



Shahala Middle School

We believe in the potential of each student and the power of inspiration.

Summer 2018

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Hello, Shahala Families:

As we enter into the final days of summer, I want to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year. Our faculty, staff, and administrators are committed to continuing and improving upon the Shahala tradition of excellence to ensure that students leave us as young adults prepared for high school and beyond.

Shahala is also pleased to announce the arrival of a new assistant principal, Klarissa Hightower. Mrs. Hightower joins us from Portland Public Schools and is a wonderful addition to our school community. She will replace Tilly Meyer who is the new principal of Covington Middle School.

Contained within this newsletter are key dates and supplemental information that will help with the transition to 2018-19. Here are some highlights that are of particular importance:

- The first day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28th.
- Sixth Grade Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22nd. Details are contained within the newsletter.
- Student Orientation for new 7th and 8th Grade is scheduled for Friday, August 25th.
- Student schedules for 6th graders will be distributed during orientation activities. Student Chromebooks for 6th graders will be distributed in classrooms during the second week of school.
- Student schedules for 7th and 8th graders will be distributed on the first day of school. Posters will be placed around the school that list student names and their first period teacher. Students will report to first period where schedules will be distributed.
- Returning 7th and 8th grade students can reclaim their Chromebooks on Monday, August 27th.
 - o 7th grade pickup will run from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.
 - o 8th grade pickup will run from 1:30 – 3:00 pm.
- Our office opens for business on Monday, August 13th with hours between 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Families can now make purchases, pay student fees and fines, add money to lunch account, register for sports/activities, and view purchase history on-line at <https://wa-evergreen.intouchrecepting.com/>

Please enjoy the remaining weeks of August and let's have a wonderful 2018-19!

Best regards,

Gregg Brown

Principal—Shahala Middle School



Shahala Middle School Supply List—2018/2019 School Year

6th Grade Supply List

Required Reading: "Ghost" by Jason Reynolds

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| 2 composition books | Erasers |
| Notebook paper | Pencils |
| 1 Spiral notebook | 1 3-ring Binder (2") |
| Colored pencils | 3 Highlighters (any color) |
| Pencil sharpener | Ultra-fine black marker (Sharpie) |
| Protractor (Compacted 7/8 only) | Scientific Calculator (Compacted 7/8 only) |



7th Grade Supply List

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| Pencils | Erasers |
| Notebook paper | 3 Highlighters |
| 2 Composition books | 1 3-ring Binder (2") |
| Ultra-fine black marker (Sharpie) | Colored pencils |
| 1 Spiral notebook | Personal calculator (with student's name on it) |
| 1 3-subject spiral notebook for Humanities | |

8th Grade Supply List

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| Ruler/straight edge | Colored pencils (8 colors) |
| Ballpoint pens | Ultra-fine black marker (Sharpie) |
| 3x3 sticky notes (2 packs) | Highlighters (3 colors) |
| #2 pencils/mechanical pencils/erasers | 2 college ruled composition books |
| Notebook paper | 2 college ruled spiral notebooks |
| 4-pack dry erase markers | Glue sticks |
| Binder or pocket folders to hold loose paperwork (student choice) | |

Elective supply lists will be given to students in their elective classes. Please note that there could be additional items required by teachers after school begins.



Shahala Middle School—2018/2019 Class & Activity Fees

ASB Card Required for Band, Choir, Orchestra, Clubs & Sports	\$15/year
Art Class	\$10/trimester
Fine Arts Performing Arts Shirt	\$22
PE Required: \$7 shirt Optional: \$7 shorts, \$6 lock	\$20
Yearbook Previous Years' \$10	\$15 before January 1st \$20 after January 1st

Frequently Asked Questions...

What forms of payment are accepted? We accept cash and checks. You can also pay class fees and clear for athletics and activities on-line at <https://wa-evergreen.intouchrecepting.com/>

What is an ASB sticker for? Proceeds from the stickers are used to support and promote all student activities at Shahala: athletics, after school clubs, and social events. Only students who purchase an ASB sticker are eligible to participate in school sports teams and intramurals.

Do the uniforms shrink and what sizes are available? The t-shirts are preshrunk cotton and not much, if any, shrinking should occur. The shorts are made of nylon and will not shrink. PE uniforms are adult sizes. Available sizes: Extra Small, Small, Medium, Large, XL and 2XL.

How can I pay for my student's lunch account? Your student's lunch account can be paid at the cafeteria cash register, ASB office or on-line. Please make lunch account checks payable to E.S.D.

Do I have to buy a yearbook right now? No. Although it is highly recommended that the yearbook is purchased at the beginning of the year, they can be purchased through the end of March in order to ensure that your student will get one.

