



SMITHA MIDDLE SCHOOL
CARDINALS



WELCOME CARDINAL FAMILY

Our mission is to reach, teach, and empower ALL students.



OUR MISSION:

To reach, teach, and empower all students.

OUR VISION:

To be a premier middle school that fosters and empowers life-long global leaders who are engaged as stakeholders in their diverse communities.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Chris Salter,
Principal



Sarah Drake,
Assistant Principal
6th grade



William Grant ,
Assistant Principal
7th grade



Dr. Amanda Shaw,
Assistant Principal
8th grade



Nelsenia Tate,
Support Services
Administrator

Student Support Team



- **Michael Stokes**, 6th grade counselor
- **Charkeshia Toatley**, 7th grade counselor
- **Nichole McCroskey**, 8th grade counselor
- **Joanna Jasso**, Social Worker



Student Success

Teacher Collaboration

- Lessons
- Assessments
- Data Review

Student Responsibilities

- Ready to Learn
- Focused on Learning
- Engaged in Learning

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Student Support

In Class

- Ask questions

In School

- Teacher Office Hours
- “Reach Day” – Every Wednesday
- AVID, Read 180, Math Connections

After School

- Tutoring
- Technology Based Assistance

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Student Support



Advancement via Individual
Determination



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Regular (M-TH)

| 6 th Grade | | 7 th Grade | | 8 th Grade | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| HR Period | 8:45 – 9:15 | HR Period | 8:45 – 9:15 | HR Period | 8:45 – 9:15 |
| 1 st | 9:15 – 10:12 (57) | 1 st | 9:15 – 10:12 (57) | Connections | 9:20 – 10:12 (52) |
| 2 nd | 10:15 – 11:07 (52) | 2 nd | 10:15 – 11:07 (52) | Connections | 10:15 – 11:05 (50) |
| 3 rd | Lunch 11:10 – 12:32 (82) | 3 rd | Lunch 11:10 – 12:30 (80) | 3 rd | 11:10 – 12:02 (52) |
| 4 th | 12:35 – 1:30 (55) | Connections | 12:35 – 1:27 (52) | 4 th | Lunch 12:05 – 1:27 (82) |
| 5 th | 1:33 – 2:25 (52) | Connections | 1:30 – 2:22 (52) | 5 th | 1:30 – 2:22 (52) |
| Connections | 2:30 – 3:22 (52) | 6 th | 2:26 – 3:17 (51) | 6 th | 2:25 – 3:17 (52) |
| Connections | 3:25 – 4:15 (50) | 7 th | 3:20 – 4:15 (55) | 7 th | 3:20 – 4:15 (55) |



FreshAir Friday

| 6 th Grade | | 7 th Grade | | 8 th Grade | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| HR Period | 8:45 – 9:15 | HR Period | 8:45 – 9:15 | HR Period | 8:45 – 9:15 |
| 1 st | 9:15 – 10:07 (52) | 1 st | 9:15 – 10:07 (52) | Connections | 9:15 – 10:02 (47) |
| 2 nd | 10:10 – 10:57 (47) | 2 nd | 10:10 – 10:57 (47) | Connections | 10:05 – 10:55 (47) |
| 3 rd | Lunch* 11:00 – 12:22 (82) | 3 rd | Lunch* 11:00 – 12:20 (80) | 3 rd | 11:00 – 11:47 (47) |
| 4 th | 12:25 – 1:15 (50) | Connections | 12:25 – 1:12 (47) | 4 th | Lunch* 11:50 – 1:12 (82) |
| 5 th | 1:18 – 2:05 (47) | Connections | 1:15 – 2:00 (45) | 5 th | 1:15 – 2:02 (47) |
| Connection | 2:10 – 2:57 (47) | FAF | 2:05 – 2:25 | 6 th | 2:05 – 2:52 (47) |
| FAF | 3:00 – 3:20 | 6 th | 2:30 – 3:17 (47) | 7 th | 2:55 – 3:45 (50) |
| Connections | 3:25 – 4:15 (50) | 7 th | 3:20 – 4:15 (55) | FAF | 3:50 – 4:10 |

