

# Simpson Middle School Newsletter

## Dear Simpson Eagle Families,

Happy New Year! We hope your holiday break was full of cheer and good tidings ☺ Not only are we excited about a new year, we are also anxious to see your beautiful children's faces this Thursday. Be sure to have your children preview their schedule for any changes before they come to school and please help them purge their bookbags! They should remove old work and materials that will no longer be needed for the next quarter. Also, be sure to check out the school supplies list to make sure students aren't carrying anything extra to and from school.

*Dr. LaEla Mitchell*



**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.



**Neighborhood Food Pantry** at Sprayberry High School 2525 Sandy Plains Rd, Marietta, GA 30066 Lower left parking lot off of Sandy Plains Rd. Monday, January 9, 4pm-6pm (every 2nd Monday of the month). Click on the attached flyer for more information.

### 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

1/5 - Students Return to School

1/12 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Band @ Lassiter - 630p

1/26 - STEAMAPALOOZA - 6P-8P

1/31 - 7/8 - Orchestra Camp 430p-730p

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## PTSA SPIRIT WEEK



All Week Long – January 9 through 12. Order Papa Johns on the app, online or in the store and use Promo Code – Simpson20 and a percentage of the sale will come back to our PTSA.

## 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

**Reflections** Join us in congratulating all the participants! The list of students moving forward to the ECCC round is published here -> <https://www.simpsonptsa.org/reflections> We will have an in-person celebration, date to be communicated soon.

**STEAMapalooza and PTSA Silent Auction fundraiser** The **PTSA Silent Auction** opens on January 12th. Many amazing experiences and items are available so make sure to get your bids in! All funds raised will help PTSA support our students, teachers and families. Come ready to have fun and do some last minute bidding during **STEAMapalooza** on January 26th.

**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@simpsonptsa.org](mailto:askdrmitchell@simpsonptsa.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: Why are some student schedules changing?**

We shared a couple of months back that we had to make some changes to the master schedule to allow more time for teacher collaboration. One of the core tenets of our district is collaboration and we are committed to maintaining an environment where teachers can grow and develop their instructional practices by working in collaborative communities. In order to allow this time for teacher collaboration, we had to make sure teachers of the same grade level and content had common planning periods.

During the fall, we had some teachers who were teaching students at multiple grade levels. While we were appreciative of their efforts to meet the needs of all their students, it was a heavy load for the teachers to carry, and it also meant that the time they had to plan with their colleagues was limited. In refining the master schedule, we adjusted classes so that these teachers would teach students at only one grade level. As a result of these changes, some students ended up with a new teacher because their previous teacher was no longer available to teach that grade.

Schedules for the spring semester have also been adjusted to meet the academic needs of our students. Over the last two quarters we have seen significant academic gains in content mastery in reading and math. For this quarter, we used multiple data points to determine student placement for enrichment courses so that students would be provided with the most appropriate level of support.

Student schedules should be available in ParentVue and StudentVue for your review. If you have a specific concern with your child's schedule, please complete the form available at the link below.

[Quarter 3 Schedule Concern Form](#)



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