Making the first day of school work for you

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The first day of school is ...

... a great time to recap the last year.
Here are seven things to know about Memphis schools as a new school year kicks off

As students start classes Monday at Shelby County Schools, here are seven things to know:

1. Shelby County Schools is Tennessee’s largest public school district and projects an enrollment of about 107,000 students in 2016-17, down 2 percent from 109,489 in the 2015-16 school year.

2. The school board and Shelby County Commission approved a $959 million budget for this year, including a 3 percent raise for most teachers.

… and to preview the coming one.
Cold Spring takes the plunge to manage school differently, but it’s still got lizards

It might not seem like there’s been a big change at Cold Spring School to the students who returned today for the first day of classes, but they actually will be part of a new and growing world of retooled schools.

This much stayed the same: Tucked into the hills on the northwest side of downtown Indianapolis, the school is surrounded by the same lush greenery as when students left in June. Many of the same teachers and kids are still there.

... a news peg as much as a news event.
… a chance to (re)connect with sometimes elusive audiences.
The first day of high school, with one of Orange County’s best teachers

... and to open the classroom door to the general public.
… an opportunity to be seen listening.
The first day of school - in Snapchats

... and a great day to try something new.