

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE OPENING OF SCHOOLS**

**FEES:** The student fee is \$35. It is due by Friday, August 26. It can be paid online through [www.PayForIt.net](http://www.PayForIt.net) or by check.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Teachers will purchase the school supplies that the students need. Students will not need to bring anything other than gym shoes to be kept at school and a paint smock (an old tee shirt is fine).

**MEALS:** The menu for 2016-17 menu is enclosed. The school calendar is also listed for easy reference to the week's menu. Lunch for elementary students is \$3.00, extra milk is \$.50, and breakfast is \$1.75. The menu is also posted under the Parent Resource section of [www.shaker.org](http://www.shaker.org).

**FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH:** An application for free/reduced lunch is enclosed in this mailing. If you believe your student qualifies, **please complete and return the application by September 9th**. Even if your student was eligible last year, the law requires you to submit an application every school year to avoid discontinuation. You may use one application for all the students in your family.

**ONLINE PAYMENT FOR FEES AND MEALS:** We encourage you to use our convenient and secure online service to pay for school meals, student fees, and seasonal items. For more information, visit [www.shaker.org](http://www.shaker.org) and select PayForIt in the Parent Resource section.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Bus transportation is provided to students who live a mile or more from school. If your student is eligible, the Transportation Department will mail you the schedule. Routes have been redrawn for greater efficiency, so your pickup time and location may be different from last year. Please read the notification carefully.

### ***Get Involved, Stay Informed***

Consult the PTO calendar (mailed to all families in August) or visit the online calendar at [shaker.org](http://shaker.org) for important events, including the fall Open House/Curriculum Night at your child's school. This is an important opportunity to establish your partnership with teachers, the principal, and other staff members. You'll learn about the curriculum, the school's expectations, and ways to help your child succeed in school.

Make sure the school has your current home, work and cell phone numbers, as well as your e-mail address associated with your student's record. Provide your current information at your child's school or through the Registration Office at 216-295-4321.

Sign up for emergency text alerts by texting JOIN to 56360 from any mobile phone registered with your student's record. Message and data rates may apply. Newly registered families for the 2016-17 school year must wait until August 15 to enroll.

Sign up for your school's weekly PTO E-newsletter at [bit.ly/shakerptonews](http://bit.ly/shakerptonews). Newsletters arrive by email each Friday and contain important news from your child's school as well as districtwide information. Be sure to indicate each child's school and year of graduation when signing up. Once you have signed up, you do not need to sign up again each year.

Review information on the Shaker Heights Schools transition to Google Apps for Education at [shaker.org/shakerapps.aspx](http://shaker.org/shakerapps.aspx). Parents/guardians of children in grades K-8 must opt-in to receive a Google account through the permissions form at [bit.ly/ShakerGoogle](http://bit.ly/ShakerGoogle).

Volunteer for a PTO activity.

Check your student's backpack frequently for communications from school.

Visit our website on your computer or mobile device. Shaker.org offers a wealth of information, from curriculum to library resources to financial data, as well as access to lunch menus, online account payment and more.