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*And we all, who with unveiled
faces contemplate the Lord's
glory, are being transformed
into his image with
ever-increasing glory, which
comes from the Lord, who is
the Spirit.*

(2 Corinthians 3:18)

Fall is Here

Already 42 days of school into the new school year! The halls are filled with laughter and life. This month, students have gone on field trips, such as Marmon Valley Farms. On Friday, October 10, the fall athletes celebrated Senior Night. And the students celebrated the end of the first quarter with a spirit week! As the cool breeze has come in, so has the announcement of the 2026 Spring musical! Students are excited for the season ahead and the excitement it brings with Fall Break and the end of the first quarter of the 2025-2026 school year! Excited for what God is going to do in the remainder of this semester!





Administrator's Angle

-Dr. Josiah/Luttrull MEd
Head of School

We are excited for the arrival of fall and grateful for the progress that we've made in the first quarter of our school year. I want to share some announcements with you regarding life on campus here at Shekinah.

Beginning Monday, October 20, we will welcome a four-member visiting team from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) for a three-day site visit as part of our accreditation process. Over the past few months, this team has been reviewing our documentation and evaluating various aspects of our school program. During their visit, they will meet with our board, administration, teachers, students, and staff to gain a deeper understanding of Shekinah. Please pray that their time with us will bring both encouragement and constructive feedback as we continue to grow and strengthen our mission.

Many of you have asked about our proposed building design and campaign. Following feedback from our surveys in the spring, the school board is working to determine the best path forward to achieve the goal of a new gymnasium, offices, and classroom additions. As we recognize that fundraising may take some time, we are identifying intermediate projects that will enhance our campus and align with the vision for future expansion. We plan to communicate updates about these next steps in the coming weeks.

Finally, I wanted to share some updates regarding campus security. School safety remains one of our top priorities. We have upgraded all the classroom locks to ADA-compliant doorknobs and more secure locking mechanisms and installed Nightlock door barricades on every classroom door for added protection during emergency lockdowns. We've also implemented fob-entry systems on our exterior doors to allow for more controlled building access. We will continue to evaluate additional improvements to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

We are thankful for how God has supplied for each of these needs, and we look forward to watching him continue to work and demonstrate his faithfulness to our school. Thank you for your prayers as we continue to work to achieve our mission of equipping students through education and discipleship to glorify Christ while impacting their communities.

Marmon Valley Farms Field Trip

by: Lindsey Cooley

The 4th-grade class took a field trip to Marmon Valley Farms on October 9th. One of the students wrote an article explaining everything they did.

"The first thing we did is learn about some of Ohio's past wars, and we tasted some cornbread. Next, we learned how to make candles, and we made [our] own candles. Third, we learned about all the axes, and when he was done talking, we made wood[en] holders for our candles. Fourth, we ate lunch. When we were done we played on two playgrounds. Last we went to a barn and saw animals. If you went up the second story, there was a crawl maze and a deep hay [mow] you can jump into. After that we left for the school. I thought the field trip was really fun."

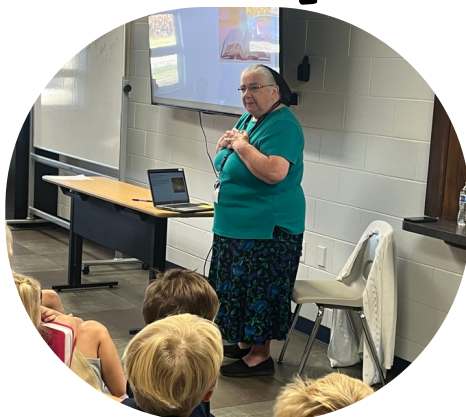
-Gaetano Chiarappa



Chapel



Keith and Rhoda Miller



Martha Maust



Savannah
Knepp

In this past month of chapels we have heard from Keith and Rhoda Miller, Chase Riebel, Anthony Conte and Dr. Luttrull. The idea of living our lives for Jesus and reflecting him in what we do instead of just talking about him was a reoccurring theme.

