2nd Quarter Newsletter

Shawnee Middle School, Lima OH November 4, 2026

From the Principal's Desk
By Heather Patterson
Shawnee Middle School

As we begin the second quarter, I want to take a moment to celebrate all the hard work and growth our students have shown so far this year. The start of a new quarter is a great time to set fresh goals, stay organized, and keep building positive habits both in and out of the classroom. I encourage everyone to continue taking **Ownership** and taking **Initiative.** Let's make this quarter one filled with learning, creativity, and success for all!

Here's to a successful 2nd quarter!

SMS Attendance Phone Number: 419-998-8058
The attendance office has voice mail available 24 hours a day for your convenience. Failure to call regarding absences for any reason will result in your student being counted unexcused for the day.

Vacation Forms

Please be aware that a vacation form must be completed beforehand for any student going on vacation or going out of town one or more days. All such absences will be unexcused without a completed vacation form on file. You can obtain a form from Mrs. Wheeler in the guidance office or you can access it from the school website www.limashawnee.com by typing "Vacation Form" in the search bar. You may also access by logging into Final Forms and following this sequence: "Update Forms", "Situational Forms", "Request Absence Form".



Scheduling SMS Parent Teacher Conferences

While scheduling a conference is optional, we highly encourage you to look at Progressbook and see how your child is progressing. If they are at a C or below, please schedule a conference with that subject's teacher. Conferences will be Monday November 2nd & Wednesday November 4th in the evenings.

Please use the links provided on the conference page to sign up.

Conference page:
https://www.limashawnee.com/o/shawnee-middle/page/conferences

Stay Informed- Download the Shawnee App Today!



- Find relevant staff and department CONTACTS under an easy-to-navigate directory.The EVENT section shows a list of events throughout the district. Users can add an event to your calendar to share the event with friends and family with one tap.
- Be sure to **select your student's school or organization *within* the app** and **elect to receive alerts** to make sure you never miss a NOTIFICATION.
- The LIVE FEED is where you'll find updates from the administration about what's going on in the district and/or school right now.
- It can be downloaded by **anyone** who needs to stay in the loop.

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Spring State Testing

All testing should take place in the mornings, periods 1-3. This schedule is subject to change based on accommodating the needs of all students testing at once. Please avoid scheduling appointments during the morning of these dates if possible. A good night's rest and a good breakfast always help. We appreciate your assistance in setting your student up for success.

Shawnee Middle School
Ohio State Tests
Spring 2027

Monday, April 12, 2027	5th & 6th ELA Pt. 1
Tuesday, April 13, 2027	5th & 6th ELA Pt. 2
Wednesday, April 14, 2027	7th & 8th ELA Pt. 1
Thursday, April 15, 2027	7th & 8th ELA Pt. 2
Wednesday, April 21, 2027	5th & 8th Science Pts. 1 & 2
Monday, April 26, 2027	5th & 6th Math Pt. 1
Tuesday, April 27, 2027	5th & 6th Math Pt. 2
Wednesday, April 28, 2027	7th & 8th Math/Algebra Pt. 1
Thursday, April 29, 2027	7th & 8th Math/Algebra Pt. 2

SMS 2026-2027 Yearbook on Sale Now!

Middle School yearbooks are now on sale! Pre-order your yearbook for the discounted early bird special price of $30 now through December 18th. Beginning December 19th they will be $35. Yearbooks can be ordered at school using the order form given to each student or online at www.yearbookforever.com.
Be sure to choose Shawnee Middle School when ordering online. Don't wait, secure your child's yearbook today! Need an extra form? Your student can pick one up from the literature tray near the middle school office.



High School Scheduling

We will start discussing 9th grade scheduling with the 8th grade students in mid-January. Further information about this process will be sent home at that time.

SMS Daily Announcements

Use the Middle School Website or app to **view our daily announcements**, "Indian Information":
limashawnee.com - Schools - Shawnee Middle School - Under "Live Feed"

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From the Nurse:

Please keep your student home if they are ill. This includes if they are experiencing any of the following COVID-like symptoms: Cough, headache, sore throat, temperature of 100 degrees or higher, chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, body aches, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

Finally, encourage each other as a family to get at least 60 minutes of outdoor time daily. Eat well and hydrate with plenty of water. Take time for one another and be present. Encourage your student(s) to get plenty of rest every night so they can be the best version of themselves!

