

5 Helpful Tips for a Great start to your School Year!

Making the Most of your Budget

Sometimes it seems like summer has only begun when the first back-to-school ads begin showing up. But schools are starting earlier than ever — and retailers at brick-and-mortar stores and online are ready to meet all your needs. Whether your child is just beginning school, a middle- or high-schooler, or headed to or back to college, shopping for the return of school days is both more complicated and easier than ever. The website Great Schools offers some tips to help you prepare for the experience.

Make a List Together

Before you begin shopping, make a list and involve your kids. The process will both motivate and provide a valuable learning experience. Begin with the basics. Check with schools for required and recommended supplies. Other parents with older kids are also a great resource. Students from elementary to college will ob-

viously have different needs (and wants), so advance research will save you time and money.

Must-Haves and Nice-to-Haves

Sorting out the aforementioned needs and wants is crucial in budgeting for the necessities and the desires of students. Once you've ensured you've addressed the former you can take into account requests for the latter. Students young and old are sensitive to trends, whether it's the character on your elementary-age child's notebook, the latest fashion or a next-level phone or computer, working with your children to establish the importance of a budget and priorities will help keep you both on track and spare them disappointment.

Sales and Tax-Free Days

Back-to-school sales will start early, so taking advantage of them will save money, time and frustration. Supplies from the most basic to the latest trend can and

will vanish before you know it. Keep your eyes open for sales, promotions and tips from other parents. Both brick-and-mortar and online stores are competing for your dollar, so be vigilant for price-matching and value-oriented sales on standard supplies. Many states also now offer tax-free days, creating extra values in supplies, clothing, computers and electronics.

Determine When Quality Counts

Bargains are attractive to any consumer at any level, but figuring out when quality counts will save you money in the long run. For many, seemingly basic needs — pens, for example, on the low end, or computers on the high end — cheaper might seem better. That may be true in the moment, but leaky pens might mean ruined clothing and a bargain-basement computer likely won't last over the long term. Use common sense and make smart investments. Rock-bottom values aren't always the best deal. Both you and your children will benefit from your quality choices.

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Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday:
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
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Join the Fun!

Holiday Bowl Youth/Junior League
Monday Nights at 7:00 pm beginning October 7th!
Sign up at Holiday Bowl.
To join High School Team sign up at SHS Library.

Holiday Bowl

27th and Highway 101, Florence
541-997-3332 • Everyone is Welcome

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2nd Read - Standard Calendar

2111 Oak Street
Florence, OR 97439

No school for students on **Blue** **or** **Grey** **shaded calendar days**

2019-20 School Calendar

Siuslaw School District 97J

Student Calendar

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	September 2019							February 2020						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2 - Labor Day														
3 - School Orientation Day														1
ES - New Students & BBQ								2	3	4	5	6	7	8
MS - Grade 6, HS - Grade 9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
4 - Grades 1 - 12 regular classes begin!	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
5 - Kindergarten Starts!	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
20 - Inservice - PD	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	30						
	29	30												
	October 2019							March 2020						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
								1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11 - Statewide Inservice	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
17&18 - Conferences	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	27	28	29	30	31			29	30	31				
	November 2019							April 2020						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
8 - Grading Day Quarter 1							1	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11 - Veterans' Day	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
12 - Start of Quarter 2	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30		
28&29 - Thanksgiving	24	25	26	27	28	29	30							
	December 2019							May 2020						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
6 - Inservice - PD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
21-31 - Winter Break	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31					29	30	31				
	January 2020							June 2020						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 - New Years' Day				1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2-5 - Winter Break	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
6 - Inservice - PD	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
20 - M.L.K., Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
31 - Semester 1/Quarter 2 Grading Day	26	27	28	29	30	31		28	29	30				

School Hours - Monday - Friday

Elementary 8:35-2:50

Middle School 8:30-3:10

High School 8:22-3:10

Semester 1	Quarter 1 - 9/3/19 - 11/7/19 (47 days)
	Quarter 2 - 11/12/19 - 1/30/20 (45 days)
Semester 2	Quarter 3 - 2/4/20 - 4/9/20 (43 days)
	Quarter 4 - 4/13/20 - 6/10*/20 (42 days)

Quarter day counts include Conferences & Professional Development

School Office Numbers

Siuslaw Elementary Office - 541-997-2514
Siuslaw Middle School Office - 541-997-8241
Siuslaw High School Office - 541-997-3448