Cardinal Class

| 6 th Grade | | 7 th Grade | | 8 th Grade | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| HR Period | 8:45 – 9:15 | HR Period | 8:45 – 9:15 | HR Period | 8:45 – 9:15 |
| Cardinal Class | 9:15 – 9:40 | Cardinal Class | 9:15 – 9:40 | Cardinal Class | 9:15 – 9:40 |
| 1 st | 9:40 – 10:27 (47) | 1 st | 9:40 – 10:27 (47) | Connections | 9:45 – 10:30 (45) |
| 2 nd | 10:30 – 11:17 (47) | 2 nd | 10:30 – 11:17 (47) | Connections | 10:33 – 11:20 (47) |
| 3 rd | Lunch 11:20 – 12:42 (82) | 3 rd | Lunch 11:20 – 12:40 (80) | 3 rd | 11:25 – 12:12 (47) |
| 4 th | 12:45 – 1:37 (52) | Connections | 12:45 – 1:35 (50) | 4 th | Lunch 12:15 – 1:37 (83) |
| 5 th | 1:40 – 2:30 (50) | Connections | 1:38 – 2:25 (47) | 5 th | 1:40 – 2:27 (47) |
| Connections | 2:35 – 3:25 (50) | 6 th | 2:30 – 3:20 (50) | 6 th | 2:30 – 3:20 (50) |
| Connections | 3:28 – 4:15 (47) | 7 th | 3:23 – 4:15 (52) | 7 th | 3:23 – 4:15 (52) |



School Supply List

AVID Students - One 3 Inch Binder
All Other Students - One 3 Inch Binder, or Two 1 1/2 or 2 Inch Binders
Dividers w/Pockets (min. 10)
#2 Pencils
Blue and/or Black Pens
1 Pack of Multicolor Highlighters
1 pack of Blue or Black Dry Erase Markers
24 Pack of Color Pencils
Notebook Paper
3 Composition Notebooks (ELA, Reading, Social Studies)
Small Sharpener/Extra Lead if Using Mechanical Pencil
Glue Stick-2
Headphones/Earbuds with Cord
Pencil Pouch

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Student Life

Let's Talk About Cell Phones

- Turned Off and Placed In Bookbags
- Social Media
- Outside Calls/Emergencies
- Learning

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Student Life

Updated Cell Phone/ Electronic Device Policy

- Student cellphones must be placed in their bookbags.
- Cellphones cannot be in pockets, in hand or any where they are visible.
- Student cellphones ringers, alerts, and alarms should be turned off.

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Student Life

CTLs

- Increased emphasis on organization through CTLs/Outlook
- Smitha & District Policies and Procedures on CTLs class boards
- Passes recorded through Microsoft Form

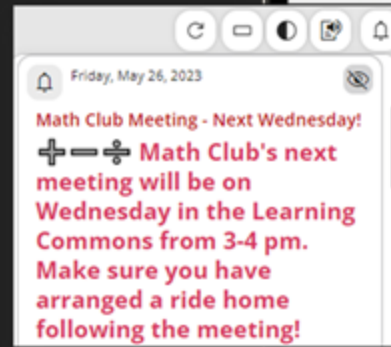
Mobile App-Push Notifications

- Class Board Posts pushed as announcements
- Notifications for new Assignments / Discussion Posts
- New Calendar Events
- Mirrors the "Notification Center" in CTLS Learn



One-Way Communication to students!

NEW! Student Mobile App




**RESPECT
EXCELLENCE
DEDICATION**



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Smitha Behavior Matrix

|  | Respect | Excellence | Dedication |
|---|---|--|---|
| <p>Special Events (Theater, Fresh Air Friday)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to speaker • Keep hands/feet to yourself | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use respectful volume level • Keep school clean | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep technology in backpack |
| <p>Cafeteria</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep your hands and feet to yourself • Use respectful volume level | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Stay in your seat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep technology in backpack |
| <p>Hallways/ Bus Port</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk on the right • Keep hands/feet to yourself | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep school clean • Use quiet volume level | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep technology in backpack |
| <p>Restroom</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to class right away • Keep hands/feet to yourself | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep school clean • Go. Flush. Wash. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep technology in backpack |

Student Recognition

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

- Fresh Air Friday
- Cardinal Class
- Cardinal RED Recognition
- Cardinal Cash
- Student of the Quarter
- Student of the Month
- Honor Roll





Student Life



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Family Support

- School Website
- Email
- Text/Phone Messages
- ParentVUE & CTLS Parent
 - This Week @ Smitha!
 - What We're Learning...

