

# Simpson Middle School Newsletter

## Dear Simpson Eagle Families,

We are off to a great start for Quarter 3! Thank you so much for your patience and understanding with the schedule changes for this new semester. Everything is flowing so much better!

Also, we are gearing up for STEAMAPALOOZA in just two short weeks. Be sure to check in with your children about what events they are excited to see.

*Dr. LaEla Mitchell*



**STEAMAPALOOZA:** You won't want to miss out! We will have games, giveaways, cool activities, and snakes! Yes, snakes 😊 Your kiddos have been working hard with their teachers to make it a fun-filled evening. It's a family event so be sure to sign up for dinner [here](#)! **Mark your calendar: January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.**



**EARLY CHECKOUTS** - If your child will be checking out early, please send in a note with them and include the time they will be picked up and why they are leaving early. Tell them to turn the note into the office before Homeroom and we will give them a pass to come up at the check-out time. Thank you for your help.



**Simpson Before School Tutoring is from 8:00a-8:50a.**  
See the attached schedule for days of the week & subjects covered.



**SIMPSON SPELLING BEE WINNERS:** Join us in congratulating the following students on being the best spellers at Simpson Middle School. We are so proud of your accomplishment!!  
Runner Up: Seetha G-8<sup>th</sup> Grade and 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Hugo B-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Don't forget to order your 2022 – 2023 Yearbook

[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)

School Order Number: **640**

\$35 July 28 - Sept. 30 (name stamp)

\$40 Oct. 1 - Feb. 17 (name stamp)

\$45 Feb. 18 - Mar. 17 (name stamp)  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only"

Purchase a personal 1/8 page color ad for only \$25

### Upcoming Events

1/12 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Band @ Lassiter - 6:30P

1/26 - STEAMAPALOOZA - 6P-8P

1/31 - 7/8 - Orchestra Camp 4:30P-7:30P

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## PTSA SPIRIT NIGHT

Join us Thursday, Jan 19 from 5p-9p at  
Bad Daddy's Burger Bar 3460 Sandy Plains Rd

A portion of the sale will come back to our PTSA  
when you mention you are with Simpson.  
Thank you for your support!



**PAPA JOHN'S**

Support Your  
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Order from Papa Johns on

**Jan 9-12**

**20% OF YOUR PURCHASE PRICE**  
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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

The flyer is split into two vertical panels. The left panel has a dark green background with a pizza image at the top right. The right panel has a light green background with a pizza image at the bottom right. A yellow banner highlights the promo code.

**Parents of Rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students  
going to Lassiter High School  
See the attached Flyer for information on  
Lassiter's Parent Night January 30<sup>th</sup> 6p-8p  
Schedule for Success: Honors & AP Explored**

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**STUDENT WITHDRAWALS – MOVING & TRAVEL:** The Enrolling Parent must notify the school prior to their child's last day when moving (preferably at least one week in advance). We must get a signed Withdrawal Form and verify that all school items, Library Books, Laptops are returned and that grades are completed for students who are leaving to transfer to another school. Call the office or email Trina Rivera at [trina.rivera@cobbk12.org](mailto:trina.rivera@cobbk12.org) to set up a meeting to fill out the Required Forms.

When traveling out of the area and your child will be gone more than 5 days you must send in a note prior to the trip to the Attendance Clerk to advise when they will be out and when they will return.

## PTSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **STEAMapalooza**

Enjoy an evening of free STEAM family fun on January 26th! Simpson's first in person community event after a few years' break promises to be a fantastic experience for all!

- Dinner is available for purchase before activities start. Place your family dinner order [here](#) (MUST preorder before January 20th).
- [General PTSA Meeting at 5:45 PM](#) during dinner, please join us for the PTSA Meeting where the Nominating Committee will be announced.
- PTSA Raffle prizes and giveaways for all attending families.
- Purchase spirit wear and check out PTSA's Silent Auction items in person.
- Can you help? Volunteers and donations are needed to make this event a success. Please sign up [here](#). Visit the [event page](#) for more information.

### **PTSA Silent Auction fundraiser**

BIDDING OPENS THURSDAY FOR THE 2023 SIMPSON MS SILENT AUCTION!!

Visit this link for a sneak peek: <https://www.32auctions.com/Simpson2023>

More items are being added daily. Bidding will OPEN at 8am on Thursday, January 12th and close at 10pm on Thursday, January 26th (after STEAM Night.) Proceeds from Silent Auction go to support our students, teachers, and staff! If you have any questions, please reach out to [Silentauction@simpsonptsa.org](mailto:Silentauction@simpsonptsa.org)  
Thank you for supporting our school and Happy Bidding!

**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.

**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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## Ask Dr. Mitchell!

[askdrmitchell@simpsonpta.org](mailto:askdrmitchell@simpsonpta.org)

PTSA has partnered with Simpson to provide another avenue for you to ask questions and find answers for questions that may come up throughout the year. Through our newsletters and websites, we will post questions and the answers so that everyone may benefit.

### **Question of the Week: What are some things you would suggest to help our students achieve academic independence?**

The first thing I would say to any parent, regardless of their child's age or grade, is that your child needs you! I think many parents can easily see and understand their role in their children's education in elementary school, but as the topics of learning become more departmentalized in middle school and high school, parents often grow more uncomfortable with guiding their children on their journey. Also, as our children mature, they seek to be more independent in their decisions and become resistant to following the directions provided for them. Add incredible physiological, mental, and emotional changes associated with puberty and you have a perfect storm for the challenge that is parenting middle school children. But no worries, we are here to help. In speaking with some of our teacher leaders, they have a few things ideas that may help as we start this new quarter...

- **Establish a routine to check ParentVue** for grades, missing assignments, and class attendance every week! If your children know that you will be checking and asking questions, they will be more mindful about completing assignments and getting to class on time.
- While you're in ParentVue, go to your settings to **get automated emails for important updates**. If you set up alerts or reminders, you should always be in the know about what is happening regarding your child's academic progress.
- Help your students **clean out their bookbags**. More than a few students are carrying work from Quarter 1 & Quarter 2 that isn't needed this semester. Encourage them to get a clean start with a backpack purge.
- **Make sure your child has a book to read**. Simpson students are expected to have a book with them to read every day. Encourage this practice by setting time aside for your children to read at home. It's a little thing that makes a big difference.
- Set up a routine to **have your children charge their laptops every night**. Students should not bring their laptop cords to school, so it is imperative that the demonstrate their readiness to learn with a charged laptop.
- If your child is absent, have them **check CTLS for missing assignments** rather than emailing the teachers. This helps give the students more responsibility and ownership in navigating through the resources provided for them for their learning.
- Lastly, remind them that **growth isn't always comfortable**. Let them struggle just a little bit as they grow into their own personhood. Just like you had to let go of their hands at some

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point when they were learning to walk, parenting middle schoolers requires you to give them space and opportunity to struggle through obstacles themselves so they can learn to problem solve. Giving them this safe space to learn self-efficacy is critical to their success in high school.



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