

The SPARK

January 31, 2018

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Continuous enrollment confirmation is coming soon!

This year we are taking the next step in our transition to continuous enrollment. This means that your child is automatically enrolled for the 2018-2019 school year unless you complete the official withdrawal process by the deadline (*to be announced*). The goal is to give you far less papers to sign as well!

Also, many Christian schools charge a re-enrollment (or enrollment confirmation) fee for current families. This is because decisions regarding budget, staffing, and curriculum are made based on a student count. We have chosen to keep the enrollment confirmation process free for current Shekinah families.

Thanks for making our first basketball tournament a success!

It was a fun three days of basketball and relationship-building. I want to say a special thanks to Coach Miller (collaborating with Rosedale Bible College regarding logistics & scheduling), Mrs. Grissom (designing & printing various documents), Sharla Hershberger and Rosanna Gingerich (organizing and volunteering in the concession stand), Micah Zimmerman (assisting in design of materials and game day logistics), and Brian Hershberger (operated the scoreboard for countless games throughout the weekend), and Missy Miller (served as on-call nurse in the event of injuries at Shekinah). There were also several parents, alumni, and students who volunteered at key moments to help the event run smoothly. You know who you are! We appreciate you! Events like this have the potential to raise funds for the Shekinah athletic program, but they do require plenty of volunteers to provide a great experience for everyone.

Want to show you care to someone special? Carnations are for sale for Valentine's Day! See elsewhere in today's Spark for more details on supporting our junior class.

Our total for the Traditions Campaign has now reached \$66,000! Thank you for your generosity. This past week we received quotes and samples for new stage curtains and new curtain tracks. We have also received gym wall carpet samples and spoke with a gym floor expert. The books on the campaign will remain open until we reach our \$85,000 goal or reach the end of the fiscal year. Reaching this mark would allow us to accomplish our project goals for the 2017-2018 school year.

ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK Con't...

Do you have a skill, career experience, or hobby that you would enjoy sharing with Shekinah students? Let us know!

We are looking for some parents, alumni, and friends of the school who have unique hobbies, skills, and careers to share with our students in March. Let Mrs. Grissom or I know if you or someone you know would be interested!

TOMORROW!



FOR PARENTS

Blood Pressure & Scoliosis Screenings

On February 1st Mrs. Gossard, our school nurse, will be here to do blood pressure screenings for the 8th & 12th graders and will also be doing the scoliosis screening for the 6th & 8th grade classes.

College Credit Plus

If you have a student in Grades 7th – 11th that are interested in taking College Credit Plus next school year, please see notes in our "Counselor's Corner" for details.

Box Tops

A valentine coloring sheet is coming home with students today. If they get the sheet filled in with their cut out box tops, they get a Tootsie Pop! I will attach one to this email as well.

SPORTS

Sports Pictures

Basketball Pictures are schedule for Wednesday, February 7th starting at 3:15 for JV boys, then varsity boys so they can begin their practice. They will be followed by the Jr. high boys at 3:35, then the varsity girls at 3:50. Please note: These are approximate times. Please be sure to bring your money, the attached form (If you want prints) and your uniform.



Carnation Sale!



The Jr. class is once again selling carnations to be delivered on Valentine's Day. If you wish to buy a carnation for a friend, son or daughter, please stop by the office to place your order. There you will find the cards to fill out with envelopes.

Carnations are \$2.00 apiece.



Hot Lunch - Friday, February 2nd
Taco Salad, Brownies & Ice Cream
 Kindergarten-2: \$3.00
 Grades 3-12: \$3.50



(If your student forgets their money for hot lunch please have them see Mrs. Grissom in the office to make arrangements.)

Spanish III Fundraiser

Mark your calendars: Tuesday evening February 6th, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., the Spanish III class will have a fundraiser at Der Dutchman for their trip to Argentina in March. 15% of the total bill will go to the Spanish class plus 100% of the tips. In addition, 15% of any carryout, bakery, or gift shop purchases will go to the Spanish class. Just make sure to tell the cashier that your purchases are for the fundraiser! We are still in need of over \$6,000.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

February

- 6- Spanish III Class fundraiser at Der Dutchman 5-8
- 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

March

- 9 - End of Quarter
- 9- Professional Dev. Day - Early dismissal 12:30 p.m.
- 12 -16 - Spring Break
- 19 - 23 - Enrichment Week
- 27 & 29 - Parent Teacher conferences 4:00 - 7:00

Counselors' Corner

Parents of College bound Seniors:

It's time to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)! Each state has a different deadline, and colleges have different deadlines. Check the college(s) you are considering to see what their deadlines are. Go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov> to apply. It's helpful to file your income taxes before doing the FAFSA in order to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. If you estimate your taxes when you do the FAFSA, you'll be asked to verify later. **Federal Pell Grants are back for 2018-2019.** The maximum Pell award for 2018-2019 is \$6020. In order to see whether you qualify, fill out the FAFSA. First awards will be in the Summer of 2018. Questions about the FAFSA? Contact the guidance office.

High School Students Needing Career Help:

Trying to decide what to do with your life? The **free** online assessment, ACT Profile, consists of three inventories with questions to help you determine your interests, abilities and values. Although not as comprehensive as CareerDirect, the immediate results and the Major Map/Career Map make the Profile a helpful tool when you're trying to decide what to do after high school.

Go to <https://www.actprofile.org/login>. Create an account or sign in if you already have an account. Click on Plans and then Inventories and get started.

College Credit Plus - Mark Your Calendar:

Important dates for students in grades 7-11 who are interested in taking CCP classes next school year (2018-2019). Website: ohiohighered.org/ccp

Feb. 15 - April 1: [Submit Letter of Intent](#) – to the ODE.

March: Apply to a college. As part of the application process, a high school transcript and a copy of college entrance exams must be submitted. Check with your college of choice for the exact date and for which test (ACT, SAT or Acuplacer) to take.

April 1: Notify Shekinah Christian that you are participating in CCP.

Feb. 15 - April 13: Sign-up for a SAFE Account – nonpublic and homeschool parents

Feb. 15 - April 13: Log in to SAFE Account and apply for CCP funding -nonpublic and homeschool parents

Before May 18: Funding award notifications sent – nonpublic and homeschool parents.

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