CTLS
PARENT

ParentVUE®
powered by Synergy®

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CTLs Parent

Smitha Middle School
Switch School ▾

Lucy Salter
8th Grade • Loving...

Lucy Salter
Incoming • Hillgrov...

COMMUNICATE

Posts >

Messages

Alerts and Notices

EXPLORE ▾

PARTICIPATE ▾

Smitha Middle School

All Schools, Classes, Groups ▾

Send updates and announcements, share pictures or request participation New Post ▾

Cobb County School District Meal Information for SY 2022-2023
Cobb County School District • Michele Mizzell • 19 hours ago • Monday, Jul 25 at 12:00 PM • Cobb County School District

FUELING STUDENT SUCCESS

EVENTS view all

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

- Jul 28 Special Called Board Meeting
- Aug 1 First Day of School
- Aug 18 CCSD Board Meeting
- Aug 22 Early Release All Levels

LINKS view all

<https://www.cobbk12.org/page/28195/ctls-resources>

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CTLS Parent

- School & District Posts
- Two Way Messages Between School And Home
- District Calendar
- Links
 - [District Home](#)
 - [My Payments Plus](#)
 - [Office 365 Support](#)
 - [CTLS Support](#)
 - [Transportation](#)

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ParentVUE

The screenshot shows the ParentVUE interface for a user named Lucy. At the top left, the Cobb Schools logo is displayed with the tagline "ONE TEAM. ONE GOAL. STUDENT SUCCESS." The user's profile information includes a name "Lucy", a blue privacy bar, and "Middle School (15)". In the top right corner, there are buttons for "My Account", "Help", and "Logout". The main header identifies the user as being from "Cobb County School District" and greets them with "Good morning, Chris Salter, 7/26/2022". A left-hand navigation menu under the heading "Home" lists various services: Messages, Calendar, Class Schedule, Student Device Liability Agreement, Athletic Registration, Office 365 Consent, Family Engagement Registration, School Meals, Online Registration, and Change My Information. The main content area features a large white box with a blue icon of two people, and a "Recent History" section showing "No Data". Below this is a "Recent Events" section with a blue circular icon and a blue privacy bar.

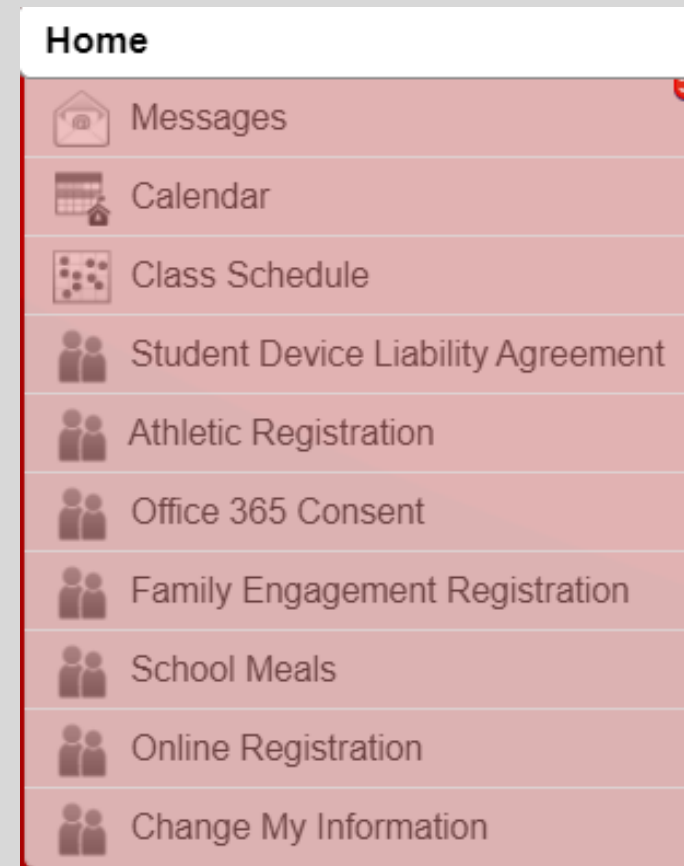
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ParentVUE

- Student Schedule
- Student Grades
- “Change Me Information”
- My Payments Plus
- Apply for Meal Payments



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What Can You Do?

