

# Simpson Middle School Newsletter

## Dear Simpson Eagle Families,

Well, we have started our first wave of 8<sup>th</sup> grade testing. As you might imagine, the testing schedule impacts our entire building in some kind of way. Students have a different schedule and teachers may have to proctor or cover classes in addition to their own. So, consider giving everyone just a little extra love! Ask your children how they are doing and don't forget to check on the teachers too!

*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.



**Before School Tutoring and Intramurals have ended for the year.**

Students that arrive prior to 8:50 will have to go to study hall, a designated club or a prearranged study/makeup session with a teacher.



**Morning Tardies – The Tardy bell rings at 9:10am. Students need to arrive at school and be in their Homeroom Class by 9:10am to be counted present and on time for Homeroom.**

8:00am - The doors open for study hall, intramurals, tutoring and clubs

8:40am - Breakfast is served in the cafeteria

8:50am – Homeroom Starts

**9:10am – Tardy Bell Rings / Morning Announcements**

9:15am – Transition to 1<sup>st</sup> Period



## 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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## 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

**AVID**

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 GO ON. HOWEVER, THE STRATEGIES USED IN THE AVID ELECTIVE CLASS ARE GREAT FOR SCHOOL WIDE IMPROVEMENT.

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SPRAYBERRY  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## PTSA Spirit Night

Thursday, April 27 – 3p – 8p  
Righteous Que  
1050 Piedmont Rd, Marietta

**Mention that you are with Simpson 10% of the proceeds come back to Simpson PTSA**



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## 6th Grade Spirit Week

May 1st - May 5th



Monday

**Summer Sleep In!**

Wear school appropriate pjs



Tuesday

**Vacay's on the Way!**

Wear school appropriate beach wear & hats

Wednesday

**Student Teacher Swap Day**

Students dress as teachers and teachers dress as students

Thursday

**Pizzazz Day**

Dress in your best outfit or as your future career

Friday

**6th Grade Field Day**

Wear Field Day Colors  
(no body paint, please)





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## PTSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Georgia PTA District 9 Spring Conference & Awards**

Simpson Middle School PTSA was honored to receive the following awards at the District 9 PTA Meeting on April 20, 2023.

**Model PTA:** A Model PTA provides a strong format and defines an effective process for family engagement, advocacy, increases membership, and strengthens partnerships in the school community.

**Middle School Outstanding Local Unit:** we are thrilled to receive 2nd place! This award is given to outstanding local units that achieve the PTA mission and purposes.

**Hearst Family School Partnership-Best Idea:** received a shout out from District 9 that Simpson knows how to run a PTSA for Middle School.

*This was made possible only with the support of our Executive board, Board of Directors, staff and families. Thank you for your continued involvement!*

**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.

### **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (May 1-5)**

Please help us celebrate our amazing teachers and staff one last time this school year. PTSA is planning to provide a week of yummy snacks and meals to show how grateful we are for all they do for our families! You can donate a gift card for perishable items. Please drop off at the front office. Thank you for your generosity!!!! -> **SignUp Genius link**

### **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.simpsonptsa.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.simpsonptsa.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>

## Earth Day Bingo (contest closes this Friday 4/28)

Let's show our planet some extra TLC during Earth Month! Choose from several sustainable activities to participate in! Once you've finished 5 activities in a line, click a photo and email it to [vicepresident@simpsonptsa.org](mailto:vicepresident@simpsonptsa.org) by April 28th. The first 3 complete entries win prizes (CNC guest passes and water bottle are still up for grabs).

## 2023-24 Student Agendas - UPDATE

The survey feedback we received was mixed. For the upcoming school year, agendas will cost \$5 and are available for sale on the [PTSA website](#) by the end of May. Agendas can be picked up on Soaring Day.

**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)



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