

# Simpson Middle School Newsletter

## Dear Simpson Eagle Families,

It's officially week 2 and we are having a great time getting back into the swing of things! I'm happy to report that everyone has done a great job reporting to class on time, being responsible in the cafeteria, and of course, being intentional in learning. Your kiddos have been absolutely amazing, and the teachers have had a blast recognizing them through our positive behavior reward system. As we continue to build their understanding and pride in being a Simpson Eagle, we ask that you continue to ask your students about their day and have them show you the points they have earned! We are so proud of them!

Sincerely,

*Dr. LaEla Mitchell*

Principal, Simpson Middle School

Don't forget to order your  
2023 - 2024 Yearbook

[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) School Order Number: 640

Early Bird Pricing \$35 until 9/30

### Upcoming Events

8/9 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Music Instrument

Test Drive 5:30p-7:30p

8/17 - Open House - 5:45pm

8/21 - Asynchronous Learning Day  
(Students work at home in CTLS)

9/4 - Labor Day Holiday - No School

## Positive Behavior Rewards

This year our school will be using an electronic behavior management system called PBIS Rewards to help us recognize students for their positive behavior. Although we are not a PBIS school, this program is a technology based positive behavior management system that is perfect for helping us track and reward students for doing the right thing! You can learn all about the PBIS Rewards platform at their website ([www.pbisrewards.com](http://www.pbisrewards.com)).

Our behavior expectations are outlined using the acronym **SOAR**. When students meet these expectations throughout the day, they are rewarded with electronic points they can redeem for privileges, tangible items, access to events, and other cool things. Our expectation is that we will see overall behavior improve throughout the school and that the number of administrative referrals will decrease. Parents will receive more information via CTLS Parent, but in the meantime, ask your child to log in via Clever to show you the points they have earned already!

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**SUCCESSFUL:**

**OPTIMISTIC:**

**AWARE:**

**RESPONSIBLE:**

Be intentional in reaching your goals

Demonstrate a growth mindset & flexibility in new ideas

Keep Safety First & Be conscious of your surroundings

Be kind to everyone and everything, including yourself!



**Early Check-outs** - 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. **Absence Notes** – See the attachment for Absence Note Protocols.



Our school has many needs that are not covered by the CCSD budget. Simpson Foundation helps fund these needs to enhance your children's educational experience. We rely on your generosity to be able to do so - please invest in your children's education today by donating at [simpsonfoundation.net](https://simpsonfoundation.net).



The Family Information Guide and Student Code of Conduct are available on the District website. The Receipt of Family Information Guide is available to parents through ParentVUE as part of the Student Information portal.

## Important Reminders

### Simpson PTSA Announcements

**School of Excellence**-After a year-long effort to strengthen our school-family partnership, enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students, it is a huge honor to announce that Simpson MS and Simpson MS PTSA have earned the School of Excellence 2022-2024 designation! Simpson is one of only 29 PTAs/schools in Georgia and only one of 368 PTAs/schools nationwide to be designated. Congratulations and thank you to our EXCELLENT families, teachers and staff that made it possible! Details about a celebration will be shared soon. Please read [this letter](#) from our PTSA co-presidents to learn more.

**Join PTSA**- Help Simpson PTSA achieve our goal of 100% school-wide 2023-2024 Membership. We have over 650 memberships so far and our goal is in reach. If you or your student have not joined, please consider doing so. Individual memberships are \$7, various packages are also available. Visit [www.simpsonptsa.org](http://www.simpsonptsa.org) to JOIN TODAY! Purchasing a membership helps PTSA fund events, educational enrichment and more to make EVERY child's middle school experience memorable! A huge thank you to all that have already joined!

