Summer Issue 2026

Southeastern Schools

Summer Newsletter | Welcoming the 2026-2027 School Year

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Welcome to Our Summer Newsletter!

A Message to Our Southeastern School Community

We are excited to share our Summer Newsletter as we look forward to an outstanding 2026-2027 school year! This edition is packed with important updates, messages from our school leaders, and key dates to help your family prepare for a wonderful year ahead.

We have some exciting updates to share, including a new and improved enrollment process at Southeastern Schools. Please visit our district website to learn about the updated enrollment procedures. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call our office — we are happy to help!

Staying connected is a priority for us. This year, we will continue to communicate with families through Thrillshare, ClassDojo, our district website, quarterly newsletters, and Final Forms. We encourage all families to stay engaged through these platforms so you never miss important news or updates.

Inside this newsletter, you will find messages from our Superintendent, High School Principal, Middle School Principal, Elementary Principal, and Athletic Director, as well as a look at next year's school calendar. We look forward to a fantastic year together — Go Southeastern!

Superintendent's Message

Southeastern School District | Summer 2026

Southeastern Community,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer, spending time outside, and making memories together. Southeastern had a fantastic 2025–2026 school year, with outstanding state test scores that rank us among the top-performing surrounding schools, along with incredible accomplishments outside the classroom through our performing arts department, FFA teams, and athletic programs.

Our team has been working hard this summer to prepare for a great 2026–2027 school year! You are supported by an outstanding group of teachers, support staff, and administrators who are working behind the scenes to make next school year better than ever. Please take time to enjoy the sunshine, recharge, and get ready for another great year.

We look forward to seeing you at our Open House on August 18 from 4:00–7:00 PM!

Yours in Education,
Nate Smith
Superintendent



"We are looking forward to a wonderful 2026-2027 school year and are grateful for the continued support of our incredible Southeastern community."



High School Principal Message

Southeastern High School, Summer 2026



Dear SE Families, Students, and Community Members,

Welcome to the summer edition of our school newsletter! I hope you are taking the time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the warmer days with family and friends. Summer is a valuable time for our students to step away from the daily academic grind, pursue personal passions, and reflect on their growth over the past year. While our hallways are quiet right now, our administrative team and custodial staff are working hard to prepare our campus for another exceptional school year. We are busy finalizing schedules, updating technology, and sprucing up the facilities to ensure a safe, welcoming environment for everyone. To our incoming freshmen and new transfer students: we are incredibly excited to welcome you into our school community. To our rising seniors: make this final summer count, and come back ready to lead with pride and purpose. As we look forward to the fall, our core mission remains unchanged: fostering an environment of academic excellence, inclusivity, and deep community partnership. We encourage our students to keep their minds active this summer—whether that means reading for pleasure, volunteering, or exploring a new skill. My door is always open, please reach out if there is anything I can assist you with! I am excited for the new school year to begin! Enjoy the rest of your break, stay safe, and we will see you very soon!

Warmest regards,

Evan Gallaugher Southeastern High School Principal evan.gallaugher@sepanthers.org (740)774-2003 Ext. 1162

"Every student at Southeastern has the potential to achieve great things. We are here to support, guide, and celebrate each one of you."



Middle School Principal Message

Southeastern School District
2026-2027 School Year





Southeastern Middle School continues to excel after the 2025-2026 school year. It is always rewarding to see our Middle School students mature and make strides that will prepare them for their High School career.

I look forward to working and becoming reacquainted with all students in grades 6-8, as well as meeting all incoming fifth grade students. Middle school teachers are excited to provide broader learning opportunities for our 7th and 8th grade students with new courses offered within the school day. I am very excited to see the leadership that our eighth grade students will provide within our building.

I am very thankful for the experienced and dedicated staff in the Middle School as well as the parents with high expectations for their students. Together we can carry on the tradition of excellence from elementary through graduation. If at any time you have questions or concerns please feel free to call.

Zack Pfeifer—Middle School Principal

"Middle school is where students discover who they are. Our goal is to guide, support, and inspire every learner to reach their fullest potential."











I hope everyone is having a safe, fun, and relaxing summer. While the hallways are quiet, our team has been working hard preparing the building, ordering supplies, and planning for the upcoming academic year.

Ross County Community Action is providing free lunch, Monday - Friday, from 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. They are set up in the front parking lot each day. This takes place from June 8 - July 31st. Child must be present to receive the lunch.

We will hold an additional kindergarten registration on July 29 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please complete the enrollment on our school website, and we will contact you to set up a time to have your child screened for kindergarten.

Supply lists for every grade level for the 2026 - 2027 school year are available on our school website.

