

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Tomorrow We Celebrate Student Achievement at our Annual Awards Ceremony! On Friday, our awards ceremony schedule will be different than it has been in recent years. We will have light breakfast items available prior to the awards ceremony from 8:25 AM – 8:50 AM. Then, at 8:50 AM students will return to their classrooms for attendance and organizational purposes. We will aim to start the awards ceremony at 9:00 AM. Following the whole school portion of the awards ceremony, students will again be released back to their classroom to pick-up their report cards. Some elementary teachers have particular awards for their class. You as a parent are welcome to join the class for this award time. Our goal is to be done and ready to dismiss by 11:00 AM.

Note, there is *no lunch being served* this year and *no other activities planned after the individual classroom portion of the awards ceremony*. This is a change from the past.

Our Standardized Testing (Terra Nova 3) Results Have Arrived!

I'm thrilled to let you know that we don't have to wait several months for results of our annual achievement testing this year! We will have log-in information available for you as a parent at tomorrow's awards ceremony. We can also e-mail the log-in information next week after the hectic pace of end-of-year activities has passed.

Want to Reach the School Office During the Summer?

Teachers will have a work day on Tuesday, May 29th. After that, the phone system will be changed to indicate our summer office hours. Office hours will be limited, but voicemail and e-mail will be checked periodically most weeks in the summer.

The school office will be closed the last full week in June (25-29th) and the last full week in July (23 – 27th).

Do You Hope to Use the School Facility This Summer (Barn, Gym, etc.)?

Our facility is available for rent to churches, families, and other community groups. Some dates are already booked. A rental agreement is available in the office.

As most of you know, one benefit of enrollment is that student-athletes are allowed to use the weight room and gymnasium for training purposes without charge. However, there will be periods of time when our facility (and parking lot) are closed due to summer projects. We will post times when the facility will be closed on the calendar at: www.shekinahchristian.org Even if you do not see renovation progress, please refrain from using any area marked as closed.

This summer pay special attention to cleaning up and reporting any problems when using the facility because our janitorial team works a reduced schedule to save the school money.

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Our 2018-2019 School Year Calendar Has Been Posted on our Website Calendar! Paper copies will be available for distribution at our Awards Ceremony tomorrow as well. The first day of school next year will be Monday, August 20th. SCS Family Orientation will be Thursday, August 16th.

The New Tuition Assistance Process Has Launched

I mentioned in a previous edition of *The Spark* that we were transitioning our tuition assistance process to a company called FACTS. You may find more details and a link to begin the application process online.

Browse to *Admissions Menu* → *Admissions Requirements* → *Tuition Assistance*

There is also a link to frequently asked questions from FACTS at the bottom of the page.

We could use your help over the summer to accomplish a variety of projects ranging from painting, construction, cleaning, etc. Let me know if you have interest in volunteering.

End-of-Year Trip Feedback & Improvements

This year's Bible Memory field trip options were different. I would love to hear your feedback as a parent regarding the Bible Memory field trip. Do you have suggestions for future possibilities for an end-of-year reward? Feel free to e-mail me your thoughts: bkauuffman@shekinahchristian.org

Class Registration for Junior High & High School Students

Mrs. Shetler has completed meeting with all of our junior high and high school students to schedule classes for next school year. The next step is for her and I to build the actual class schedule. This task took over 80 hours last year before we were finally able to come up with a schedule that worked with the factors related to facility space, available personal, and student academic needs.

FOR PARENTS

Awards Ceremony

For anyone who is new, we have an awards ceremony on the last day of school, May 25th. This awards ceremony will start approximately 8:45. In the years past, we have had an all school picnic following the ceremony, however, this year, we will NOT be having the annual school picnic on the last day of school. Our goal this year has been to shorten the awards ceremony and get the students out the door!

The school will be providing donuts, muffins, fruit and drinks from 8:15 to 8:45. You are welcome to bring a breakfast treat to share but are not required to.



VALUE CARDS!

The new value cards are here! The 2017/2018 card expires this month, so get your new card to continue getting discounts at local businesses all year long. The new card expires May 31, 2019. Cards can be purchased from high school students or in the school office for \$10. Fifteen area businesses offer valuable discounts which are good for one full year. New on the card this year is "Los Mariachi's" in London! Attached to this email you will find sample of the card.

If you have value cards still, please be sure to turn those in to Mrs. Shetler on Friday! There are students who have already earned a free yearbook!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May

- 24 - No School—Teacher Work Day
- 25 - End of Quarter (48 Days)
- 25 - Last Day, Early dismissal at 11:00 -
Class of 2018 Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

SENIOR NOTE

We need three items from you:

1. **A Picture for the wall in the hall.** This needs to be a head and shoulder shot - no exceptions. This needs to be an actual picture and not a digital. If we do not receive one, we will use the Lifetouch picture.
- 2 **A picture for the yearbook.** This can be a more informal shot, and it needs to be a digital picture.



Please bring all of these to the office for Mrs. Grissom. It would be nice to have these hall pictures up by the end of the year.

Senior Appreciation

Senior Parents: If you would like to recognize your senior in the yearbook, please fill out the "Senior Appreciation" ad form attached to this email. If you have any questions please contact Linda Shetler.

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

FESTIVAL AUCTION



We are now accepting donations for the SCS Festival Auction. We would love for students and alumni to consider making items for the auction! Items like this always bring interest. If you have an idea and want to run it by someone, please see Mrs. Grissom in the office. We love unique items!

SCS Flames Golf Team



Attention students (male and female) entering grades 9-12 in August 2018 - If you love to golf and would like an opportunity to play on Shekinah's team, please contact Coach Brian Hershberger at 740-506-4682 or at jbrianhershberger@gmail.com.

Counselors' Corner

Course Offerings for 2018-2019:

All 6th-11th students have met with a counselor to fill out forms for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have not returned the form with a parent's signature please do so on Friday. If you have questions write them on the worksheet or call the school. Thank you to those of you who have returned your signed Phys. Ed. waiver forms if your student is playing a sport instead of taking Phys. Ed. Return those also on Friday if you haven't already.

Parents of College Credit Plus Students:

By now you should have your award letter from your SAFE account. You need to submit that to the college of your choice when you register for classes. Don't forget to register for classes. Colleges have deadlines for registration. OCU's deadline for fall classes is August 10 if you don't want to pay for your textbooks. When you register, please fill out the form **Request for Course Credit Granted by Non-SCS Educational Providers** and return it to Mrs. Shetler.

Taking Courses over the summer?

When you register, please fill out the form **Request for Course Credit Granted by Non-SCS Educational Providers** and return it to Mrs. Shetler. This form was given to students who indicated that they were planning to take a class this summer.