- ✓ Maintain an active ParentVUE and CTLs Parent account.
- ✓ Update your contact information.





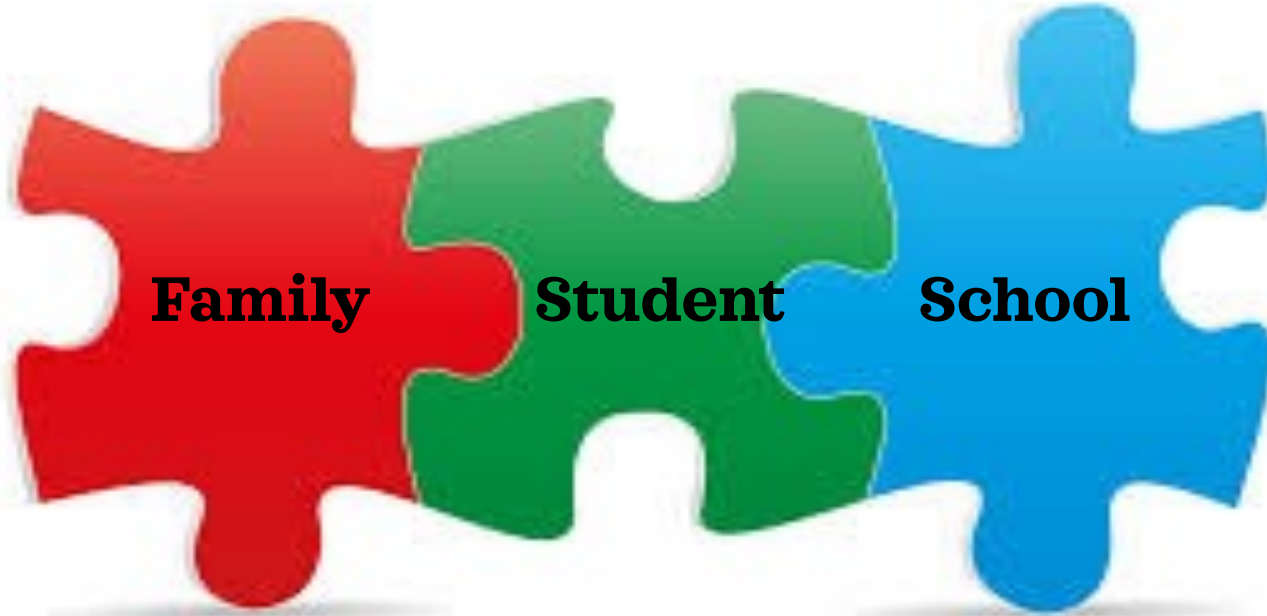
Family Support

- Set both academic and behavior goals for school.
- Discuss these goals regularly.
- What happens when your child meets goals & expectations?
- What happens when your child doesn't meet goals and expectations?

When you have concerns...

start with the teacher.

CRITICAL RELATIONSHIPS



Misunderstandings and conflicts happen in all relationships. Keys to maintaining successful ones include:

- ✓ Gathering all the facts.
- ✓ Hearing all perspectives.
- ✓ Moving toward a solution that works for all parties.



“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of families.”

Jane D Hull

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **August 1** First Day of School
- **August 17** PTSA Open House
- **August 21** Asynchronous Learning Day
- **September 4** **Labor Day No School**
- **September 22** Fall Pictures
- **September 25-29** **Fall Break**
- **October 16** Asynchronous Learning Day
- **October 17-20** Student-Led Conferences



For Additional Dates, See CCSD Website Calendar.

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THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!!!



We are excited for the start of the school year and hope you are as well!