

# Simpson Middle School Newsletter

## Dear Simpson Eagle Families,

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend the Principal's Coffee & Chat! I love having those conversations with everyone and sharing our upcoming processes and events. I will make a recording of the presentation so everyone can benefit from the information. Testing begins next week; be sure to check your ParentVue frequently for any important updates.

Sincerely,

*Dr. LaEla Mitchell*



**End of the Year Music Concerts** - Our students and music teachers have worked very hard this year and we are so proud of their accomplishments. Check your CTLS parent messages from the individual music program teachers for student instructions and details. See the Events list below for concert dates and times. All concerts will be at the Lassiter Concert Hall.



**Kindness Reminders** - As we interact with others, not only is it important to connect through the things we have in common, but also to place value on the things that make us different. See the attached flyer for Kindness Reminders.



**Tissue Donations** - 7th & 8th grade classrooms need tissues. If you are able to donate, please send them in with your child to give to their Homeroom Teacher. Thank you for your help 😊



## Upcoming Event

- 4/24 - 5/2 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade EOG Testing
- 5/3 - 6/7/8 Orchestra Concert @ Lassiter 6:30p
- 5/3 - 5/5 - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade EOG Testing
- 5/4 - 6<sup>th</sup> and Jazz Band @ Lassiter 6:30p  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Band @ Lassiter 7:15p
- 5/5 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day
- 5/8 - 5/10 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade EOG Testing
- 5/8 - 6/7/8 Chorus Concert @ Lassiter 6:30p
- 5/12 - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day
- 5/18 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance 6:30p-9:30p
- 5/19 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day
- 5/22 - 5/23 - Early Release @ 1:30p
- 5/24 - Last Day of School - Early Release @ 1:30p

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**Congratulations to our  
March Students & Staff  
of the Month!**

**Mr. Rob Lowery – Band  
Cafeteria Staff – Mary Wynne, Raquel  
Abreau, Yolanda Bates, Dawn Polk,  
Graziela Souza, Wendy Veno & Le Xie**

**Ashton B. – 6th Grade  
Jasmine T. – 6th Grade  
Aikhuele O. – 7th Grade  
Delaney G. – 7th Grade  
Garrett L. – 8th Grade  
Megan N. – 8th Grade**

**Incoming Sprayberry Freshmen for 2023-24.** We are happy to announce that Sprayberry will add the AVID program for incoming freshmen beginning in the Fall 2023 semester! We are very excited to implement this program as we feel it will be of great benefit to many of our students! Admission in the AVID program is application based (with interview) and more information and the application can be found on our website.

Please forward the link below to your current 8<sup>th</sup> grade families so they can review the information on the Sprayberry AVID program, determine if it would be a good fit for their student and begin the application process.

[https://web.cobbk12.org/sprayberry/\\_ci/p/82269](https://web.cobbk12.org/sprayberry/_ci/p/82269)

**COMING FALL 2023**

**ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION  
COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM**

**QUESTIONS?  
EMAIL OUR AVID COORDINATOR  
LESLIE.GILBERT2@COBBK12.ORG**

**THE IDEAL AVID STUDENT HAS AVERAGE TO HIGH TEST  
SCORES, 2.0-3.5 GPA, COLLEGE POTENTIAL WITH  
SUPPORT, STUDENT DESIRE AND DETERMINATION.**

**WHAT IS AVID?**  
AVID (ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION) IS A FOUR-YEAR ELECTIVE CLASS OFFERED TO STUDENTS WHO LIKE TO PREPARE FOR ENTRANCE INTO A FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY. THE CURRICULUM FEATURES WRITING, INQUIRY, COLLABORATION, ORGANIZATION, READING, NOTE-TAKING, STUDY SKILLS, AND COLLEGE/CAREER ACTIVITIES.

**WHAT IS AVID NOT?**  
AVID IS NOT A REMEDIAL PROGRAM. IT SEEMS TO HELP ACCELERATE STUDENTS WHO DESIRE TO DO SO. HOWEVER, THE STRATEGIES USED IN THE AVID ELECTIVE CLASS ARE GREAT FOR SCHOOL-WIDE IMPROVEMENT.

