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The Weekly Update

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Message from the PTO Council Presidents

The PTO Council encourages you to join the Master Plan Community Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29 from 6-7:30 pm at the SMS auditorium. The District will focus the discussion on a proposal to finance several necessary preventive maintenance projects, technology and security enhancements, and to replace the current Shaker Middle School building. Learn more about the details of the meeting below in News For All Families.

If you want to catch up on the details of the Master Plan, we encourage you to review the documents posted on the [District's Master Planning page](#). The page is filled with lots of background information, including YouTube videos of early planning sessions, funding opportunities, meeting minutes, and official announcements from the District.

[Heather Weingart](#) and [Mark Levin](#)

News For All Families

Last Day To Sign Up Your Child To Be A Cheerleader For Red

Raider Day!

There is a little cheerleader in all of us and we would love to see your little cheerleaders come out and cheer for Red Raider Day on September 17! Shaker Heights cheerleaders will teach the little ones cheers at individual school clinics so they can come out and show their Shaker spirit! A \$30 fee includes a snack and t-shirt for Red Raider Day.

The clinics are open to students in K-6. Lomond, Onaway and Woodbury clinics will be held from 3:30-6:30 pm, Sept. 12. Fernway, Mercer and Boulevard clinics will be held from 3:30-6:30 pm, Sept. 14.

Registration ends today so don't delay! Print your [registration forms](#), and drop off the form and payment to Vikki Long at the High School by **4:30 p.m. today, Friday, September 9.**

Tennis Courts Dedication Tomorrow Morning

Join District, City and community leaders at **9 am, Saturday, Sept. 10** for a ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new tennis courts, located just behind Onaway School. A tennis play day will follow, from 9:30-11:30 am. Both events are open to the general public. Special recognition will be given to the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Facilities Grant Program, which awarded the District a \$20,000 grant to support construction of the tennis courts. The USTA provides these grants to promote the game of tennis by improving courts across the country and developing the growth of tennis from local communities to professional games. One of USTA's core values is to encourage diversity and inclusion, making tennis available to everyone.

Effective Home/School Communication

If you have a child with an IEP or 504 Plan, or if you are just interested in learning more about these services, please come to the Shaker Middle School Library at **7 pm, Thursday, Sept. 15** for the Special Education Parent Group's first meeting of the 2016-17 school year.

Join a discussion about what contributes to positive, open communication and what hinders productive communication from the perspective of parents and school personnel. There will be ample time for questions and sharing. Registration is requested to ensure we have comfortable seating and sufficient materials for all participants. To register, contact [India Isaac Curtis](#), chair of the PTO Special Education Parent Group, or [Holly Palda](#), Parent Mentor, 295-4372.

Red Raider Day is Saturday, Sept. 17

All Shaker families are invited to attend the varsity football game at the High School for Raider Day at 1 pm. Come with family and friends and enjoy the football game with the

world-traveled, award-winning 350+ member Shaker Heights Marching Band, Middle School Band and Raiderettes! Prepaid tickets are available: \$2/adult and \$1/Shaker student. **Pre-Sale ticket deadline is Thursday, September 15.** New families may see the game at no cost: simply return your ticket order form indicating your “new” status. Show your Shaker Pride and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with your family and friends. Go Red Raiders!!

Raider Rainbow Run is Sept. 23

We hope to see all Shaker Elementary and Woodbury students join SMS students for a 2-mile fun run after school on Friday, Sept. 23! Students and SMS faculty/staff will spray participants with color as they run/walk past. A post-race party with food trucks, DJ and more will follow. It is a great afternoon of Shaker community spirit! [Register online](#) today. Cost is \$25. Contact [Meredith Camp](#) or [Tiffany Goldstein](#) with questions.

Informational Sessions on Google Accounts

The District and the PTO will jointly present three free informational sessions to families to learn more about using Google accounts. Each session will feature a parent presenter to provide a general overview of Google and a District Representative to explain the student experience.

Please [register online](#) for the session you plan to attend:

Monday, September 26 | 7-9 pm, Shaker Heights High School

Wednesday, October 5 | 10 am-noon, Innovative Center at STJ Community Building, 3450 Lee Rd.

Saturday, October 8 | 8-10 am, Boulevard Elementary School

Mark Your Calendars for a Master Plan Community Meeting on Sept. 29

The first Master Plan Community Meeting of the new school year will be held Thursday, September 29, 2016, from 6-7:30 pm at the Middle School Auditorium. The replacement of the Middle School and capital improvement projects at the other seven schools will be discussed. The district is participating in the OFCC Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (CFAP) for co-funding assistance in facility construction. Should you have any questions or concerns, email [April Abbott](#), Senior Administrative Assistant, or call the Business Office at 216-295-1400.

Basketball Fall Skills Sessions

Boys and girls in grades 3-8 can register for basketball skills sessions from 9 am-noon Saturday, October 15 & 22 at the Shaker Heights High School gym. Cost is \$70 for both sessions. Print the [registration form](#). Questions? Contact Woodbury Principal [Danny](#)

Google Account Permissions

Google Apps for Education opens enhanced opportunities for students to collaborate and access learning. During the 2016-17 school year, Shaker Heights Schools will begin the process of providing student Google accounts.

All high school students will be provided with a Google account unless the District is notified that a parent/guardian [opts out](#). K-8 students must have a completed [permission form](#) before receiving a Google account. Learn more about [Shaker Apps](#) and complete a [permission form](#) online for your child.

Fingerprinting for School Volunteers

As school begins, the District has provided us with the following information:

Selection of volunteers. Building Principals and staff will identify and select parents/guardians of students in their buildings who have shown a desire to work as volunteers in their buildings. Building Principals, based on their experience with these volunteer parents/guardians, will identify supervised volunteers and unsupervised volunteers.

Supervised volunteers are always in the presence of a staff member inside the school/grounds and outside of the school environment (e.g. field trips). Unsupervised volunteers are able to engage with students with or without the presence of a staff member.

Three-year fingerprint requirement. Per the Volunteers for Children's Act (1998), unsupervised volunteers must be fingerprinted. It is district practice to fingerprint unsupervised volunteers every three (3) years. Supervised volunteers do not require fingerprints because they are under the direct observation of the school staff.

Hours for fingerprint services. Principals should email Sarah Fish, Human Resources, that the principal has approved unsupervised volunteers. Once approved by the principal, the unsupervised volunteers should call Human Resources at 216.295.6036 to schedule an appointment for fingerprints. The fingerprint appointment times are as follows: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:15-10:15 am and 3-4 pm.

There is no charge for this service for the 2016-17 school year.

Submissions

Each week, the PTO Council publishes The Weekly Update, highlighting school and district events for our families. [Submit](#) proofread, unformatted items by noon on

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