

Shiocton School District

Information for Grades PK-6



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August 1, 2023

Hello PK-6 Families!



Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope you are in the midst of a wonderful summer! One of the first things we have to do before school begins is to have all families go through the registration process. With that in mind, I would like to share important information with you for the beginning of the year. **For students in grades 1-12, school begins on Monday, August 28.** For students in Early Childhood, Four-Year-Old Kindergarten, and Five-Year-Old Kindergarten, please refer to the box below for the appropriate start date.

Early Childhood

You will receive a phone call from Mrs. Thiel, Director of Special Education.

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten

K4 Parent/Guardian Meeting on Monday, August 28 (8:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.)

School begins on Tuesday, August 29 for all K4 students.

(Refer to specific Grade K4 Summer Letter for more information.)

Five-Year-Old Kindergarten

Parent/Guardian Meeting on Monday, August 28 (9:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.)

School begins on Tuesday, August 29 for all K5 students.

(Refer to specific Grade K5 Summer Letter for more information.)



As you read through the information contained within this packet, please make note of the **Open House**, for all grades, which will take place on Wednesday, August 23, from 4:30-6:00 p.m., followed by a **Welcome Back Social** in the back of the school from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

I look forward to working with you this year! If you have any questions, please contact the PK-6 Office at 986-3351 ext. 721 and we will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Kim M. Griesbach
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PK-6 Principal



Enjoy the remainder of the summer.
See you soon!





PK-6 Information for the 2023-2024 School Year



Arrival to School: Buses begin unloading, one bus at a time, at 7:40 a.m. (*7:35 a.m. for those eating breakfast). Students who walk or get dropped off at school should not arrive before 7:40 a.m. We



ask for your cooperation with this since supervisors are not on duty until this time and teachers are making final preparations for the day within their classrooms. If the crossing guard is not yet outside by the elementary doorway that means it is too early to arrive at school. We ask that you do not drop your child off until the crossing guard is in place. *Please note that Broad Street becomes a one-way street in the morning during drop-off and at the end of the school day, therefore, please go the opposite direction of the school buses during these times.

Elementary students will then enter through the elementary entrance and be assisted by staff members who will help them get to their hallway locations and/or classrooms. (*For K4/K5, teachers will meet the students outside and the classes will come into the school as a group.) Middle school students will be dropped off by the district main entrance and will wait in the lobby area until they are dismissed to class at 7:50 a.m. (*Watch for grade level signs in the lobby for where to stand.)

School Schedule

Grade K4: School begins at 7:57 a.m. & ends at 3:00 p.m. (M-Th)

Grades K5-8: School begins at 7:57 a.m. (see below). We have a staggered dismissal at the end of the day.

7:54 a.m. - 1st Bell

7:57 a.m. - 2nd Bell - **School Begins for Students in Grades K4-12** (*Students should be in their classrooms by this time so they are not marked absent or tardy.)

3:00 p.m. - K4 & K5 Dismissal

3:00-3:02 p.m. - Grade 1 Dismissal

3:02-3:04 p.m. - Grades 2 & 3 Dismissal

3:04-3:07 p.m. - Grades 4 & 5 Dismissal

3:07 p.m. - Final Bell for Middle School & High School Students

Attendance: The school day begins at 7:57 for all grade levels. Students are required to attend school on a regular basis and to arrive on time each day. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their child's attendance and need to ensure their child, in grades K5-12, does not miss more than 10 days of school. Parents/Guardians are asked to call the school office at 986-3351 (ext. 721) before 8:00 a.m. to report an absence. Feel free to leave a voicemail message. For further information on attendance policies and procedures, please see the student handbook. Student attendance will be closely monitored by the nurse, principal, counselor, police-school liaison officer, and other school personnel.



Class Assignments & Schedules: Registration is taking place August 8-9. Once that is done, we will make sure our classrooms are balanced and will then finalize our class lists. Families will be able to find out their child's teacher no later than August 16 by looking within Skyward Family Access. Sixth grade students will receive their schedules at the Open House during the sixth grade meeting. (See the "Open House" information below.) Skyward schedules are tricky for sixth graders to read and understand, therefore, the teachers will touch on this at the Open House and again on the first day of school.



