



# The Eagle Update

*Parent Edition – 7/27/25*

## Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

I want to begin with a thank you for the incredibly warm welcome I have received since coming on as principal at Simpson. It is thrilling to be working at such an outstanding school in such an exemplary community. As I mentioned recently at our Meet the Principal Night, we have the opportunity to set the standard as *The Best of the Best*, meaning the best middle school in East Cobb. Accomplishing this requires dedicated partnership between our families and our school, and this work doesn't wait until the first day of school to begin. It starts now as we all make sure we are ready to push our Eagles to be their absolute best. Thank you for taking time to look ahead so that we can all hit the ground running when our students arrive for class on August 4<sup>th</sup>. I am very excited to see what we can accomplish together!

Sincerely,  
Cory Stanley

### Mission:

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

### Vision:

*Educational  
Excellence for ALL*

## Weekly Communication

**The Eagle Update** – Each week at 7:00pm on Sunday evening, you will receive communication about all the ongoings at Simpson. This communication comes in two formats: a phone call and this newsletter. Please take time each week to review one of these options. The phone call is the quickest but contains the least detail, and this newsletter, *The Eagle Update*, will have all the possible details. Taking a few minutes each week to review the Sunday communication will assure that you are up to date on all things Simpson!

## Operational

**Soaring Day** – This Thursday, 7/31 is [Soaring Day](#)! We have spread out our times to allow our new 6<sup>th</sup> grade Eagles the opportunity to really get comfortable in their new nest. Students and parents will arrive, pick up a [Soaring Day To-Do List](#), and then check each item off as they travel our building.

- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – 9:00-10:00am
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Last Names A-J – 12:30-1:45
  - Last Names K-Z – 2:00-3:15

**Student Lunch Money** – The CCSD Food and Nutrition Department has moved away from MyPaymentsPlus and will now be utilizing [MySchoolBucks](#). Please note: CCSD will still be using MyPaymentsPlus for all other transactions (field trip fees, fundraisers, etc). Only school meals will be moving to the [MySchoolBucks](#) platform. See the [Student Flyer](#) for details.

**Bus Route Finder** – The fastest and best way on and off our campus each day is on the bus. Use the [CCSD Bus Route Finder](#) to determine your Eagle's bus route and times.

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## Operational

**Student Laptop Update** – If your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Eagle waits until they return to school to update their CCSD student laptop, it will take a very long time to do so. Now is a good time to charge that device, power it up, get it on a network, and run updates. Instructions for updating can be found [Here](#).

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Laptop** – In order for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to receive a CCSD student laptop, parents must opt-in through [ParentVue](#). Laptops will be distributed during the first week of school and only students who are opted in prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> will be guaranteed a laptop in the first round of distributions. See the [Opt-In Instructions \(Spanish\)](#) for details.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument Test Drive** – During the first week of the school year our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will go through a rotation to learn about all our connections classes including band, chorus, and orchestra. We expect every 6<sup>th</sup> grade student to choose at least one of these music programs. Remember, students need NO previous musical experience to join one of these programs and the start of 6<sup>th</sup> grade is the ONLY opportunity to join one of these amazing groups at Simpson! Please go ahead and mark your calendar for Saturday, August 9. That day will be our instrument test drive, the best time to determine which of our ensembles are the best fit for your Eagle.

**School Supplies** – Pre-ordered school supplies will be available for pickup at [Soaring Day](#). If your family did not pre-order, see the [2025-26 Simpson Supply List](#) to help you prepare.

**Cell Phones** – At Simpson, our policy regarding personal electronic devices (cell phones, headphones, etc) is that students may have them, but they must be in their backpack. Students are only allowed to use these personal electronic devices with explicit teacher permission. The [Simpson Personal Electronics Protocol](#) will be followed for students who are using devices without teacher permission.

**Dress Code** – In preparation for the schoolyear it may be beneficial to review the [Simpson Dress Code](#).

## PTSA & Foundation

**PTSA Membership** – It is time to join the Simpson PTSA for the 2025-26 schoolyear. See the [PTSA Spirit Wear Page](#) to get started!

**Foundation Partnership** – The Simpson Foundation partners with our school to provide updates and innovation to both our school facility and instructional program. Simply put, the Simpson Foundation allows us to raise the bar from what we could do with federal, state, and county funds alone. We hope that every family partners with the Simpson Foundation annually. See the [Simpson Foundation Website](#) for details!

## Community Events

**Back to School Health Services** – See [This Flyer](#) from Cobb Douglas Public Health for services offered to families as they prepare to return to school.

**Sprayberry Football** – See the [Sprayberry Football Calendar](#) and the [Football Fees](#) for updated information. Contact [Coach Mack](#) with questions.

**Lassiter Color Run** – The Lassiter Cross Country Team is proud to host its fourth annual color run starting at 9 AM rain or shine on Saturday, August 9, 2025. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

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## Upcoming Dates

**7/31** – [Soaring Day!](#)

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**8/4** – First day of the 2025-26 School Year

**8/9** – Instrument Test Drive (All 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents should mark their calendars!)