed!

We are in need of line judges and people to run the scoreboard. If you will be able to help at our home games please contact Jared Yoder.

HOT LUNCH FRIDAY

Hot lunches will begin the Friday after the festival.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 3 - No school - Labor Day
- 4 - Festival Work Evening At 5:30 p.m.
- 7 - ½ Day - Early Dismissal at 12:30
- 8 - Shekinah Festival
- 14 - September Bible Memory
- 14 - Professional Dev. Day
Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.
- 24-29 - OHSAA Post Season
Golf Tournament Begins
- 28 - School Picture Day

Student Activity Booster Club would like to thank our **GOLD** Level Sponsors for their support!

Country Closet Thrift Shop, Plain City Village Market, Plain City Animal Hospital
Buckeye State Pipe, Yutzy Farm Market
The Glassman, R&T Yoder Electric

Counselors' Corner

TESTING

The test date for the PSAT for grades 9-11 is October 10, 2018. Juniors are highly encouraged to take the PSAT to be in the running for scholarships. Students who take the PSAT as freshmen and sophomores will get valuable practice which will lessen the intimidation factor for students when they take it their junior year. We need to hear from you this week if you intend to take the test. Please see the enclosed form.

The ACT Aspire test will be given at Shekinah November 6-8, 2018 to 7th-10th grade students. The test takes two mornings and is a valuable resource to prepare students who plan to take the ACT in their junior and/or senior years. A student's composite ACT score can make the difference of thousands of dollars in college costs. Consider the \$30 spent to take the ACT Aspire as a wise investment. We need to know this week if your son or daughter will be taking the test. The form that was sent last week is enclosed again in case you misplaced it. Please fill out and return the form if you want to take the test this year.

Save These Dates:

- **September 18** - Christian College Fair at Grove City Christian 9:00-12:00. Juniors and seniors, more details coming soon.
- **September 27** -Madison County College Fair at Tolles from 9: 00-11:00. High school students, look for more information in next week's Spark.

ACT Boot Camp at MVNU

Did you know that one more point on your ACT score could make a difference of thousands of dollars in scholarships? The ACT Review has been helping students to drastically improve their ACT test scores since 2003.

MVNU will be hosting ACT Boot Camp on **October 13, 2018** from **8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The cost is only **\$100**. Call **614.834.8886** for questions and to register. **Seating is limited, so CALL TODAY!** Visit mvnu.edu/ACTbootcamp.

Web sites for ACT and SAT to register are:

(ACT) <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>

(SAT) https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/?s_kwcid=AL!4330!10!11475662055!118298184594&ef_id=WkFYHgAAASu2d-9W:20180803122331:s

Festival News



From the Main Committee

We will be having a **work night** on **Tuesday night, September 4 @ 5:30pm**. We are requesting that all the fathers of attending school students and all high school guys be present to help set things up. Dinner will be served.

Please see enclosed letter for notes and information regarding changes to some of the committee's.



From the Baked Goods Committee: Yummy Baked Goods Needed!

Hello Shekinah Family! The Shekinah Festival is quickly approaching and the Baked Goods Committee once again needs your help! This year we are in need of CINNAMON ROLLS (as always) with icing. In addition, we had many requests last year for baked items that are GLUTEN FREE. We have so many wonderful bakers in our Shekinah family. We hope you can help! With a touch of love and sprinkle of sweet, could you bake some of your favorites?

If you need supplies to package items, there is a bin in Shekinah foyer. Help yourself! Please drop off your baked goods to the cafeteria the evening before or early morning of festival. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Hudnutt at 614-207-4946.

In-Home Dinners

Enclosed you will find a form where you can sign up to provide an In-Home Dinner to be auctioned at the Festival. If you are interested in helping out please see flyer for details.



Auction Committee

The Auction Committee is looking for donations for the festival, either for the silent auction or live auction on Saturday. Please contact the office if you have an item to donate.

Festival Posters and Brochures

Some of you may have found a Festival poster in your envelope last week. Please hang these somewhere in your area for all to see! Also, we have extra posters and flyers in the office! Spread the word!



Cookies!

We are looking for volunteers to make cookies! If you are interested in helping, please check the office for recipes!

Salsa and Cider Stand

We would be happy to accept any of your fruit and vegetable donations, and we could also use farm fresh eggs! Donations can be dropped off Friday evening or Saturday morning at the Salsa and Cider stand.

Please be in prayer for the festival, for good a turn out, for safety and for good weather!!



Pick up a yard sign today to promote the festival in your neighborhood! Take 3! Signs can be found in the foyer of the school!