Lunch/Breakfast Programs: The breakfast program and hot lunch program will begin on the first day of school. Feel free to contact Mrs. Deb Danke, Nutrition Program Director, at 920-986-3351 ext. 816 throughout the year if you have any questions. The current prices are listed below:

Lunch - Grades K4-8	\$2.60
Lunch - Reduced	\$.20
Breakfast - Grades K4-8	\$1.40
Breakfast - Reduced	\$.20



Free & Reduced Hot Lunch/Breakfast Program: If you believe you may be eligible for the free lunch/breakfast program or the reduced lunch/breakfast program, please complete and return the application form to Mrs. Danke before school begins (even if you are not sure as to whether or not you qualify). All applications are confidential and are reviewed in accordance with state guidelines for the Free and Reduced Lunch/Breakfast program. **Until the applications have been approved, students must pay regular prices.** Therefore, please submit your application form as soon as possible. If you need an application form or have any questions about completing the form, please contact Mrs. Deb Danke at 920-986-3351 ext. 816.

Medication: Please remember that students are not permitted to bring medication to school. Medication must be brought to the school nurse by a parent/guardian. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse, Mrs. Kayla Duenas, at 986-3351 ext. 714.



Open House: Families have the opportunity to come in and drop off supplies in the appropriate classrooms prior to the first day of school. **The Open House will take place on Wednesday, August 23, from 4:30-6:00 p.m., followed by a Welcome Back Social from 6:00-7:30 p.m. outside in the back of the school (weather permitting).**



Elementary Open House – 4:30-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23
*Come in, drop off materials & supplies, & see your new classroom.

Middle School Open House – 4:30-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23
*Come in, drop off materials/supplies and receive your locker information.

***For Grade 6 – There will be a meeting at 5:30 p.m. on this day in the cafeteria.**

Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending the Open House on August 23! We look forward to seeing you there!

Picture Day: Picture Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 13.**

Picture retake day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17.



School Bus: All students are expected to behave appropriately and safely while on the school bus. Even if your child is not a daily bus rider, your child will likely ride the bus at some point (field trip, sporting event, etc.). Here are the bus rules that you can discuss with your child/children:



Use quiet voices.

Use kind words.

Report unsafe activity to the driver.

Follow all directions from the driver.

No eating or drinking on the bus

Stay in your seat.

Pick up litter that you see.

Face forward at all times.

Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

School Expectations: We work very hard to reinforce the following expectations with students in PK-6 on a daily basis:

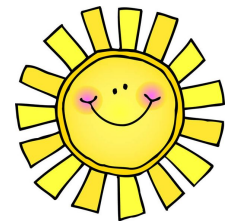


Be safe.

Be respectful.

Be responsible.

Be the BEST that you can be!



These expectations are posted within the classrooms and are included in the daily announcements. Please discuss these expectations with your child at home prior to him/her coming to school. Teachers will take time at the beginning of the year to help the students understand what each of these expectations means.

School Fees for Grades PK-6



School fees will be collected during the registration days in August.

The following fees are applicable for the school year:

Registration Fee	Grades K4-2	\$10.00
Registration Fee	Grades 3-8	\$25.00
Milk Fee	Grades K5-5	\$20.00
Milk Fee	Grades EC/K4	\$15.00
Athletic User Fee	Grade 6	\$10.00 for track or wrestling (non-refundable)
Yearbook	Elem./Middle	\$20.00

**OTHER FEES WILL BE COLLECTED AT A LATER DATE IF APPLICABLE

School Newsletter: *The Link* is the school newsletter which is available online each month. Please visit the school website at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us and click on the "District" tab and then "The Link" tab to view the most current school newsletter. This newsletter contains information for the entire district. Within this newsletter, you will discover information about the things going on at school, a calendar of school activities and events, the lunch menu for the upcoming month, and so much more. Make sure to take a look at the newsletter at the beginning of each month!



