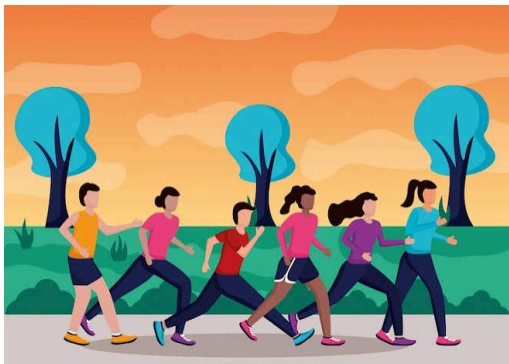


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The 2026 Walkathon was a HUGE success thanks to all of our staff, students, and families. We not only met our goal of \$40,000, we exceeded that, along with our stretch goal to raise \$53,494.000 which is 133% of our original goal. The funds raised will be allocated to the school's technology. We are so grateful to all who participated! Special thanks to our coordinators, Reach for the Stars, who continued to keep us motivated and engaged throughout the Walkathon season!

We are excited to invite your children to participate in the **MSA Dia De Los Muertos** (Day of the Dead) celebration. The tradition, which originates in Mexico, honors and remembers loved ones who have passed away by creating **ofrendas** (altars) with photos, food, and items that remind us of them. In keeping with this tradition, we encourage students to bring a photo of a loved one they wish to honor. Please ensure that this is not an original photo, but a copy or printed version. Your child's name and room # should be written on the back so that we can return the photo to you. Your child can give the copy to their homeroom teacher by Friday, October 23rd and it will be placed in the **ofrenda** as part of our school-wide celebration.

End of Quarter 1: The week of **October 19th** is the last week of quarter 1, which ends Friday, October 23rd, 2026. The Parent-Teacher Conference Day (Report Card Pick Up) will be held on Monday, November 2nd. More information will be sent home soon via the classroom teachers.

It's **Digital Citizenship Week!** Led by Common Sense Education, the primary focus for 2026 is building kids' critical thinking for a world with AI, helping students evaluate AI-generated content, media literacy, and online safety.

MSA Attendance: Our current Attendance Rate this week as a WHOLE school is 97.27%, 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.



Trunk or Treat was a great success thanks to the hard work and preparation of Reach for the Stars and our fantastic volunteers. In spite of the weather, the students had a spooky time.

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PAC (Parent Advisory Council): Do you want to connect with other MSA families? Are you interested in supporting our school by joining a parent committee or helping others navigate our community? If so, please join us for the [Parent Advisory Committee Organizational Meeting](#) on Friday, October 23 from 8:00 – 8:30 AM in Room 110. We will share a brief overview of the committee's roles and responsibilities. Come with an open mind and get ready to learn more about how you can support MSA!

Black Polo Golf Academy : This great program is offering 20% off to Sheridan families. Learn golf the martial arts way, with science-based coaching. Winter classes Wednesdays 5-7pm at Bridgeport Golf Club starting December 2nd. Mark Sheridan families get 20% off the first semester with code winter2026 – email golfinmotion.chicago@gmail.com to sign up. Ages 5-15, all levels welcome. The flyer is attached!

Student Fees: Please make sure to pay your \$125 student fee by **OCTOBER 23rd** 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

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.

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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.
- 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.

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Mark your Calendars!

Dates	Event
Tuesday, October 20th	High School Fair- 4:45PM-6:45 PM
Tuesday, October 20th	Halloween Fundraiser (in the AM)!
Friday, October 23rd	Student Fees Due!
Wednesday, October 28th	Taffy Apple Pickup
Friday, October 30th	Halloween Parade at 8:00 AM (K-5)
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