



10 THINGS

every Shaler Area parent should know...

1 Students are #1



SASD has many resources available to address student issues, safety, and well-being.

- **School Resource Officers**
Frank Spiker (spikerf@shalerarea.org) and Paris Johnson (johnsonp@shalerarea.org) are present in the schools every day.
- **School Nurses** in each building address health-related concerns.
- **Social Workers** address students' social needs.

2 ABC Transit Inc. operates daily bus runs

District transportation is provided by ABC Transit Inc.

- Questions about bus stops can be directed to the district transportation department at 412-492-1200 ext. 2824 or businfo@shalerarea.org.
- Student-related busing issues: Contact the building principal.
- All other transportation issues: Contact the ABC Transit dispatcher at 412-821-3000.



3 You are an integral part of our community



You can get involved! Schedules for each organization are on the SASD website.

- **PTO** – Each building's Parent Teacher Organization meets regularly with the building principal.
- **DPC** – The District Parent Council meets once per month with district administrators and is open to any parent.
- **School Board** – The board meets each month to discuss and vote on district business.

4 School counselors are a valuable resource

SASD counselors exist to help students and serve as liaisons to the teachers. Each student in the district is assigned a school counselor. Contact your child's counselor for questions about career planning, course selection and scheduling, and personal development.



5 The Nutrition Group Inc. provides nourishment for our students



District food service is provided by The Nutrition Group Inc.

- A new application for the free/reduced lunch program must be filled out each school year.
- Any food service questions can be directed to Sue Cook 412-492-1200 ext. 1582.

6 We want to answer your questions



Where should you go if you have a question?

- Contact school personnel (i.e. teacher, guidance counselor, principal) with school-level issues (i.e. grade questions, bullying, classroom concerns).
- Contact the coach then Athletic Director Clint Rauscher with team or athletic-related issues.
- Contact the building principal or building activities director for questions related to student and extracurricular activities.

7 Be prepared



Be prepared for inclement weather!

- Emergency announcements for inclement weather are posted on the SASD website, local news outlets, Twitter, and phone system.
- Have a plan for an emergency early dismissal.

8 Get up-to-date grades



You don't have to wait for a report card to access your student's grades. Parents of students in grades 4-12 can check their child's progress anytime on Infinite Campus.

9 SASD has 1:1 technology

SASD offers a 1:1 iPad-to-student ratio in grades K-12

10 We'll keep you updated

Important information is at your fingertips! All key information is posted on the SASD website, Facebook, and Twitter @ShalerArea.

