

# The Spinning Hills

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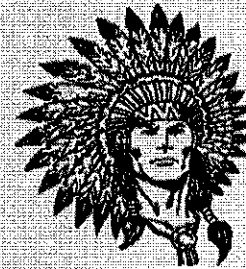


2006 "Ohio School of Promise"

2006-2007, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 "Ohio School to Watch"

2009-2010 National School to Watch

2010-2011, 2011-2012 Excellent School



## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

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I hope this letter finds all of you well rested and excited to begin the 2024-2025 school year. I want to welcome all of our new 5th grade students into the building as well as any new 6th grade student coming to us for the first time. Please know that our staff is dedicated and passionate about your child's education and you will see numerous examples of that throughout the school year.

Our mission at Spinning Hills is to provide a *safe* community where *respect* and *education* are top priorities. Our belief is that when it comes to the educational setting, nothing is more important than providing the safest learning environment as possible. We have been very fortunate at Spinning Hills to establish and maintain this environment due to the focus and the importance that our staff places on it. As a parent of school aged children myself, I understand the value of good communication as it pertains to your child's education. Please feel free to call or email your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year. Keep in mind that they are extremely busy during school hours, but they will contact you back as soon as they possibly can.

Please take special note to the right of this page to see the upcoming events that we have scheduled during the month of August and September in the building. Our 6th grade Open House will be on Aug 27th from 3:00- 6:00 PM. Our 5th grade Open House will take place on Aug 28th from 3:00-6:00 PM. During this time, students can visit their homeroom teachers, drop off supplies and look at their schedule for the school year.

Spinning Hills will have a two hour early release every Wednesday starting on September 11th. This time is dedicated for staff development as well as team and department planning. Please note that on these days, students will be released at 1:55 PM.

I am excited for the upcoming school year. I feel very fortunate to be part of such an amazing building. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist in your child's experience during their time at Spinning Hills.

Mike Combs  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

Mon. Aug 19th	<b>Schedule Pickup 7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.</b>
Mon. Aug 26	<b>First Year Band &amp; Orch Mtg 6:30</b>
Tues. Aug 27	<b>6th Grade Open House 3-6 p.m.</b>
Wed. Aug 28	<b>5th Grade Open House 3-6 p.m.</b>
Tues. Sept 3	<b>First Day of School</b>
Thurs. Sept 19	<b>Fall Picture Day</b>

## WELCOME STUDENTS!

We hope that your summer was relaxing and enjoyable. As impossible as it may seem, it is almost time to start a new school year. We are sure your son or daughter is anxiously awaiting for the start of school. It is our belief that this building is your (the community's) school. We want you to be actively involved in every aspect of your child's education. You as parents are the most important and first teacher for your child. No one knows your child and their learning styles better than you do. If you have a question, please call or stop in and discuss the situation. Parents are always welcome at Spinning Hills Middle School. Remember that we are all on the same team and have the same goal...the best education possible for your child. Attached is information you will find helpful. Please look it over with your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 259-6635.

**5TH/6TH GRADE FEE DAY**

We will NOT be holding a 5th or a 6th Grade Fee Day.

There will be **no regular** academic school supply student fees for the 2024-2025 year, but there can still be fees for field trips, library books, technology equipment, etc. All outstanding fees must still be paid.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

School begins for students on **Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:55 a.m. - 3:55 p.m.** Students are to report to their homerooms on the first day where they will be given their entire daily class schedule. Students who cannot locate their names should report to the office for assistance. **WELCOME TO SPINNING HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL!!!**

**PHONES**

While phones are available for emergencies, we will discourage students from calling home for forgotten items. We feel that this encourages responsibility and planning. It also limits the inconvenience to parents. We hope this procedure will help make your life a little easier.

**ARRIVAL TIMES**

The warning bell rings at 8:50 a.m. and the tardy bell at 8:55 a.m. We request that walkers and car riders do not arrive at school before 8:35 a.m. **Students will not be permitted in the building until 8:35. Parent supervision is required for students while waiting for the building to open. Please do not drop off your child and leave before 8:35 a.m.** Drop off area is in the front of the school. No cars will be permitted in the bus parking lot during drop off and pick up times.

**EARLY RELEASES ON WEDNESDAY'S**

Please take note that Spinning Hills will have a two hour early release every Wednesday at 1:55 for staff development. This will take place beginning the second week of school on Wednesday, Sept 11th. The first Wednesday of the school year (9/4) will be a normal day.

**SCHEDULE PICKUP**


We will be having a schedule pickup day on Monday, August 19th. Times are from 7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. You may also view your child's schedule on Progress Book. If you are unable to attend, you may pick them up at Open House.

