



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Welcome back from long Christmas break! I trust you and your family were able to enjoy extra time together celebrating Christ's birth and the beginning of 2018.

Digital report cards should be available for viewing no later than Monday, January 8th

Thank you to each of you who dropped off Christmas cards, candy, treats, and gifts for teachers and/or myself right before our two-week break. What a nice treat!

What are the factors that impact our decision to cancel or delay school? The decision to delay or cancel school always begins by prioritizing student safety. It is a complex decision because of the fact that we have families that live in all directions at varying distances from the school. The state of Ohio requires us to be in operation for a specific number of hours. This means it's beneficial when weather conditions are expected to improve to delay by 1-2 hours rather than cancelling school.

Other questions we ask include:

- *What is weather predicted to be at beginning and/or end of the school day?*
- *Is the weather expected to improve or decline throughout the day?*
- *What is the wind chill?*
- *What will road conditions be like during commute times?*
- *What are other schools in the area doing?*
- *What do our "test" drivers indicate that road conditions are like? Occasionally, we will ask a couple of individuals who get up early to report back regarding their experience on the roads.*

We do seek to be aware of what other schools in Madison, Union, and Champaign county are doing. However, we make an independent decision that does not automatically follow Jonathan Alder, Fairbanks or any other school. We also evaluate what private Christian schools are doing throughout the area because sometimes this differs from public schools. There are times when we may have school while other schools do not. We do not have students who have wait on a bus or walk to school so our circumstances are different.

We do want to prioritize your child's safety and comfort. If ever road conditions are unsafe where your family lives and school is still in session, please call the school office and notify us ASAP. Your child will not be penalized for being tardy or absent in this case. Thanks for understanding as we navigate the winter weather!

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Praise the Lord! Thanks to your generous support, the Traditions Campaign has climbed over \$50,000. We are so blessed by anonymous contributions of \$20,000 and \$15,000. We are also blessed by many of you who have given at whatever level you are able with gifts ranging from \$25 and up. Each gift matters in order for us to reach our goal. The campaign books will remain open since we have not yet achieved our goal. Our goal is to reach \$85,000 in order to accomplish the projects on our list. Gifts to the campaign will enable us to replace the torn wall carpet, replace and extend padding on both ends of the gym, replace and enhance the stage curtains, and other facility upgrades.

FOR PARENTS

Jr. Scientist Club

January's Jr. Scientists Club will meet next Tuesday, January 9th, right after school until 4:15. We will be studying types of energy, all while using marshmallows! Parent volunteers always welcome and appreciated.

Festival Needs

If you or someone you know happens to be getting rid of a refrigerator, the Festival is in need of another refrigerator and would welcome a donation.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

January

- 2 - Classes resume
- 15 - MLK Day - NO SCHOOL
- 18-19 - Auditions for Musical
- 25-27 - Rosedale BB Invitational
- 26 - January Bible Memory

February

- 16 - Professional Dev. Day - Early dismissal 12:30 p.m.
- 19 - Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL
- 19 - Girls BB OHSAA Post-Season Tournaments Begin
- 23 - February Bible Memory
- 26 - Boys BB OHSAA Post Season Tournaments Begin

Counselors Corner

Seniors, filling out college applications is simplified when you use Send.edu or Common Applications. If the college you are applying to uses those tools, please give the correct email address - lshetler@shekinahchristian.org.

ACT & SAT Registration Deadlines:

Juniors & Seniors, if you plan to take the ACT, the next registration deadline is **January 12, 2018** for the test date, **February 10, 2018**. Register online at <http://www.act.org>

The next SAT registration deadline is **April 6, 2018** for the test date on **May 5, 2018**. To register or to find test locations go to <https://www.collegeboard.org>