



The Eagle Update

Parent Edition – 2/1/26

Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

I hope that you had a great weekend! This week we celebrate National School Counseling Week. We have two tremendous counselors at Simpson: Ms. Madison Patton and Ms. Randi Vaughn. Together they support our students, faculty, and families in a myriad of ways, not limited to:

- One-on-one support
- Small group sessions
- Classroom lessons
- New student induction
- Standardized testing
- 5th – 6th grade transition
- 8th – 9th grade transition
- Community resources
- Families in need
- Medical care

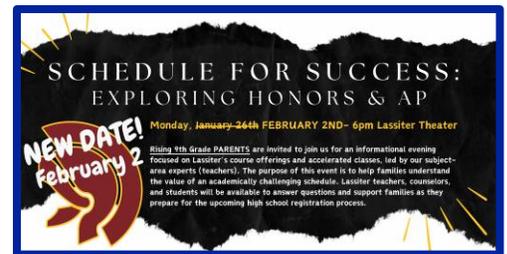
We are so thankful for our counselors and all they do for our community at Simpson. Please join me in our celebration of Ms. Patton Ms. Vaughn this week!



Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Instructional

UPDATED Lassiter AP & Honors Classes – Tomorrow, February 2nd @ 6:00pm, Lassiter HS will be hosting an informational session titled [Scheduling for Success](#). Rising 9th Grade Parents are invited to come and learn about course offerings and honors expectations from the experts, the subject area teachers. The goal of the evening is to help parents understand the importance of a challenging schedule and get questions answered to help prepare for their student's upcoming high school registration.



Operational

Lassiter Elective Registration – Currently, 8th grade teachers are working on class recommendations for rising Lassiter students. Paper core class course requests and information on how to register will be available after February Break. Students came home Friday with their elective registration instructions. Information also available on the 8th Grade Homeroom tile in CTLS.

Mission:

*EAGLES –
Encouraging
Achievement, Growth,
Leadership, &
Enduring Success*

Vision:

*Educational
Excellence for ALL*

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Sprayberry Elective Registration – Rising 9th Grade Yellow Jacket families need to complete the [Online Registration Form](#) no later than February 13th. Paper core class course requests will be handed out on March 2nd. Information also available on the 8th Grade Homeroom tile in CTLS.

Other Registration – If your student is attending a different high school through HB251 (school choice), moving, or returning to your home school feeder pattern (and you have been notified of acceptance), please let [Dr. Vickie Kogan](#) know so that she can help your student with early registration. This does not include students who have been accepted to magnet schools.

Safety – Safety at a school is more than locked doors and safety procedures. Safety is also how students *feel* in the building. While we at Simpson have the responsibility for safety procedures, emergency protocols, and investigating threats, everyone in our community has a responsibility to assure students *feel* safe at school. One of the best ways to assure this is to limit the spread of rumors. We recommend the following protocols:

If your student brings a concern to you...	If you hear about a concern from another adult...
<p>- Ask questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you hear/see it directly, or hear it from someone else? • Did they hear/see it directly? Are you sure? • Where did this happen? • When did this happen? • Was anyone else around to see/hear this? • Did you report this concern to an adult? <p>- If a threat seems legitimate, report it to the school.</p> <p>- Wait to hear back from the school on what was reported.</p> <p>- Until you hear from the school, remember to avoid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking neighbors if they heard the same thing. • Telling neighbors what was reported. • Posting about what you heard on social media. <p>These behaviors cause rumor spread, increase concerns across the community, and are not likely to help the situation or provide you or others any additional information.</p>	<p>- Ask questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did your child hear/see it directly, or hear it from someone else? Are you sure? • Does your child know if anyone actually saw or heard it? • Did you report this to the school? <p>- If a threat seems legitimate, report it to the school.</p> <p>- Wait to hear back from the school on what was reported.</p> <p>- Until you hear from the school, remember to avoid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking neighbors if they heard the same thing. • Telling neighbors what was reported. • Posting about what you heard on social media. <p>These behaviors cause rumor spread, increase concerns across the community, and are not likely to help the situation or provide you or others any additional information.</p>

Rising 6th Grade Guides – 8th Grade Parent, do you also have a child in 5th grade who will be attending Simpson? Encourage your student to sign up to be a tour guide for his/her brother or sister! There is a [Forms Link](#) on the 8th Grade CTLS tile for the sign up. Our counselors will train the 8th graders and arrange for students to be assigned to their sibling’s tour group. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Simpson Counselors [Randi Vaughn](#) or [Madison Patton](#).



