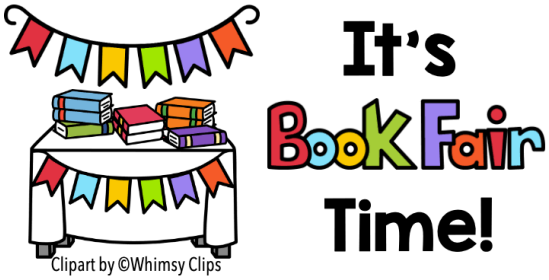
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The Scholastic Book Fair is just around the corner. This is a very exciting event for our students. It is also a very important event for the Sheridan library. Our profits from the fair are essentially the only source of funding that we have. The final full day will be Monday, November 9. The fair will also be open in the morning during the school day on Tuesday, November 10 for any student who has brought in money and wishes to make a last purchase. The Book Fair will close at 12:00 pm on the 10th. Classes will go to the book fair during their regularly scheduled Library time, beginning on Wednesday, November 4.

Native American Heritage Month: National Native American Heritage Month is celebrated each year in November. It is a time to celebrate the traditions, languages and stories of Native American and Alaska Native communities and ensure their rich histories and contributions continue to thrive with each passing generation. This November and every month, we celebrate the culture and heritage of these remarkable Americans who deeply enrich the quality and character of our Nation. We celebrate Indian Country with its remarkable diversity of American Indian and Alaska Native cultures and peoples while remembering and honoring our veterans who have sacrificed so much to defend our Nation.



Ghosts and goblins came to play on October's final day! Thank you to all who attended our annual **Halloween Parade.** We love this Sheridan tradition!







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Community Announcement: Louis Castillo Street Dedication Ceremony: On November 6th at 1:30 PM, the 11th Ward will be hosting a short street dedication ceremony at 27th and Wallace for Louis Castillo, a Mark Sheridan alumnus who was killed while serving in Vietnam at the age of 23. Louis was awarded both the Medal of Valor and the Purple Heart for his bravery and sacrifice. An honorary street sign will be erected during the ceremony, which will be attended by many members of the Castillo family (several of whom also attended Mark Sheridan), representatives from the City, the 11th Ward, the armed forces, and Mark Sheridan's 6th-grade classes.



Please Note: A three-shot rifle volley will be fired during the ceremony as part of a military salute honoring Louis' service. We want parents and neighbors to be aware of this ceremonial sound in advance.

Vjosa Cafe, located at 1010 W 35th St, Suite 102 will be offering a free Molly's cupcake to any **Straight A** student who brings in their Report Card starting Tuesday, November 3rd. The offer is available to all straight A students until Sunday, November 8th. Don't forget to bring your report card to show the barista! Also, Vjosa Cafe will be holding this month's November market on November 14th from 11AM-4PM. The flyer is attached. Congratulations to our Straight A students!



Congratulations to Vinnie Macias, 6th Grade, who placed in the top ten of the **CPS Score City Championships for Cross Country** this past week. He also beat his personal record with a 5.40 minute mile. Way to go, Vinnie!

One Month Left to Submit Applications on GoCPS! Families can apply for a wide variety of academic options for the 2027–28 school year through **November 13 at 5 p.m.**, so head to **GoCPS** to explore all the options and apply for programs. Students who want to attend the general education program at their neighborhood school are guaranteed a seat and do not need to submit an application.

Ready to Apply? The GoCPS online application is where you apply for and rank programs and register for required tests/auditions. **Some programs give priority to students who have a sibling who attends that program, or if a parent is a staff member at that school.** Complete those sections on the application **in full** to qualify for priority.

- Families of current CPS students should log in with an existing account and reset the password the first time they visit the application website. Once logged in, you

can add students to your account.Please email us at gocps@cps.edu if you need help or have any questions.
- You do not have to complete the application in one sitting. Just hit Save & Continue at the bottom of each page to save your information.
- Rank all programs and schedule an exam or audition(s) if required.
- The deadline to apply is **November 13 at 5 p.m.** You can make updates until this time. Make sure you've clicked "submit" on your application by the deadline to be considered.

