

The Spinning Hills

Spectator



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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Upcoming Events



I hope this letter finds all of you well rested and excited to begin the 2018-2019 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. We take that statement very seriously and are constantly paying attention to our building environment. 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 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 in the building. Our 6th grade Open House will take place on Aug. 13th from 3:00-4:00PM. Our 5th grade Open House will be on Aug. 14th from 3:00- 4:00PM. During this time, students can visit their homeroom teachers, drop off supplies and look at their schedule for the school year as well as pay school fees.

Finally, we are going to have (10) days this school year where our students at Spinning Hills will be released for teacher development. These days are going to be important because it allows our teaching departments to collaborate throughout the year to better serve our students. The dates that we will be releasing two hours early are Aug 31st, Sept. 28th; Oct. 18th; Dec 7th; Jan 18th; Feb 1st; Feb 22nd; March 22nd; April 19th & May 10th. On these days, students will be released at 1:40PM. We will be sending one call now reminders out on the Monday's prior to the early release.

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. I look forward to getting the opportunity to meet all of you throughout the school year.

Mike Combs
Principal

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| Tues. Aug 7 | First Year Band & Orch Mtg 6:30 |
| Tues. Aug 7 | 5th Grade Fee Day—7:00- 11:00 a.m. & 1:00-6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Aug. 8 | 6th Grade Fee Day 7:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:00- 6:00 p.m. |
| Mon. Aug. 13 | 6th Grade Open House 3-4 p.m. |
| Tues. Aug. 14 | 5th Grade Open House 3-4 p.m. |
| Wed. Aug. 15 | First Day of School |
| Fri. Aug. 31 | 2-Hour Early Release—1:40 |

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 be holding a 5th and a 6th Grade Fee Day.

Students that pay fees (\$40) at Fee Day will receive their schedule for the upcoming year and have the opportunity to see where all their classrooms are located. For those students unable to attend the Fee Day, you may come into the office any day after and before school starts and pay fees to receive your schedule. The homeroom list will be posted on the front doors the Friday before school starts.

We are anxiously looking forward to your arrival. Enjoy your last few days at home with your child.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

School begins for students on Wednesday, August 15th at 9:10 a.m. - 3:40 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 9:05 a.m. and the tardy bell at 9:10 a.m. We request that walkers and car riders do not arrive at school before 8:50 a.m. **Students will not be permitted in the building until 8:50 for breakfast. Parent supervision is required for students while waiting for the building to open. Please do not drop off your child and leave before 8:50 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.

PAPER OR PLASTIC

Our school is very proud of the condition of our textbooks. Covering them with brown paper grocery bags can reduce damage. Next time you are going shopping and the clerk says paper or plastic, make it paper. Thanks.



SCHOOL FEES



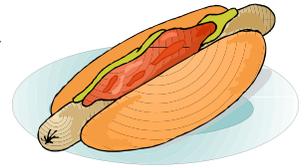
School fees pay for supplies not funded by the district's general fund. The earlier in the school year they are paid the better. We encourage you to pay school fees before school starts. There will be a 5th Grade Fee Day on August 7th and a 6th Grade Fee Day on August 8th. If you are unable to attend, please send a CHECK MADE OUT TO SPINNING HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL with your child on the first day of school. Fees for both fifth and sixth graders for this school year total **\$40**.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this very important matter.

LUNCH PROGRAM, PROCEDURES & PRICES

We will again use the system called "Point of Sale". Below is a description of how this new system works:

Parents will deposit money into their child's account through either the school cafeteria, school office or the food services office located at our new central office (the old Stevenson school building). Students will go through the line and key in their private code, at that time the cashier will see their account and deduct what the student spends. When the cashier sees the student's account, she will also see a picture of the student. Students will be told when their account balance is low, this way parents can deposit more funds into the account.



The cost of the plate lunch is **\$2.35** and the cost of milk is .50 cents. Students who received free or reduced lunch at the end of the school year and were Mad River Local School's students will continue to receive those privileges for the **first 30 days** of school. New lunch applications for the 2018-19 school year will come home on the first day of school and will need to be filled out and returned to school as soon as possible. **The last day for the temporary benefits will be September 27, 2018.**

BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES

Breakfast is free to all students and is offered in the cafeteria beginning at 8:50 and ending at 9:05 a.m. Students will enter through the front doors and go to the cafeteria. They will be seated and when they are finished, they will go to homeroom. If they finish eating after the 9:00 bell, they will go to class. Breakfast begins on August 20th.

STUDENT HANDBOOK/AGENDA BOOK

On the first day of school your child will receive a student handbook/agenda book. The contents of this book will be thoroughly discussed with your child. You will also want to familiarize yourself with it since it contains our rules and regulations.

IMPORTANT FORMS

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; FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION FORM; FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM; HEALTH CLINIC FORM, INCLEMENT WEATHER, DISCIPLINE CONTRACT. **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.

Welcome SHMS New Staff

Spinning Hills Middle School welcomes the following to our staff:

Staff

Nicolette Griesenger—Math

Jaden Draude— LA/SS

Tiffany Hesselbart—Gen. Music/Choir

Hannah Snow—Intervention Specialist

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.

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

- 7 5th Grade Fee Day—7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & 1:00-6:00 p.m.
- 7 First Year Band & Orchestra Meeting—6:30
- 8 6th Grade Fee Day—7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & 1:00-6:00 p.m.
- 13 6th Grade Open House 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- 14 5th Grade Open House 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- 15 1st day of school
- 31 Early Release—2-Hours

SEPT

- 3 No School—Labor Day
- 28 Early Release—2-Hours