### LUNCH PROGRAM

**NO-COST MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS!!**  
**2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Thanks to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service's Community Eligibility Provision program, **EVERY** student attending Mad River Local Schools will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost for the 2024-2025 school year.

No application is needed to receive this benefit. **ALL STUDENTS** will receive this assistance. *Parents can still enter money into their child's lunch account(s) to purchase extra à la carte food items in addition to the first meal provided at no cost.*



There is no charge for regular lunch, but any ala carte items will still have a cost.

### PARENTSQUARE

**DOWNLOAD THE PARENTSQUARE APP TODAY!**

STAY INVOLVED IN YOUR STUDENT'S LEARNING AND ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL, FROM ANYWHERE.

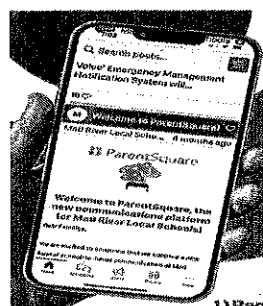


- RECEIVE THE LATEST FROM SCHOOL(S) VIA EMAIL, TEXT, OR VOICEMAIL
- SEND ANY TEXT MESSAGES TO TEACHERS AND STAFF
- RECEIVE ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS
- SIGN UP FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
- SIGN PERMISSION SLIPS AND MORE, ALL FROM YOUR COMPUTER OR MOBILE DEVICE!

1) Register Your Account → 2) Then Download the App

Available on the App Store | Available on Google play

Questions? Watch this video for more information about Parentsquare.

Or Visit [www.parcmsquare.com/signin](http://www.parcmsquare.com/signin) from your desktop

### BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

Please log on to your Parent OneView Account and fill out the back to school forms as soon as possible. If these forms are not filled out, your child will not be able to attend any field trips.

On the first day of school your child will receive some very important forms. Please complete them and have your child return them to school within the first week. The forms are the following: EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM; HEALTH CLINIC FORM. **If changes occur in the information during the school year, please notify us so we can update these forms.** Changes in address will be communicated to the transportation office and bus routes will be altered accordingly.

## MEDICINE POLICY



The school district will consider the diagnosis and treatment of illnesses and the prescription of all drugs, medications, preparations and/or remedies as the direct responsibility of the parent(s) and/or physician of their choice. Administering medication to a student in school by school personnel will be done in exceptional situations when it cannot be handled otherwise. Arrangements will be worked out with the physician, parent/guardian and the building principal to make the administration of the medicine workable. If you have an exceptional situation, please call the principal's office.

## ABSENT FROM SCHOOL—PLEASE CALL

Accurate attendance is required by law. Spinning Hills Middle School wishes to know at all times the whereabouts of our students; your children. When your child is going to be absent due to illness or appointment, please notify the school before the missed days. In the case of injury or illness occurring, please call the day of the absence. If contact cannot be made, please be sure to have your child bring in a written excuse the day of his or her return. The phone number to call if your child is going to be absent is 259-6635.

On days that your child is scheduled for physical education, please be sure that they are dressed appropriately to participate in any class activity. Pants should be loose fitting, but not sagging below the waistline. Shirts must be long enough to cover the body when arms are raised. Avoid low cut necklines to avoid potential embarrassing situations during movement activities. Students who are not prepared to participate due to shoes or clothing will sit out of the day's activities. We hope that this information helps with your back to school shopping.



## Aug/Sept Events

### at SHMS

#### AUG

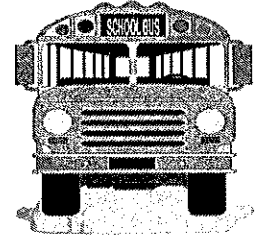
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- 26 First Year Band & Orchestra Meeting— 6:30
- 27 6th Grade Open House 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- 28 5th Grade Open House 3:00-6:00 p.m.

#### SEPT

- 3 First day of school
- 19 Fall Picture Day

# TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

The transportation department is arranging all bus schedules and determining rider eligibility for the upcoming school year. Below is direction on how to get your child's bus information. You should have received this information at the end of the school year in the mail. Questions concerning student bus transportation can be addressed by calling the transportation office at 237-4280.



## Interactive Bus Route Finder

Bus route information is online from Infofinder. This web-based service enables you to find school and bus route information by typing in your street address. You can also register to receive notifications sent out by the Transportation Department.

### How it works:

Go to the following webpage:

<http://www.infofinder.com/tfi/>

Locate bus stop information on the Infofinder website by doing the following:

Type in your address and zip code. Be sure to include Dr, St, Ave, etc.(Note: It is not necessary to select a school or grade when you search.)

Click the search button to get a list of bus routes associated with your address.

