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Welcome Back to School 2026-2027!

We are excited to welcome our students back to school for the 2026-2027 school year. We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Please see below for some important back-to-school updates. The first day of school for students is **Wednesday, August 26, 2026.**

The Open House/Orientation schedule is below:
Kindergarten Orientation: August 20, Group #1: 4:30-5:30 pm Group #2: 6:00-7:00 pm, Baugher Elementary
6th Grade Orientation: August 19, 8:00am-12:00pm
9th Grade Orientation: August 18, 7:00pm, High School Auditorium
Grades 1-3 Open House: August 24, 4:30-6:00 pm, Baugher Elementary
Grades 4-5 Open House, August 25, 4:30-6:00pm, White Deer Elementary
Middle School/High School Open House for grades 6-12: August 24, 6:00-7:30pm, MS/HS
Cyber Student Orientation: August 18, 5:30-6:30pm, High School Panther Commons (Lit Café)

Incoming kindergarten students will have staggered start dates. Group #1 will start school on Wednesday, August 26 and Group #2 will start on Thursday, August 27. All kindergarten students will attend school Friday, August 28. You should have received information on your child's group number by mail. If you still haven't received this, please contact Baugher Elementary at 570-742-7614 option 5.

Bus and van information for the 2026-2027 school year is now available in the parent portal of Sapphire. Recent enrollments, requests, or changes may still be in process and the information will be updated daily in Sapphire as it is completed. If there are any transportation questions or changes required, please email them to Transportation@miltonsd.org. Changes may take up to 5 business days to process.

Handbooks will be posted to the website this week.

A reminder to please complete the health forms on Sapphire prior to school starting. Also, if any contact information has changed, please update Sapphire as soon as possible. Address changes will require proof of the change. If custody documents have been updated, please provide a copy to your child's building secretary.

Breakfast and lunch are served to students at no cost.

CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) covers uninsured children and teens up to age 19 – and no family earns too much to qualify. With nearly 128,000 uninsured children in Pennsylvania, this is great news for families! CHIP provides quality, comprehensive health insurance for routine doctor's visits, prescriptions, dental, eye care, eyeglasses, mental health, and much more. CHIP covers uninsured kids who are not eligible for Medical Assistance. For many families, CHIP is free – for others, it is low cost.

CHIP Flyer - English CHIP Flyer - Spanish

Accident and Medical Insurance for Students
Coverage for Families – 2026-2027 School Year
Each year, accidents occur on playgrounds, in gyms, or while walking in hallways and stairwells, often resulting in medical bills for families. The Milton Area School District is offering families the opportunity to purchase voluntary student accident insurance to help offset unexpected medical expenses. This coverage is available even if your child already has other insurance. More information can be found here.

We look forward to a successful 2026-2027 School Year!

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