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HIGH SCHOOL**

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## PTSA Spirit WEEK Pizza at Papa Johns



**PAPAJOHNS**

Support Your  
**SCHOOL**

Order from Papa Johns on

**4/17-4/20**

**20% OF YOUR PURCHASE PRICE**  
will be donated to your local school

ORDER ON APP OR ONLINE AT **PAPAJOHNS.COM**

**Simpson Middle School**

**YOUR SCHOOL'S PROMO CODE**  
**SIMPSON20**

**MUST USE SCHOOL PROMO CODE**  
when ordering on the app, by phone,  
or online for school to receive credit.

Fundraiser valid at the below  
participating locations:  
**1860 SANDY PLAINS RD. MARIETTA, GA**  
**(770)565-3599**  
or any corporate location in Atlanta

## PTSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Motivation Monday** PTSA Health & Wellness chair Shonda creates affirmative messages to support our students and families' wellbeing. Visit the [Health & Wellness page](#) for more information. See attachment for this week's message.

### **8th Grade Dance details, volunteer and donation requests**

We are looking forward to celebrating our 8th graders at the "Black Light Glow Party" on **Thursday May 18, 6:45-9:15 PM in the Simpson Gym** (see attached flyer for details).

- **7th grade parents** it is tradition to help chaperone and serve food during the event, please sign up [HERE](#)
- **8th grade parents** we are requesting donations and help with preparations to make the evening a memorable one, please sign up [HERE](#)
- Parents, please review a letter from school regarding **dance attire and transportation** [HERE](#)
- **High school volunteers** are needed to help with water stations. Please consider signing up [HERE](#)
- All this information is also available on the PTSA website - <https://www.simpsonpts.org/dance>

### **8th Grade Yard Signs**

Show your rising high school student how proud you are of your soon-to-be Simpson graduate! We have both personalized and non-personalized sign options available. All proceeds will go to fund 8th grade end of year activities.

ORDER HERE: <https://www.simpsonpts.org/8thgradesigns>

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## 2023-24 School Supply Kits - ordering is now open!

This school year has flown by and it's already time to start thinking about school supply shopping! PTSA has worked closely with administration to streamline the school supply list for next year. You will need both the grade level box and connections box. **Last day to order supplies is 7/1/23.**

ORDER HERE: <https://bit.ly/Simpsonsupplies2023>

**Connect with Simpson PTSA** to stay informed about activities, initiatives, spirit nights, volunteer opportunities, etc.

- **Follow** us on [Facebook](#)
- Sign up for **Remind text messages** (Text your child's grade code to 81010 Grade Codes: 6th Grade - @29eagle, 7th Grade - @28eagle, 8th Grade - @27eagle)
- Visit the **PTSA website** [www.simpsonptsa.org](http://www.simpsonptsa.org)
- Receive the **monthly PTSA newsletter**
- **Email** [president@simpsonptsa.org](mailto:president@simpsonptsa.org)

## Lassiter & Sprayberry High School Information

Please see attached flyers for Feeder High School Events or visit the School's Website

### Sprayberry

**Volleyball Tryouts:** May 15-19 345p to 6p (see attached flyers for details)

**Jr ROTC:** Sprayberry NJROTC offers students the opportunity to become involved in school and community through team building to strengthen character and personal skills. Our students are better prepared for leading their peers, starting to work, and going on to college and careers. Students receive graduation credit for Health/Physical Fitness by taking NJROTC.

Student may elect to participate in team and individual competitions with such as drill, orienteering, and marksmanship. STEM activities include Drone competition, National Cyber Defense Competition also known as CyberPatriot, and Brain Brawl (academic competition). Click the forms link for additional information and to sign up. <https://forms.office.com/r/f16M9CnqAW>

### Lassiter

**Recycling Day Fundraiser:** April 22, 2023 10a-2p (see attached flyer for details)

**Color Guard & Jr. Guard Tryouts:** April 25-27<sup>th</sup> 630p-830p (see attached flyers for details)

**Middle School Band Camp:** May 30-June 1 \$150 registration fee (see attached flyer for details)

## **2023 LASSITER METRO TRYOUTS: RISING 6TH- 8TH GRADERS - Dates: May 1-3**

Time : 6-9pm / Location: Lassiter High School softball field / Register at [lassiterfastpitch.net](http://lassiterfastpitch.net)



**Contact:**  
770-971-4711



**Website:**  
[www.cobbk12.org/Simpson](http://www.cobbk12.org/Simpson)



**Twitter:**  
@SimpsonMS