I look forward to another successful school year, and welcoming back our wonderful SE elementary students. I am very fortunate to have a dedicated staff that is supported by our parents and SE community.
Nicole Wills- Elementary Principal

"Every child who walks through our doors brings unique gifts. Our mission is to help them discover and share those gifts with the world."



Athletic Director Message

By Athletic Director, Southeastern Schools



Important upcoming dates:

Cheerleaders selling ads for the Fall/Winter Sports Programs. Deadline is July 24th. Anyone wanting to purchase an ad can contact any HS cheerleader or Karen Graves.

08/01: Official start to all Fall Sports. Final forms MUST be signed by PARENT and STUDENT by this date or athlete will not be allowed to participate until completed.

08/03: Fall Sports Pictures. 10am. Schedule TBD

08 /18: Meet the Teams
7:15pm. All Junior High and High School Teams.

09/18: Homecoming Football Game

10/09: Military Appreciation Day

"Athletics teach our students resilience, teamwork, and the drive to always give their best — on and off the field."





2026-2027 School Calendar

Southeastern School District - Important Dates at a Glance



2026-2027 School Calendar

Southeastern Local School District

2003 Lancaster Road
740-774-2003
Chillicothe, OH, 45601

July 2026

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August 18-19 Teacher Work Days
August 20 Students First Day
September 7 Labor Day (No School)
October 21 End of 1st 9 weeks (44)
October 22-23 Fall Break (No School)
November 3 Teacher PD Day (No students)
November 11 Veterans Day (No School)
November 24 Early Dismissal 12:45PM
November 25-30 Thanksgiving (No School)
December 18 Early Dismissal 12:45PM
December 21-January 1 Christmas Break (No School)
January 4- Staff PD Day (No students)
January 15 End of 2nd 9 weeks (43)
January 18 MLK Jr. Day (No School)
February 15 President's Day (No School)
March 24 End of 3rd 9 weeks (46)
March 24 Early Dismissal 12:45PM
March 25-29 Spring Break (No School)
May 13 District Showcase Night 3:30-6:30pm
May 22 Graduation 6:30pm
May 27 End of 4th 9 weeks Last Day (43)
May 27 Early Disimissal 12:45PM
May 28 Teacher Work Day

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June 2027

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Summary of Calendar
176 Student days
183 Teacher days

Three evenings of Parent/Teacher conferences will be scheduled through the building principals. Conferences will be from 3:30-6:30 separated by grade bands of K-6 and 7-12.

The District Showcase Night will be a District wide, open house, style event to showcase student work from throughout the school year.

Category of Events

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School Closed

Special Event

Teacher Day only(No Students)

We are excited to share the key dates for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year! Please mark your calendars and plan ahead so your family can take full advantage of all the events and opportunities Southeastern has to offer. Our school calendar has been carefully planned to support student learning, family engagement, and community connection throughout the year. From the first day of school to our end-of-year Showcase Night, there is something meaningful for everyone.

We encourage all families to stay connected and informed throughout the year. Southeastern communicates through a variety of platforms including Thrillshare, ClassDojo, our school website, quarterly newsletters, and Final Forms. Be sure you are signed up to receive updates through these channels so you never miss an important announcement or date change.

If you have questions about the school calendar or upcoming events, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's building office. Our staff is always happy to help and provide any information you may need.



As you review the calendar, please note that some key dates and changes — particularly Parent Teacher Conference dates. Watch for communications from your child's school for those specific dates as the year progresses.

We also want to remind families that our enrollment process has been updated for the coming year. Please visit the Southeastern school website to review the new enrollment process. If you have any questions, feel free to call the school office and a staff member will be glad to assist you.

We are looking forward to a wonderful and productive 2026-2027 school year. The staff and administration at Southeastern are committed to making this a year full of growth, achievement, and community pride.

Welcome back, Southeastern families!

Highlighted Dates & Events

Open House: August 18, 2026 | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
First Day of School: August 20, 2026 - Welcome Back, Students!
Parent Teacher Conferences: 3:30-6:30 PM | Dates 10/29/26, 1/21/27, 4/6/27
Showcase Night (School-Wide Open House): May 13, 2027 | 3:30-6:30 PM

Updated Enrollment Process
Southeastern School District has updated its enrollment process for the 2026-2027 school year. Families are encouraged to visit our school website https://www.sepanthers.org/ to review the new enrollment steps and complete all required forms online. If you have questions or need assistance navigating the new process, please do not hesitate to call our school office. Our staff is happy to guide you through each step and ensure your child is enrolled smoothly and on time.



"Visit our website for the updated enrollment process — and call our office with any questions. We're here to help!"

Important Updates for 2026-2027

*Open House 8/18
*Student First Day 8/20
*Parent/Teacher Conf. 10/29
*Parent/Teacher Conf. 1/21
*Parent/Teacher Conf. 4/6
*District Showcase 5/13
*Last Day of School 5/27

