

September



7 Top Tips to Get Your Home “Back-To-School” Ready

DID YOU KNOW...

...that Robert Newton's performance in *Treasure Island* made him the Patron Saint of “Talk Like a Pirate” Day when he exaggerated his own accent to create Pirate Speech.



The leaves start changing, the busses start rolling, and before you know it, your little tykes are back in the classroom. Here's a list of 7 things that you can do to prepare your home for back-to-school:

1. **Create a homework station:** Set up a designated area in your home where your children can do their homework. This could be a desk or a table in a quiet area with good lighting.
2. **Organize backpacks and school supplies:** Create a designated spot near the front door or in a mudroom where backpacks and school supplies can be stored. Keep extra homework supplies in a designated spot so they are easy to find.
3. **Plan the menu of lunches and snacks:** Create a weekly menu for school lunches and snacks to ensure that your children are getting healthy and nutritious meals throughout the day.
4. **Adjust Sleep Schedules:** Start adjusting your child's sleep schedule a few weeks before school starts to ensure that they are well-rested and ready to learn.
5. **Set Up a Calendar:** Create a family calendar to keep track of important school events, deadlines, and activities.
6. **Review Transportation:** Plan your child's transportation to and from school, whether it be by bus, car, or walking. Make sure that your child knows the route and schedule, and consider a practice run to familiarize them with the route.
7. **Review Safety Protocols:** Review safety protocols with your children, including emergency contacts, what to do in case of an emergency, and stranger danger awareness. Establish check-in times or change-of-plans scenarios.



5 Things to Consider When Looking at Home Alarm Systems

1. **Type of System:** There are various types of home security systems available, such as wired, wireless, and hybrid systems. Each system has its own pros and cons, so it's important to consider which type best suits your needs.
2. **Monitoring:** Home security systems can be either self-monitored or professionally monitored. Self-monitored systems require you to monitor your home security system yourself, while professionally monitored systems involve a professional monitoring center that will receive alerts and respond in the event of an emergency.
3. **Features:** Different home security systems offer different features, such as motion sensors, door and window sensors, cameras, and smart home integration. Consider which features are most important to you and your home security needs.
4. **Cost:** Home security systems can vary in cost depending on the type of system, features, and monitoring. Consider your budget and what you're willing to spend on a home security system, or what features are worth spending extra on.
5. **Reputation and Customer Service:** When considering a home security system, it's important to research the company's reputation and customer service. Look for reviews and ratings from other customers and consider contacting the company's customer service to gauge their responsiveness and helpfulness.

WEIRD, BUT TRUE!

In the year 1752, the British Empire skipped 11 days of September, between the 2nd and 14th when they changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar.



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