



**FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK**

It's that time of year when the calendar is packed, school assignments are due, musical practice is happening, and baseball and softball season are both in full swing. It's hectic and can be stressful for students and teachers alike. When you add additional things like our annual Terra Nova 3 achievement testing, it can motivate us all to start the countdown to summer break.

One of the things I've been intentional in talking with our students about recently is the importance of respecting others and avoiding negativity. Critical attitudes and deliberate vocal statements of unwillingness to participate can quickly become a poison that discourages an entire class. Worse yet, it isn't productive for learning and spiritual growth. It doesn't benefit students, teachers or the learning process. I would invite you to have a conversation with your child this week regarding the importance of intentionally encouraging and respecting others, participating without complaining, and avoiding belittling comments to peers even in a joking way.

**"People don't know we are here! How is that possible?"** Recently an astounded student approached me and asked those very questions. They share that while sitting at McDonalds in Plain City recently they had encountered a local family who has lived in Plain City all their lives, but had no idea Shekinah Christian School even existed. As two of our Shekinah students shared with the couple about our school, the couple indicated they may want to explore Shekinah as an option for their children. I admit it's amazing to me that so few folks even know Shekinah is an option for their child.

You and your family can help us spread the word as you go about your day. We are waiving the application fee for anyone who submits an application before April 23rd. If you know someone who has considered applying, now is the time!

**Last opportunity to participate in our recent Parent Pulse Poll! The results of the poll will be shared with our school board at our next meeting. Have you completed the brief survey yet?** Here's a friendly reminder to access the survey via this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCSParents>

**ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK Con't...**

**Is your child planning to register for the ACT in the future?** I want to encourage you to let us know prior to registering. As many of you know the ACT is only offered a few select Saturdays each year. One of those Saturdays conflicts with the Shekinah Festival and one of those Saturdays often conflicts with athletic events. We don't want you to feel forced to navigate the challenges of registration and figuring out how to handle these conflicts alone! Unfortunately, if someone registers and then complains, it puts us in a tough spot. Often, there are alternative test dates that will work better for the student.

**Class Registration for Junior High & High School Students Will Begin Soon!**

**Continuing to Seek Resumes for Athletic Director & PE Teacher for 2018-2019**

We continue to receive resumes from interested applicants. If you or someone you know meets the qualifications found in the position description located on our website, feel free to submit a resume to the school office: [schooloffice@shekinahchristian.org](mailto:schooloffice@shekinahchristian.org). You can either go to the About Us menu and click on the Employment option. Or visit: [www.shekinahchristian.org/apps/pages/employment](http://www.shekinahchristian.org/apps/pages/employment)

**Daily Announcements are now posted on the website so that you can read much of what was shared during our morning announcement time over the PA System.** Look for the circle that says "Daily Announcements" mid-way down the home page. Click on it and you will be able to view announcements. Announcements are not read verbatim in the morning, but this sheet at least captures the topics covered.

**FOR PARENTS**

**No hot lunch this Friday due to early dismissal for Professional Development. Students will be released at 12:30.**

**Free Books**

We have switched out our books in the hall. Check back each week! We are rotating the selection each Monday, so get them before they are gone!

**Pre-Authorized Absence Forms**

You will now find these forms on the web site. Please remember that if your student will miss school for vacation or appointments. we need these forms filled out.



Shekinah is excited to produce **Mary Poppins, Jr.** this year!  
Performance dates are:

- April 19 – Dinner Theater Performance, 6pm
- April 20 – Evening Performance, 7pm
- April 21 – Evening Performance, 7pm
- April 22 – Matinee Performance, 3pm

Ticket Prices are:  
Adults: \$7, Students and Seniors: \$5  
Family Price (5+): \$25  
Dinner Theater (Thursday): \$25

**Seniors! We Need Pictures!**

We need three items from you:

1. **A Picture for the wall in the hall.** This needs to be a head and shoulder shot - no exceptions. This needs to be an actual picture not a digital. If we do not receive one, we will use the Lifetouch picture.
2. **A picture for the yearbook.** This can be a more informal shot. This needs to be a digital picture.
3. **30-40 picture for the slide show at the Jr. / Sr. Banquet.** This needs to be on a flash drive.

Please bring all of these to the office for Mrs. Grissom. It would be nice to have these hall pictures up by the end of the year.



**Student Activity Booster Club would like to thank our GOLD Level Sponsors for their support!**

- Country Closet Thrift Shop
- Plain City Village Market
- Plain City Animal Hospital
- Buckeye State Pipe
- Yutzy Farm Market
- The Glassman
- R&T Yoder Electric

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**April**

- 13 - Professional Dev. Day - Early dismissal 12:30 p.m.
- 13 - Afternoon practice for Drama
- 19 - Dinner Theater
- 20-22 - HS Drama
- 24-26 - ACT Aspire Testing

**May**

- 4 - May Bible Memory
- 11- Spring Fine Arts Showcase K-12
- 18 - Jr./Sr. Banquet
- 22 - Bible Memory Field Trip
- 24 - No School teacher Work Day
- 25 - End of Quarter (48 Days)
- 25 - Last Day, Early dismissal at 12:00 - Class of 2018 Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

**Counselors' Corner**

**College Credit Plus:**

Important reminders for students who are signed up for CCP classes next school year (2018-2019).

- **April 13 is this Friday!!** This is the deadline is to upload your college acceptance letter on the SAFE account your parents have set up. After you do that, don't forget to hit "submit."
- Please talk to Mr. or Mrs. Shetler if you are missing any pieces of the CCP "puzzle."

**Seniors:**

- **We still have scholarship applications from the Plain City Business Association for the graduating class of 2018. Two \$500 scholarships are given each year. Shekinah is included this year for the first time. Please pick up the information in the media center and seize the opportunity!**
- Are in a sport and plan to use that sport for a waiver? Don't forget to fill out a Phys. Ed. waiver form and get the necessary signatures. The form is available in the school office or from Mr. or Mrs. Shetler.

**ACT Registration Deadlines:**

Juniors, take the ACT before your senior year!

Test Dates:  
June 9, 2018

Registration Dates:  
May 4, 2018

July 14, 2018

June 15, 2018