Get Protected this Respiratory Illness Season: COVID-19 and flu cases are increasing. The updated COVID-19 and flu vaccines are the best way to help protect yourself, your family, and our school community. A list of minimum health requirements is attached to this email. = You can also find a Health Center at findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov or contact Healthy CPS Hotline: 773-553-KIDS (5437) with any questions.

Key Reminders:

- Stay up to date on recommended and required vaccines.
- Get tested for COVID-19 before and after large gatherings and before returning to school after breaks.
- Wash hands often, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home when sick.
- Consider wearing a mask if you have symptoms or are around medically vulnerable individuals.

MSA Attendance: Our current Attendance Rate this week as a WHOLE school is 97.10%, which is a bit under last week's attendance. Our goal is to keep our attendance rate above 98%. Please make sure to prioritize your child being at school every day and on-time! We can do even better with everyone's support. Please see the guide below for when you should keep your child home.

Student Fees: Please make sure to pay your $125 student fee by **November 6th** through Aspen. If you need additional information, there is guidance attached to this email. If you are new to the Aspen Parent Portal or need technical support, please contact **Ms. Christy Zhang** in the Main Office at **LZhang10@cps.edu.**

After-School Care: **Apollo Afterschool:** For families seeking after-school care, Apollo Afterschool provides fantastic on-site care for Sheridan students.

Registration: You can register your child directly through the Apollo Afterschool Registration Portal.

Questions? Please visit their website at www.apolloafterschool.com or call their main office at 1-855-543-7277

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Key Transportation Reminders:

Please adhere to these

guidelines in the interest of SAFETY.

Please do not double-park when dropping off or picking up your child. Also, do not let students out of the vehicle on the street side. This is dangerous and may result in a serious injury.

Drop-off & Pick-up: Doors open at 7:30. We do provide supervision after 7:15 AM. Please review the below information and our arrival map [link] to help traffic flow safely. VERY IMPORTANT: Please do not park in handicapped spots, as these spaces are reserved for those with accessibility needs.

Morning Drop-Off

- Student Morning Drop-off is one-way on 27th Street going East.
- Pull up your vehicle as far as possible to the person stopped before you.
- Be fully stopped before your child(ren) exits the vehicle.
- We will have Student Ambassadors helping us with this starting next week.
- Always use the crosswalk when crossing the street (students & parents).
- Cars may not be double-parked in the street. You may be ticketed.
- Never leave your child or vehicle unattended.
- You may not exit your vehicle in the pick-up line or during the dismissal window.
- Note that U-turns are both illegal and very dangerous.

Car Drop-Off & Pick-up Route/Map

Dismissal Procedures: Please be considerate and follow these procedures faithfully. Failure to do so will create a traffic backup that poses a potential danger.

27th Street is a One Way STREET going East during the dismissal window of 2:15-3:00 PM.

- Dismissal for non-bussed students begins at 2:35 PM.
- Pick-Up Line: The only entrance for the pick-up line is from Wallace onto 27th Street.
- Arrive at your designated pickup time & do not cross in front of buses.
    - Vehicle Pick-up for Families is at 2:30 PM
- Pull to the curb and behind the vehicle in front of you.
- At approximately 2:45 PM, after the car pick-up line has cleared, the vans and buses going to after-school program locations will be allowed to move through the same pick-up line.
- Make sure your child can identify your car.

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- ➢ Be courteous to other drivers when entering and exiting the pick-up line.
- ➢ For your safety, please use the crosswalk at all times.

General Reminders:

- There is a CPS Parent Tech Support Hotline available to parents Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM. They can be reached at 773-417-1060.
- **Family Handbook & Website:** Please review the attached Student & Family Handbook, which serves as your comprehensive guide to being an active part of our school community. This handbook should be your go-to resource for school policies and information throughout the year. You can also visit our official school website anytime at www.sheridan.cps.edu.



Mark your Calendars!

Dates	Event
Monday, November 2nd	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, November 3rd	No School for Students
Wednesday, November 4th	Fall Photo Retakes
Wednesday, November 11th	No School for Students
November 23rd-27th	Thanksgiving Break