**Student Agendas**- Help your student stay on track with schedules, assignments and more! Agendas are available for sale on the PTSA website for \$5 each and will be delivered to your student's homeroom class. [ORDER HERE](#)

**View the Simpson August Eagle Eye PTSA email newsletter** for more PTSA information- [HERE](#)

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

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- **Follow us** on [Facebook](#)
- **Sign up for Remind text messages** Text your child's grade code to 81010, Grade Codes: 6th Grade - @30eagle, 7th Grade - @29eagle, 8th Grade - @28eagle
- **Visit the PTSA website** [www.simpsonptsa.org](http://www.simpsonptsa.org)
- **Receive the monthly PTSA newsletter**, Sign up [HERE](#)
- **Linktree-** <https://linktr.ee/simpsonptsa>
- **Email** [president@simpsonptsa.org](mailto:president@simpsonptsa.org)

Invest in your child's education today! Donate to the **Simpson Eagles Educational Foundation!**

The Simpson Eagles Educational Foundation (SEEF) funds the educational needs of our students and staff at Simpson that are not covered by the current Cobb County School District budget. They rely on the generosity of our families for majority of their funding - thank you for supporting the Foundation and our school! To donate, go to [simpsonfoundation.net](http://simpsonfoundation.net). 100% of EVERY dollar invested goes directly to Simpson's students and teachers through various educational and technology initiatives made possible by your generosity.

We have seen unmatched student progress with the implementation of programs such as **Membean**, **MI Write**, and **Progress Learning** (formerly USA TestPrep). However, these programs are costly, and we could use your donations to continue use of these resources. Cash, check, money orders or online payments are now being accepted for donations of **\$25.00** to help offset the cost of your student's online program access to these programs. Online payments can be made via MyPaymentsPlus at [www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome). The activity can be found in the Events and Activities option on the dashboard. If desired, families can also help cover the cost of the programs with donations for additional students.

## Meal Price and Family Meal Application Information for SY 2023-2024

As students return to learning in August, meals will no longer be provided at no charge to all students. For full details about the CCSD Food and Nutrition Services Program including information about our menus, please visit our [Food and Nutrition Services](#) website.

BREAKFAST		LUNCH	
Student All Levels - Full Pay	\$2.50	Middle and High Student - Full Pay	\$3.50

- To save time when coming through the serving line, you can add funds to your cafeteria account with a major credit card by telephone (1-866-535-1707), through the internet on [MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://MyPaymentsPlus.com) or via the MyPaymentsPlus app.
- Families eligible for free or reduced-price meals must complete an application to receive them – all other students must pay full price for their meals.
- The Online Family Meal Application can be found on the FNS on [Family Meal Application Information](#) webpage.

**What's on the menu? Check out the breakfast and lunch menus for the first semester [here](#).**

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**New School Start Time This Year:**  
**Doors Open at 8:15am for Student Arrival**  
**8:15am - Study Hall**  
**8:40am - Breakfast**  
**8:50am - Homeroom Starts**  
**9:10am - TARDY BELL**  
**4:00pm - Last Checkout**  
**4:15pm - Dismissal**



## **Neighborhood Food Pantry**

at Sprayberry High School 2525 Sandy Plains Rd, Marietta, GA 30066 Lower left parking lot off of Sandy Plains Rd. Monday, August 14, 4pm-6pm (every 2nd Monday of the month).  
Click on the attached flyer for more information.

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**SPRAYBERRY JUNIOR JACKET LACROSSE** - Parent/player meet and greet on Sunday 8/13/23 at 1:00pm @Sprayberry High school on the turf. The High School boys will be at this meeting as well so it would be a good opportunity for some of the middle schoolers to interact with the older kids. See the attached flyer for additional information.

## **Upcoming PTSA Spirit Night – Next Week**

**SIMPSON**  
Middle School  
Spirit Night

**Bad Daddy's Burger Bar**  
Tuesday, Aug. 15  
4:00pm-9:00pm  
3460 Sandy Plains Rd

**Bad Daddy's**  
BURGER BAR  
EST. 2007

Mention Simpson Middle and a portion of the proceeds go back to the school



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