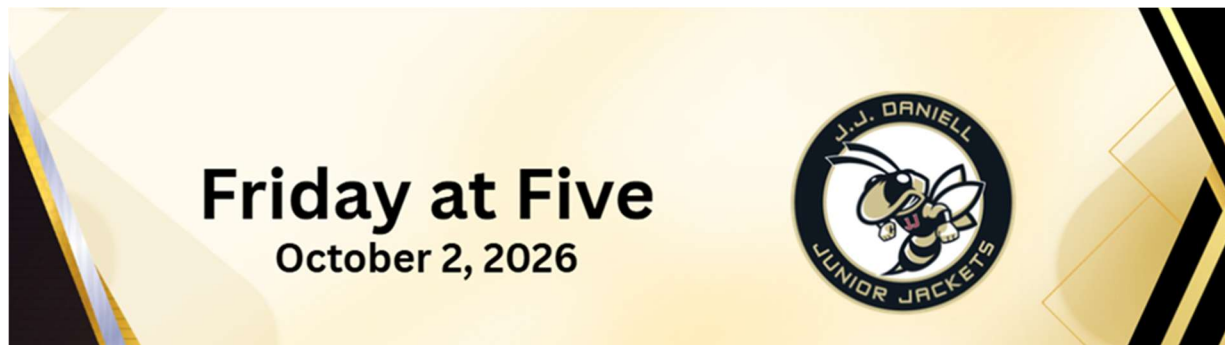


Friday at Five, October 2, 2026



6th & 8th Grade Families: Scoliosis Screening will be on October 5-9. See the attached letter and form to use should you prefer to have your own pediatrician do the screening.

End of Quarter 1: Next Friday, October 9, is the end of Quarter 1. Encourage your student to turn in any missing assignments before then! Be sure you have signed up for Parent Vue so you can help stay on top of grades

8th Grade Families: PSAT 8/9 will be administered to all 8th-grade students on Monday, October 19. This assessment helps establish a baseline measure of college and career readiness as students prepare to enter high school. Students should bring their fully charged CCSD-issued device on testing day. Please review the attached letter for additional information, including important details about how students can prepare for testing day.

Save the Date: Saturday, October 10 is our first Campus Clean Up Day! We will be spreading mulch and sprucing up the front parking lot before conference week from 9 am to noon. Come one, come all! Bring your work gloves, your rakes, wheelbarrows, and lots of help! We welcome parents and students as well as spouses, partners, children, siblings, and friends! Advertise this with your students who need Community Service hours!!

Digital Learning Day: Monday, October 12. Students do not report to school. They will have digital assignments to complete via laptops/CTLS at home. If your child needs hard copies of assignments, please email the teachers at least 3 days before the Digital Day so that teachers have time to prepare them and send them home with your student.

8th Grade Families:

Daniell 8th graders have the opportunity to visit the **Cobb Innovation & Technology Academy (CITA)** for a morning of exploring STEM and technology pathways. Students will tour the facility and participate in hands-on activities using CITA equipment.

Date: Friday, November 6, 2026

Time: 9:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Location: CITA at Osborne High School

Cost: \$12

Important: Space is limited to the **first 45 students** who pay and complete the required permission form in **ParentVUE**. Payment can be made through MyPaymentsPlus or by cash/check to Daniell. Turn into Ms. Parr in the front office.

Parents **must provide permission through ParentVUE**; emails, notes, or phone calls cannot be accepted as permission.

See the flyer for more details or if you have questions - e-mail Lauren McAfee, 8th grade counselor, @lauren.mcafee@Cobbk12.org

Would you like to advertise your child's birthday? If so, pay \$25 at least a week before your child's birthday on My Payments Plus, and we will wish him/her a Happy Birthday on our marquee sign! (We will only post the first name and the date) All proceeds for this go to the American Heart Association.

New law: State legislation has mandated this year that all middle and high school students have a one-hour training on suicide prevention.

In Cobb schools, we are using a program called *SOS Signs of Suicide for Students*, which discusses this difficult topic with students and encourages them to seek help if they are worried about themselves or a friend. Studies have shown that it effectively teaches students about depression and suicide while reducing the number of students' self-reported suicide attempts.

Through the program, students will learn:

- That depression is treatable, so they are encouraged to seek help
- How to identify depression and potential suicide risk in themselves or a friend
- To ACT (Acknowledge, Care, and Tell a trusted adult) if concerned about themselves or a friend
- Who they can turn to at school for help

Students will watch age-appropriate video clips and participate in a guided discussion about depression, suicide, and what to do if they are concerned about themselves or a friend. At the end of class, students will complete an exit slip that asks whether they

would like to talk to an adult about any concerns. School staff will support any student asking to talk.

6th & 7th Grade Dances: The 6th & 7th grade dances will be here before you know it! 6th grade is Nov.4, and 7th grade is Nov. 5. Keep reading for information about dance tickets:

If your family has joined the PTSA for the 2026-2027 school year, the dance ticket is free. If your family has not joined the PTSA, the ticket will be \$20 after October 16. The good news is that you can still join the PTSA, so you don't have to pay for that dance ticket!

Either click on the link below to join or send \$10 cash or check to the front office. Make checks out to Daniell PTSA. Please indicate on the envelope that this money is for PTSA.
<https://jointotem.com/ga/marietta/j-j-daniell-ms-ptsa>

Parents may also join in the front office during conference week!

Join before it's too late!

Spirit Day and/or Night at Zama's: See the flyer below for all the details! Go for lunch and/or dinner and say you are from Daniell so that we get a portion of the proceeds!



Conference Week Snacks: Our teachers are holding conferences before school, during their planning time, and after school into the evening during Conference Week, Oct. 12 – 16. We would love it if you could donate individually wrapped grab and go snacks for them! Send any snacks with your child or drop them off at the front office anytime next week! Think granola bars, fruit, chocolate, Goldfish or Cheeze Itz packs, packs of cookies, chips, sodas, etc. We appreciate any donations! Thank you!

Please keep the squishies at home: Students should not be bringing any kind of squishy or fluid-filled fidget (Nee-Dohs) to school. They are bursting and ruining carpet in classrooms and/or students' laptops. They are often very distracting in class. Please ensure that your student keeps them at home. Thank you!



Counselor's Corner: Week 8

End of Quarter 1 Reflection Questions

- What are you most proud of from Quarter 1?
- Which class or subject do you feel like you made the most progress in? Why?
- Is there a class where you would like to see your grade improve? What could you do differently in Quarter 2?
- What is one habit that helped you be successful this quarter?
- What is one thing you could improve—such as studying, completing assignments, turning assignments in on time, asking for help, or managing your time?
- What is one goal you want to set for yourself for Quarter 2?
- Is there anything you need from your teachers or from us at home to help you be successful?



Agape House of Worship meets in the Daniell theater each Sunday. Families are welcome to join our service at 10:30 AM or meet us afterward at 12:00 to 2:00 PM for food, fellowship, and games.



Have a great weekend!

There are 8 attachments with this post. Click the links below to view the attachments.