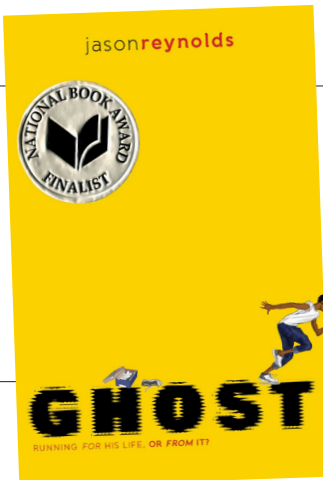
When are yearbooks distributed? Yearbooks are generally distributed the last week of school.



6th Grade Open House & Orientation

Please join us Wednesday, August 22nd

- 2:00-4:00 pm Get your schedule, go on a school tour, pay fees and practice your hall locker combinations. Teachers will not be available during this time. Student medications can be checked in with the front office at this time.
- 6:00 pm Welcome Address in the gymnasium
- 6:15-7:15 pm Meet with your core teachers. Families will follow their student's schedule for 15 minute presentations in core classes. Please note that elective teachers and office staff will not be onsite during this time.



6th Grade Required Summer Reading

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Incoming 6th grade students should read this over the summer and be prepared to discuss it in class.

First Day Of School is Tuesday, August 28

Regular hours: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm
Early Release: 8:00 am - 12:10 pm



Students who are new to Shahala for 7th or 8th grade are invited to join us for a short orientation on Friday, August 24th at 9:00 am. Schedules will be available for new students ONLY.

Parents are welcome!



Student Schedules

- Student schedules for 7th and 8th graders will be distributed on the first day of school. Posters will be placed around the school that list student names and their first period teacher. Students will report to first period where schedules will be distributed.
- 6th grade students who missed orientation can pick up their schedules in the front office before the first day of school or can locate their name on the 6th grade scheduling posters and report to first period.
- Please note that schedules that are displayed in Skyward are not official. The paper copies distributed to students during Day One are the most recent versions. Schedule changes, at times, occur up to the night before school.

Attendance/Absences: Call (360) 604-3805

If your student is going to be absent or tardy, please call the attendance line and leave a message. A written excuse, phone call or personal contact with the school by the parent or guardian is required for all absences.

You have three days to excuse an absence. You can call the Attendance Office directly 24 hours a day. We also ask that absences of four days or more, for reasons other than illness, be pre-arranged. Five or more sick day require a doctor's note to be excused.

Student Phone Use

The student phone in the front office is for emergency use only.

Permission for Bus Rides with Friends

Arrangements to ride the bus home with a friend must be made at home. Students need to bring a note, signed by a parent or guardian, to the front office before school to be approved and used as a bus pass.

Bus Routes

Bus routes are usually published in *The Columbian* the week before school begins. They will also be available on the school district website. If you have transportation questions, please call (360) 604-4950.



School Lunch Information

Make sure email address is updated and that you can access Skyward/Family Access to check food service balance & activity, make online credit card food service payments and apply for free/reduced meal benefits.

Forms, menus, applications, policy and contact information can be found on the Child Nutrition Services website:

evergreenps.org/District/Food-Services

Watch the district website for announcements when the 2017-18 Free & Reduced applications are available. Apply early to avoid potentially unnecessary meal charges when school begins.

Hard copies will be distributed to the schools for availability when offices open and will be available at district office.

Families of students entering 6th grade should be aware that there is a \$0.30 increase in lunch price and \$0.20 increase in breakfast price from elementary to middle school. They should also be aware that there are à la cart items (drinks, chips, cookies, etc.) available for purchase during lunch time that are additional costs. Parents/guardians will want to address their purchase expectations with their children and make payments to their food service accounts appropriately.



A Note From Your School Nurse

Medications

In rare emergency/disaster situations, children may need to be kept at school beyond the regular school day. If your child has a chronic health condition and needs to take medication on a regular basis, especially before and/or after school, we encourage you to talk with your child's health care provider to determine if a supply of emergency medicine needs to be kept at school. If so, we must have a Medication at School form completed by the health care provider and signed by the parent. This medication must be provided in the properly labeled original container.

Evergreen Public Schools is authorized by RCW 28A.210.260 and 270 to administer oral medication to students during school hours. It is state policy to administer such medication only when necessary to permit students to attend school. We define medication to mean all drugs, whether prescription or over-the-counter. Medications such as ointments, eye, nose, or ear drops, suppositories, injections other than emergency, and medications inhaled through the nose are not considered oral medications. If your student requires anything other than oral medications, please consult with your school nurse.

To request the school to administer medication, the health care provider must complete and sign an Authorization for Administration of Medication at School form. Parent or guardian signature is also required. Requests for the administration of medication are valid only for the medications listed and the dates indicated in writing on the request form. Requests are valid for a maximum of one year, but never past the end of the current school year. Medication must be transported by parent or guardian and supplied to the school in the properly labeled original container(s). The instructions on the prescription bottle must match those on the authorization form. It is against district policy and drug free schools for a student to transport medication to and from school. School personnel will not be responsible for reminding students to take medication during school hours.