Rising 6th Grade Dates – For any of you with current 5th Grade students who will be coming to Simpson, please see the [Rising 6th Grade Dates](#) to mark your calendars for the upcoming events.

School Calendars – See the [February Calendar](#) for all the ongoing at Simpson.

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Operational (Cont.)

Student Survey – Simpson will be administering the GADOE Climate Survey to students in an [Extended Homeroom Schedule](#) on Friday, February 6. The survey asks students questions about their perceptions of school as well as questions about their personal health and wellness. If you would like to review the survey questions, you may do so [Here](#) or by visiting the Simpson Front Office during normal business hours until Thursday, 2/5. For more details or to opt-out your Eagle from participating in the Student Survey, please see [This Letter](#). Opt-out forms should be turned in at the Simpson Front Office or directly to survey administrator [Dr. Vickie Kogan](#) prior to the end of the school day Thursday, 2/5.

PTSA & Foundation

STEAMapalooza – The PTSA’s amazing Annual STEAMapalooza is coming up on Thursday, February 5 (6:00-8:00). See [This Flyer](#) for details and plan to bring the whole family! (All Simpson students must be accompanied by an adult.)



STEAMapalooza Silent Auction – The PTSA silent auction is LIVE! Visit [This Site](#) to scope out our fabulous donations and bid on your favorites! The silent auction items will be on display during [STEAMapalooza](#) on February 5, and the auction ends that night at 11:45! (Item pickup will be the following week.)

Foundation Fun Fair Early Bird Prize – Tickets & passes for the Zaxby's Fun Fair, organized by Simpson Foundation, are live! Anyone who donates before our kickoff on February 27th will be entered into a drawing for prizes. This fun annual event happens during the school day. We will be sending out requests for volunteers in the coming weeks. Visit us at [The Simpson Foundation Website](#) to purchase your student's tickets/passes today.

Foundation Hat Day – The Simpson Foundation will be hosting a hat day on Friday, February 13. Students can wear a hat or a hoodie all day for a \$1 cash donation.

7th Grade Activity Night – 7th Grade Activity Night permission slips will be going home tomorrow, Monday, 2/2. The event is on 2/12 after school and pickup is at 6pm. No early checkouts! PTSA will be serving pizza and snacks.



Community Events

Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry – The next Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry distribution for this school year is tomorrow, Monday, February 9. See [This Flyer](#) to register. You do not need to register again if you have ever visited the pantry in the past.

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Old News

Simpson Tutoring – We are currently offering before school support sessions for students in the four core content areas. See the [Simpson Tutoring Schedule](#) for details. Thank you for the additional effort on your part to get your Eagle in early so that they can attend tutoring sessions and get the additional support they need!

GADOE Parent Survey – Each year the Georgia Department of Education surveys parents, students, and teachers on the climate of their school. At Simpson, we truly appreciate our parent feedback. Please take a moment to complete [This 22-Question Survey](#). For more details on the Parent Survey, see [This Letter](#).



Family Survey

Laptop Chargers – Many of our Eagles would love to have an extra charger for their student laptop. This would allow them to leave one at home and travel with the other to and from Simpson. See the links below to order an extra or a replacement charger.

- 6th & 7th Grades (Lenovo laptops) – [Click Here](#)
- 8th Grade (Dell laptops) – [Click Here](#)

Old Computers Needed – Do you have old desktops or laptops gathering dust? We need them! Our computer programming class is currently seeking donations for a project where students will be learning about the inner workings of computers. These devices provide vital, hands-on experiences for our aspiring technicians and programmers. If you can help, please have your child drop off the equipment to [Mrs. Murphy](#) or at the Simpson Front Office. Thank you for supporting our students' education!

Yearbook – Now is the time to order your Eagle's yearbook! The yearbook will get more expensive as the year goes on, so the best time to order is now! Simpson school #640. [Click Here](#) to order.

Upcoming Dates

- 2/2 – Lassiter's [Scheduling for Success](#) (New Date!)
- 2/5 – [STEAMapalooza](#) (5:00-8:00)
- 2/6 – GADOE Student Climate Survey
- 2/11-13 – 8th Grade Music trip to Orlando
- 2/12 – 7th Grade Activity Night
- 2/13 – [Foundation Hat Day](#)
- 3/20 – [Foundation Fun Fair](#)