Elementary chapel speakers, Savannah Knepp and Martha Maust shared about missions and showing Jesus in our lives.



Anthony Conte



Chase Riebel



Dr. Josiah Luttrull

Sports Spotlight

by Graci Higgins

Powder Puff



Powder Puff was a fundraiser held by the volleyball team. The high school boys had the opportunity to play a game of volleyball, and the junior and senior girls coached the two teams.



Dig For A Cure



On Thursday, October 2, the Shekinah community came together to support Sari and Dustin Weaver in Sari's battle with cancer. Dustin and Sari are parents of four: Noah, who is in second grade at Shekinah, Treyton (4), and Gracelyn (2), plus Gabriella Rose who arrived last Thursday, October 9.

Shekinah volleyball teams were undefeated in their matches against Granville Christian. The evening was filled with generosity made possible through donations, t-shirt sales, and a silent auction. The Silent Auction alone raised \$4,145. If you were unable to participate in this fund-raiser and would like to contribute, contact Athletic Director, Kelsey Beachy. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously!

Sports Spotlight

by Graci Higgins

Golf Sectionals



On September 23, our golf team concluded their season by competing in the OHSAA golf sectionals.



Senior Night

On October 10, we had the opportunity to honor the golf and volleyball seniors between the JV and Varsity matches against Cristo Rey. Each senior walked out with their parents, followed by a time of prayer over the seniors and their futures.



COMING TO SCS APRIL 24TH AND 25TH!



DO YOU WANNA BUILD A SNOWMAN?

OR MAYBE SING, DANCE, AND ACT ON STAGE?

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS
YEAR'S MUSICAL IS....

DISNEY'S FROZEN JR!

JOIN ANNA, ELSA, AND ALL OF ARENDELLE IN THIS BEAUTIFUL STORY OF SISTERHOOD,
COURAGE, AND THE POWER OF LOVE.

AUDITION INFORMATION:

- STUDENTS CAN SIGN UP FOR AUDITION TIMES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 12TH, 13TH, AND 17TH. GRADES 6 THROUGH 12 ARE ELIGIBLE TO AUDITION FOR ALL PRINCIPAL AND ENSEMBLE ROLES.
- GRADES 4 AND 5 MAY AUDITION FOR YOUNG ANNA, YOUNG ELSA OR SELECT CHORUS ROLES WITH PERMISSION FROM PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND MRS. BECHTOL.
- THE ROLES WILL BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE NOVEMBER 20TH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE ENSEMBLE, BUT AREN'T INTERESTED IN A SPEAKING OR SINGING ROLE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR AN AUDITION. JUST LET MRS. BECHTOL KNOW YOU ARE PLANNING TO BE PART OF THE MUSICAL.





Fall Spirit Week!

October 13-17



Be sure to join us for Fall Family Fun Day! Hosted by HYGEE Ministries on Saturday Oct. 25th 4:00-8:00pm!

4650 Price Hilliards Rd. Plain City, OH

Free Event - Donations Welcome

Activities - Family Photos - Food and drink!



Alumni News and Notes

Weddings

Grace Newman x23 married Sebastian Stewart June 7, 2025.

Cheyenne Knepp '18 married Dominic Davis August 31, 2025.

Births

Wyatt and Brooke (Purdy) Cole '24 Journey Marie born September 21, 2025.

David and Rachel (Miller) Dye '11; Stephen Nathan born September 28, 2025.

Mark Your Calendars.....

October

19-22—ACSI Visit

23-24— NO SCHOOL Fall Break

November

6-7—TBD IOWA Test (10th -12th grades)

14—PreACT (8th-10th)

19—Progress Reports

24-28—Thanksgiving Break

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Answer to September Challenge

I have cities, but no houses.

I have mountains, but not trees.

I have water, but no fish.

What am I?

"A Map!"

Congrats to: Maria Nyland for sending in the first answer!

October Challenge

In C.S. Lewis' the Last Battle, what are the names of the donkey and monkey who scheme a "fake Aslan" plan?

Text 606-568-6156 with the answer!

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