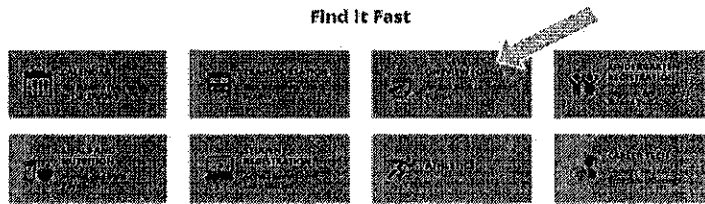
You can print your bus stop information by clicking the printer icon next to the school name. To print a list of routes and schools plus an area map, print the page from your browser.

Please be advised that the PM bus stop times listed are approximate due to unforeseen traffic, weather, etc. Students are to be at the assigned stop at least 10 minutes before the posted times.

## OneView Back to School Forms - Instructions

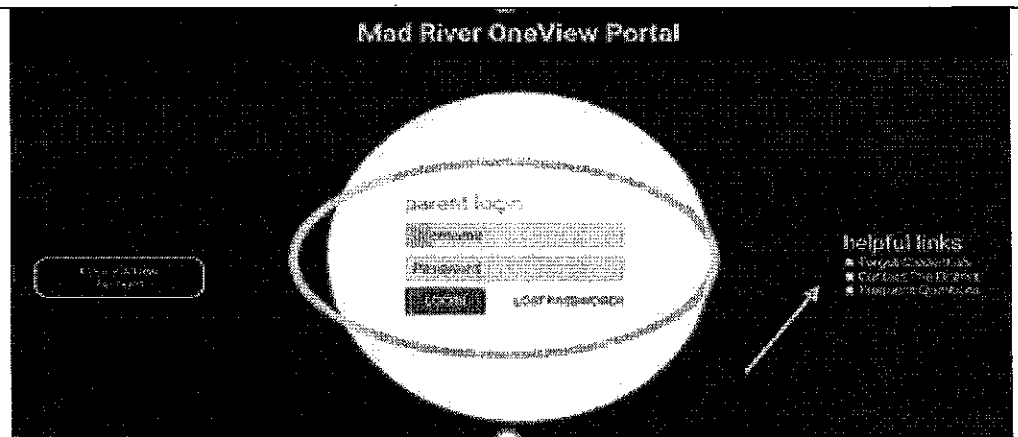
1. Go to our district homepage [www.madriverschools.org](http://www.madriverschools.org)

2. Click on "OneView Forms – Access Back to School Forms" under the Find It Fast tab on the district homepage.



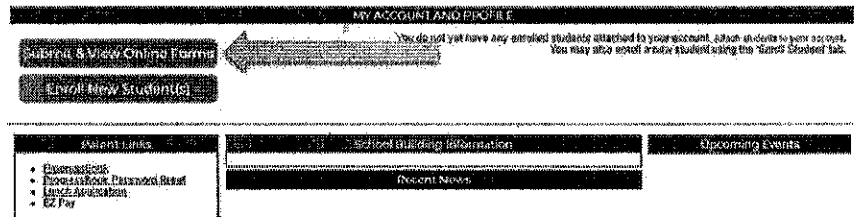
3. Under parent login, log into your account using your username and password that you created when you set up your parent account.

4. Helpful links are available if you are unable to remember your information, including password reset.



5. Click on "Submit & View Online Forms."

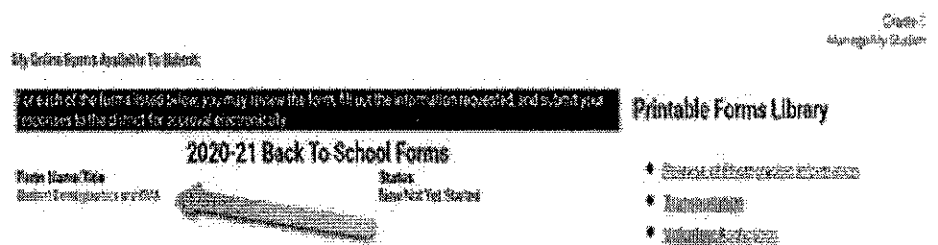
6. Click on "View Online Forms."



