

Shaler Area School District

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Dear Shaler Area families,

It's hard to believe that we are less than two weeks away from the start of the 2020-2021 school year. While our teachers continue to prepare their virtual classrooms, we are focused on supplying our students with the materials they need for a successful start to the school year.

As a reminder, each building has scheduled a series of Back-to-School/Device Distribution events for students to come to the school to receive their textbooks, school supplies, and technology devices and meet their teachers in person. These events are as follows:

Primary Schools:

- Thursday, Sept. 3, 1 to 3:30 p.m. and 5 to 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Elementary School — Grade 4

- Wednesday, Sept 2, 5:30 to 9 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 3, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Elementary School — Grade 5 and 6

- Thursday, Sept. 3, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 4, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Middle School — Grade 7

- Wednesday, Sept. 2, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 3, 8 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

Middle School — Grade 8

- Thursday, Sept. 3, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 4, 8 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

High School:

- Wednesday, Sept. 2, 5 to 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 3, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In order to comply with social distancing requirements and building capacity limits, advanced registration for a pre-selected time is required. You should have received an email from your building principal this week with the link to register for a time. Please note that only one parent/guardian can accompany a student, face coverings must be worn while on school property, and social distancing must be followed. If you did not receive an email with the event registration link or if you have any questions about these events, please contact your building principal.

Please note that if you have traveled to any of the [16 states identified by the state Department of Health](#) where there are high COVID-19 case counts, the Department of Health recommends that you quarantine for 14 days upon your return. If you are unable to attend the scheduled Back-to-School/Device Distribution events because of self-quarantine, please contact your building principal to make alternative arrangements to pick up materials.

Each principal will share a building specific Town Hall presentation on Monday, August 31, to provide additional details regarding instruction and expectations for the 2020-2021 school year as well as an example of what a typical school day will look like for your student. Please look for an email with more information from your building principal next week.

Finally, we know that childcare continues to be a concern for many working families. The district has been working with childcare providers throughout the district to help facilitate options for our families while we are in the virtual and hybrid instruction models. We have added a list of childcare options to our Back-to-School webpage as a resource: <https://www.sasd.k12.pa.us/BacktoSchool2020.aspx>. We will update this list as more information becomes available.

Thank you all for your continued patience and support as we work together to prepare for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

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