

10 Things *every* SHALER AREA PARENT should know

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Students are #1

SASD has many resources available to address student issues, safety, and well-being.

- **School Resource Officer** – Shaler Township Police Officer Frank Spiker is present in the schools every day during the school year: spikerf@sasd.k12.pa.us.
- **School Nurses** – Each building is assigned a nurse to address health-related concerns.
- **Social Workers** – SASD has 4 licensed social workers to address students' social needs.

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SASD has 1:1 technology

SASD offers a 1:1 iPad Initiative: Project ACE (Advancing Classroom Education)

- 1:1 iPad to student ratio in grades 7-12
- 2:1 iPad to student ratio in grades K-6

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ABC Transit Inc. operates daily bus runs

District transportation is provided by ABC Transit Inc.

- Questions about bus stops: Contact the district transportation department at 412-492-1200 ext. 2824 or businfo@sasd.k12.pa.us.
- Student-related busing issues: Contact the building principal.
- All other transportation issues: Contact the ABC Transit dispatcher at 412-821-3000.

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Be involved

You can get involved! All schedules are on the SASD website.

- **PTO** – Each building's Parent Teacher Organization meets regularly with the building principal.
- **DPC** – The District Parent Council meets once per month with district administrators and is open to any parent.
- **School Board** – The board meets each month to discuss and vote on district business.

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School counselors are great resources

SASD counselors are liaisons to the teachers and great resources! Each student in the district is assigned a school counselor. Contact your child's counselor for questions about: career planning, course selection & scheduling, and personal/social development.

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Information is accessible

Important information is at your fingertips! All important information is posted on the SASD website, Twitter @ShalerArea, and the superintendent's blog at shalerarea.edublogs.org.

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Don't wait to access grades

You don't have to wait for a report card to access your student's grades. Parents of students in grades 4-12 can check their child's grades anytime on Edline.

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Where to go with questions

Where should you go if you have a question?

- Contact school personnel (i.e. teacher, guidance counselor, principal) with school-level issues (i.e. grade questions, bullying, classroom concerns).
- Contact the coach then Athletic Director Clint Rauscher with team or athletic-related issues.
- Contact the building principal or building activities director for questions related to student and extracurricular activities.

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Be prepared

Be prepared for inclement weather!

- Emergency announcements for inclement weather are posted on the SASD website, local news outlets, Twitter, and phone system.
- Have a plan for an emergency early dismissal.

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The Nutrition Group Inc. provides lunch & more

District food service is provided by The Nutrition Group Inc.

- A new application for the free/reduced lunch program must be filled out each school year.
- Any food service questions can be directed to Jenny Pearson 412-492-1200 ext. 1582, pearsonj@sasd.k12.pa.us or Francine Schmid 412-492-1200 ext. 1581, schmidf@sasd.k12.pa.us.