7. Click "Student Demographics and EMA" and fill in all required information.

8. Once complete, add your electronic signature, date the form and click "Save & Submit to District."

*\*If any information has changed regarding your address or custody information, please reach out to your student's building. This will require additional paperwork to be provided to the school office.*



**If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact your student's building for more information. Thank you!**

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List 2024-2025**

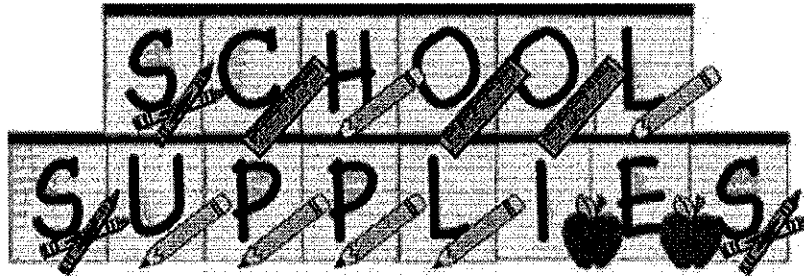
Welcome to Spinning Hills Middle School! We are very excited to have you join our community! We hope you have a fun and relaxing summer. Here is a copy of your grade level supply list to help you prepare for coming back to school in the fall.

- Supply pouch with 3 holes to go inside a binder
- 50 #2 wooden pencils (no mechanical)
- 1 box of colored pencils, 12 count
- 1 box of crayons, 24 count
- 1 box of washable markers, 10 count
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of liquid glue
- 7" pointed scissors
- 2 highlighters, any color
- 6 dry erase markers
- 1 pair of headphones, corded to plug into Chrome Book
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 can of disinfectant wipes

### **(5<sup>th</sup> grade band, orchestra, choir and 5<sup>th</sup> grade general music)**

- All students - 1/2" binder
- All BOYS- a pack of pencils and Clorox wipes
- All GIRLS- a pack of dry erase markers and a box of tissues

Students will keep their backpacks in cubbies that are 6.5 inches wide and 10 inches deep. Please keep this in mind when purchasing a book bag.



## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spinning Hills 2024-2025**

### General Supplies that ALL students will need:

- ⇒ pencils (40 #2 pencils)
- ⇒ Index Cards (3x5) (3 packs)
- ⇒ Zipper pouch for supplies (boxes break too easily)
- ⇒ highlighters (1 pack – multicolored)
- ⇒ dry erase Expo markers (2 packs)
- ⇒ 3 **single** subject spiral notebooks
- ⇒ Oxford 8-pocket paper folder - <https://a.co/d/eb1xV7S>
- ⇒ glue sticks (6 or more)
- ⇒ scissors
- ⇒ Markers (Thin)
- ⇒ Pens (3 colors)
- ⇒ tissues (girls)
- ⇒ Clorox wipes
- ⇒ Ziplock bags - Gallon (girls) and Quart (boys)
- ⇒ Paper Towels (boys)

**\*\* While supplies are on sale, you may want to purchase extra pens, pencils, paper and highlighters, as these are the supplies that students tend to lose/run out of quickly.**



# Spinning Hills Middle School Building Calendar 2024-2025

SPINNING HILLS WILL HAVE A  
2- HOUR EARLY RELEASE EVERY  
WEDNESDAY .

## August

- 19 Schedule Pickup 7:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.
- 26 Band/Orch Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 27 6th Grade Open House 3:00-6:00
- 28 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House 3:00-6:00

## September

- 3 First Day of School
- 19 Fall Picture Day

## October

- 11 5k Walk/Run
- 24 Picture Retakes
- 25 End of first Grading Period  
Early Release 1:55 (2 Hr)

## November

- 5 No School – Waiver Day
- 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
4:00 – 7:45
- 21 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
4:00 – 8:00
- 22 No School- Parent/ Teacher  
Conferences 8:00-12:00
- 25-29 No School - Thanksgiving Break

## December

- 4 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Concert – TBD  
@ Stebbins Auditorium
- 4 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Concert – TBD  
@ Stebbins Auditorium
- 10 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & Orchestra  
Concert – 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Last School Day before break
- 23 Winter break begins

## January

- 6 Students return to school
- 10 End of second Grading Period  
Early Release 1:55 (2 Hr)
- 20 No School - MLK Day

## February

- 14 No School- **SHMS Only**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
8:00-11:45 a.m.
- 17 No School – President’s Day

## March

- 6 Spring Picture Day
- 14 End of third Grading Period  
Early Release 1:55 (2 Hr)
- 18 No School – Waiver Day
- 28-31 6<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip

## April

- Mar. 31-4 No School - Spring Break
- 16 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Concert – TBD  
@ Stebbins Auditorium
- 16 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Concert – TBD  
@ Stebbins Auditorium
- 21 No School -Waiver Day
- 30 Band Concert – 6:30

## May

- 1 Orchestra Concert 6:30
- 8 Day In The Park
- 9 Day In The Park
- 15 SHS Graduation
- 19 Field Day
- 22 Last Day for Students  
Early Release 1:55 (2 Hr)
- 23 Last Day for Teachers