Students in grades six through twelve may carry and self-administer medication at school (except for those considered to be controlled substances under federal law) with a completed Authorization for Administration of Medication at School form on file and permission from the health care provider and parent.

Does Your Child Have a Health Condition?

If your child has a serious health condition such as diabetes, seizure disorder, asthma, or a severe allergy to a bee sting or a particular food, it is important to notify the office. If you believe bus drivers should know about this condition while transporting your child to and from school, please contact the district's transportation department at (360) 604-4950 to communicate your child's special needs.

It is imperative that we be able to reach a parent during school hours.

We need current home, work and at least two local emergency telephone numbers. Please update the school office whenever there are telephone number and/or address changes.



Calendar of Events for August & September 2018

Monday, 8/13	School Office Opens 8:00 am-3:00 pm
Wednesday, 8/15	Football Begins 9:00 am
Monday, 8/20	Cross Country Begins 3:00 pm
Wednesday, 8/22	Sixth Grade Orientation 2:00 pm
Friday, 8/24	New 7th & 8th Grade Orientation 9:00 am
Tuesday, 8/28	First Day of School! 8:00 am-2:30 pm
Thursday, 8/30	Football vs. Wy'East (at Shahala) 3:45 pm
Thursday, 9/6	Football vs. Pacific (at Shahala) 3:45 pm
Friday, 9/7	Cross Country vs. Frontier (at Shahala) 3:45 pm
Tuesday, 9/11	Cross Country vs. Wy'East (at Shahala) 3:45 pm
Wednesday, 9/12	Picture Day



Greetings from the Band Department

Here are some suggestions for keeping your band skills sharp this summer!

- Go to a music store and buy a book of fun music to play.
- Go to a concert and get inspired!
- Get together with a friend who plays an instrument and play together.

All band students will need to have their instruments on the second day of school.

Sixth grade Concert Band students (those who have completed one year of elementary band) need to bring your band books from last year and your instruments.

Sixth grade Beginning Band students: We prefer that you not make an instrument choice until we have met with you the first week of school and then we will make the decision together. You will need to rent an instrument and purchase a band book (about \$7) when an instrument has been agreed upon. (There are a limited number of school-owned instruments available. See instructor.)

After the first day of school, parents should be expecting a calendar of events and a class grading policy that you will sign and return to us.

Please get your supplies before school starts. Each clarinet or saxophone player needs a box of 10 reeds in at least a #2 ½ strength. 8th graders need #3 strength. Brass players need valve oil and tuning slide grease.

Summer is a great time to get your instrument into the shop for a tune up! Have a great summer!

The ASB office will open for sports clearing on Monday, August 13th at 8:00 am.
Clearance forms can be picked up at the ASB office or found on Shahala's website.

\$15 ASB and any outstanding fines must be paid. Cash or checks only payable to Shahala Middle School.



Football for incoming 8th graders
starts on August 15th at 9 am.

You must be cleared by
the ASB Office to get gear.

Girls' Cross Country Begins August 20th

This is the 10th year of Girls Cross Country at Shahala for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls. Cross Country running consists of races over different terrain (grass, gravel, bark dust, etc.) in which runners will be competing at a distance of 1.5 miles. We had 110 girls turn out for the team last year and we are hoping to have at least that many girls out this year.

No athletes will be cut from the team, thus all participants who turn out will be able to compete. Cross Country is the only fall sport in which 6th grade girls can compete at Shahala. Cross Country is a fun sport to participate in, but also serves as a great place to build fitness, strength, and endurance for other sports such as soccer, basketball, or volleyball.

The team will be coached by Mr. Kotsovos, Mr. McCarthy and Mrs. Swink. All coaches have a great deal of experience coaching Cross Country distance runners. They are looking forward to the upcoming season with the new team members and those who participated last year.

No experience is needed to participate in Cross Country. Practices will consist of many active relay games, scavenger hunts, longer slow runs, and short intervals to help build endurance and strength. Athletes will learn about Cross Country competitions from an individual and team perspective, and about running in general.

Practices begin on August 20th and are every weekday once the season starts. The season ends in early October. Athletes must have their clearance completed before beginning practice. In preparation for the season, athletes should do some light running 3 to 4 days a week, between 10 and 30 minutes a day. For those interested in joining the team, please e-mail Coach Kotsovos at darren.kotsovos@evergreenps.org or check out our Cross Country page on the Shahala website.



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Stay in Touch! Activities that come up throughout the year will be announced to students during our daily morning announcements. A great way for parents to keep up with what's going on is to check our Weekly Bulletin, which is posted on our website. It has great information about what happened, what is happening and what will happen, like details about new clubs that are starting. It's the perfect way to keep your finger on the pulse of Shahala! You can also follow us on Facebook!

The Shahala Newsletter is published electronically several times per school year and will be emailed to families as well as posted on our website.

Evergreen Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination.

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If you have a disability that requires you to need assistance to access school facilities, programs or services, please notify the school principal.