School Website: Make sure to check the Shiocton School District website (www.shiocton.k12.wi.us) frequently for the most up-to-date news and information. On the website, you can view the lunch menu, get information on athletic events, access *The Link* (school newsletter) and much, much more. For elementary information, click on "Schools" and then "Shiocton Elementary School" to get to the elementary homepage. For middle school/high school information, click on "Schools" and then "MS/HS home" to get to the middle school/high school homepage. (*Also see "Ways to Connect with Shiocton Schools" at the end of this letter.)

Shiocton Partners in Children's Education (SPICE): SPICE is the school's Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO). This committee of volunteers meets on a monthly basis to plan special events and activities for the students and families within the Shiocton School District. Parents, community members, and staff members are always welcome to attend! SPICE is always looking for more people to become involved in order to continue to operate and do all of the wonderful things that they do. Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of the month in the LMC; however, the first meeting of the year will be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 9 at the River Rail. Please come and join us!

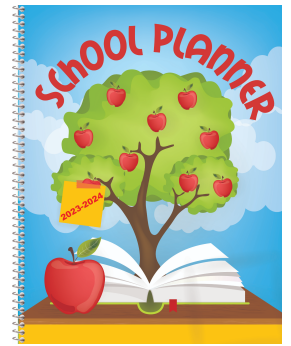


Student Dress: Parents are encouraged to see that students are dressed in a manner which is appropriate for school. The attitudes of students are often affected by the way they are dressed. Jackets, coats, hats, headbands, etc., are not allowed in school, as well as clothing that is excessively torn or full of holes. Clothing promoting alcohol, tobacco, or drugs is not permitted. Clothing containing inappropriate designs or words, suggestive, sexual, or gang related references is not to be worn in school. The school reserves the right to send students home if their appearance does not reflect good taste, cleanliness, or is disruptive to the educational process. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated with this on a daily basis!



Student Handbook & Chromebook Handbook Information: Shiocton student handbook information for Grades PK-12 is available on the district's website. In addition, students in Grades 2-12 will utilize Chromebooks; therefore, it is important to view this handbook as well. Both handbooks should be viewed during the online registration process. These handbooks can also be found on the district's website under the "Student" tab. Please take time, prior to the beginning of the school year, to familiarize yourself with both of these handbooks and to discuss the information with your child/children.

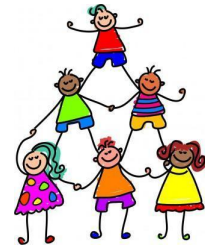
Student Planners: All students in grades 3-6 will receive a student planner (agenda) at the beginning of the year. Elementary students are to record their assignments in their planners on a daily basis. The planners will serve as a major communication tool between home and school. Both teachers and parents/guardians will have opportunities to write messages in the planners on a daily and/or weekly basis. As students get older, we hope the use of the student planners in elementary school will have helped each individual with their overall organization and that the use of the planner becomes a habit. We believe the planners not only promote and enhance organizational skills, but also promote and enhance home/school communication. If a student loses his/her planner, he/she will need to purchase another one for \$5.00 in the PK-6 school office.



Supply Lists: A copy of the school supply list for the appropriate grade level can be found on the school's website at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us when you register online. You can also click on "Schools" and select either "Shiocton Elementary School" or "Shiocton Middle/High School". Then click on "Supply Lists" along the left side of the page.

Ways to Connect with Shiocton Schools:

- PK-6 Office Phone Number: 920-986-3351 ext. 721
- District Website: www.shiocton.k12.wi.us
- Facebook: Shiocton School District
- Twitter: @ShioctonSD (for PK-12 News & Highlights)
@shioathletics (for athletic news & information)
- Instagram: shioctonsd
- App (Android & Apple): Shiocton School District
- District Hashtag: #ShioctonPRIDE



Summer

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!
See you soon!