Stay well ~ Nurse Sosby, R.N.

After School Homework Help

Don't forget *free* homework help is offered after school here at the middle school.
5th/6th Tuesdays & Thursdays: Mrs. Bowker B-12
7th/8th Tuesdays & Thursdays: Ms. McKinney B-11
*Please pick your student up by 3:30 p.m.

ProgressBook

ProgressBook is a wonderful tool to stay informed with your student's school work. Check grades and attendance whenever you like. Please maintain your ProgressBook login information from year to year. If you need to update your information please enter it in Final Forms and contact the office at 419-998-8057.

Notes from Food Service

The 2026-27 meal application is still available. Completing this will cover the student for the entire 2025-26 school year and no other steps will be necessary, unless there is an income change during the school year.
The application can be found online at https://payschoolscentral.com/ or by visiting www.limashawnee.com and clicking on the "Payonline" tab. This will direct you to the Payschools Central link. Once you access PaySchools, create an account and complete the Free & Reduced Application from a computer or a smartphone.

The 2026-27 breakfast and lunch prices are as follows:

Elmwood & Maplewood Lunch	$3.00
Middle School Lunch	$3.25
High School Lunch	$3.50
Breakfast	$2.00

(or items can be purchased ala carte)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.
Tracy Hibbard, Food Service Supervisor
419-998-8036
hibbardt@limashawnee.com

Please Remember Important Cafeteria Rules

-Food from McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Subway, etc. **CANNOT** be ordered in or delivered to students.
-Glass containers are prohibited.
-Carbonated/caffeinated beverages are not permitted in school.

Charge Policy for Unpaid Meals

-Students in elementary and middle school may charge up to $10.00. There is no charging at the high school.
-Weekly unpaid balance letters will be sent home to parents of elementary students.
-When the limit is reached, a student may get a courtesy meal. A high school student may ask for the courtesy meal if they have no money.
-Food service staff will work diligently to enroll all eligible students in the free/reduced meal program.

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Middle School Parent Teacher Council - Join Us!

Shawnee Middle School Parent Teacher Council (PTC) meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1pm at the middle school in the IMC. All parents/guardians are cordially invited to join the Parent Teacher Council. Please adults only at the meeting - extra visitors such as younger children are not able to attend at this time.



A Glance Ahead

Monday, *Oct 19th* - *Thursday Oct 22th:* SMS Book Fair
Tuesday, *Oct 20th* - Book Fair Family Night 3pm-6pm
Friday, *Oct 30th:* End of 1st Quarter
Friday, *Oct 23th:* Picture Retake Day
Thursday, *Nov 12th:* SkyZone Fundraiser Reward Trip
Friday, *Oct 30th:* *NO SCHOOL for students - Teacher In-service
Monday, *Oct 26th* - **Wednesday, *Oct 28th:*** 6th Grade Camp Crosley Trip
Wednesday, *Nov 25th* - **Friday, *Nov 27th***
*NO SCHOOL – Happy Thanksgiving!!
Wednesday, *Dec 16th:* 7th & 8th Grade Winter Formal Dance 7-8:30pm
Friday, December 11th: 5th & 6th Grade Wellness Day
Thursday, *Dec 17th:* 7th/8th Grade STEAM Day
Friday, *Dec 18th*: Early Dismissal 12:53pm
Monday, *Dec 21st* - **Friday, *January 1st:***
*NO SCHOOL – Winter Recess
Monday, *Jan 4th*: School Resumes
Friday, *Jan 15th*: End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
Monday, *Jan 18th*: *NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday, *Jan 19th:* *NO SCHOOL for students - Teacher In-Service
Thursday, *January 21st* - 8th Grade Apollo Visit
Monday, *Feb 15th*: *NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
Friday, *Mar 19th:* End of 3rd Quarter
Friday, *Mar 26th* - **Monday, *Mar 29th:***
*NO SCHOOL – Spring Recess
Tuesday, *Mar 30th*: School Resumes
Thursday, *May 20th*: 6th-8th Grade Career Fair
Monday, *May 28th:* Last Day of School for Students

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