The Eagle Update

Parent Edition – 8/16/26

Mission:

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

Vision:

Educational Excellence for ALL

Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

I hope everyone had a great weekend! We are now in full swing of the school year and students are starting to feel the academic demands of their new grade level. So, this coming week will be a great time to start checking ParentVue to see if your Eagle has any missing assignments and to assure grades look the way you expect. Tomorrow, August 17, is a Digital Learning Day across CCSD. While your student is at home checking on CTLS for what needs to be done in each class, our entire staff will be on campus at Simpson. This is a great time to reach out with any questions that arise from you or your student via email. Additionally, please don't be shy about reaching out to any teacher with a class in which your student needs support. Our school vision is *Educational Excellence for ALL.* We understand that success looks different to each student, and nobody knows that better than you do! As parents, you know that some students are ready to be set free to pursue this success on their own, and others need guidance and a lot of checking in upon. Not every student reaches school maturity at the same time, even siblings in the same family! Thank you for taking the steps needed for your unique learner(s) to assure they are getting what they need from our team!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Special Event

Virtual Open House – Rather than hosting a traditional, in-person, face-to-face event, Simpson's Open House is virtual this year. This will allow you to "get to know" your Eagle's teachers at a time that is convenient for you and that does not interfere with other evening activities. Of course, any time you want to conference with a teacher, we are here for you. Simply reach out to that Teacher Directly or contact our front office.

Instructional

CTLS Learn – All teachers at Simpson post daily assignments on their class boards in CTLS learn. Each teacher's CTLS class board serves as their blog. Did you know that you can see these too? See These Instructions to do so!

Digital Learning Day – Tomorrow, Monday, August 17, is a Digital Learning Day for all CCSD students. This means that they DO NOT report to school but DO have schoolwork. Students should access CTLS for each class to see the work outlined for them. This will primarily be a review of previous material or a preview of what is upcoming. Our entire staff will be at Simpson collaboratively planning, so both students and parents should feel free to reach out to teachers for questions and additional support. Parents, Digital Learning Days are a great time to check ParentVue to see if your student has any missing assignments!

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Operational

Updating Contact Information – Did you know you can update your family contact information in ParentVue? This allows you to adjust who can check your Eagle out of school, who can see educational records, and more. See These How-to Steps to update your Eagle's contact information ASAP!

PBIS Rewards Invitation – Last Thursday, both a hard copy and an electronic copy of an informational letter about the PBIS Rewards App were sent home to families. PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) is our schoolwide approach to recognizing and encouraging positive student behavior and our SOAR expectations. The letter includes information about the purpose and features of the PBIS Rewards App, which allows families to stay connected to the positive recognition their child receives at school. Parents and guardians should download the PBIS Rewards App and scan the unique QR code included in their child's letter to access their child's PBIS Rewards information. Please refer to the letter sent Thursday for instructions on getting connected, and reach out to Assistant Principal Cami Allen with questions.

Gum – Simpson is a gum-free school. Especially since our summer renovations, we want to make sure our building stays beautiful. Thank you for assuring your Eagle comes to school gum-free!

Front Office Volunteers Needed - Do you have an extra two hours every other week? We are looking for volunteers to help in the Simpson Office Front Desk to check students in and out as well as answering the phone and greeting visitors. Shifts are two hours on one day, every other week. We will be having a 1-hour training meeting on August 25th at 10:00am and on August 26th at 12:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering email our Front Office Clerk at: emily.cargill@cobbk12.org

Laptop Chargers – Now that the vast majority of our students have their CCSD laptop, please remind them of the following:

- Students should always bring their charged laptop to Simpson every day.
- Although the charged laptop could last the entire day, students should also bring their power supply.
- Use This Link to purchase an additional or replacement power supply.

Critical Apps – Reminder that there are three apps that all Simpson parents should access regularly:

- CTLS Parent
- ParentVue
- PBIS Rewards Family

PTSA & Foundation



Foundation Legacy Wall – We're excited to announce a new addition to Simpson—the Legacy Wall in our front lobby! Families and staff can make a donation of $150 or more to have their family name displayed on the Legacy Wall as part of what makes Simpson *The Best of the Best*. See the Family Investment Campaign Site to contribute!



PTSA Membership – Don't worry if you were unable at SOARing Day to join the PTSA. See the PTSA Website for memberships and spirit wear today!

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Community Events

Sprayberry Basketball – Spray Jr. Jackets Basketball has tryouts coming up on August 23 and 30. See This Flyer for details.

CCSD High School Sporting Events – With football season right around the corner, we will have many of our Eagles wanting to experience Friday night lights at both Sprayberry and Lassiter. Please see the reminders below for all extra-curricular events on CCSD property:

1) Middle school students must be accompanied by an adult at all evening events: Concerts, schoolwide events such as STEAMapalooza or International Night, and sporting events.
2) The CCSD Student Code of Conduct applies to all student behavior on any CCSD property, even outside of the regular school day.

Sprayberry XC – See This Flyer for information about the Sprayberry Jr. Jackets Cross Country Club.

Sprayberry Football – See the flyers below for information on the upcoming football season at Sprayberry.

2026 Recruiting Flyer | Lineman Flyer | Middle School Schedule | Autograph Signing

Old News

Student Laptop Notes – Just like any technology in your household, there should be a system for supervision and maintenance of the CCSD Student Laptop. See notes below for establishing your plan.

- Network Access: While on the CCSD network, students have restricted access to sites that they should not be accessing. However, on your home network, they can access whatever your network allows. The security of what they can and can't view comes from the network, not the laptop itself. This is something to consider when planning for when, where, and how they use their laptops at home.
- Screen Time: Just like TV or cellphones, too much screen time on the laptop is not good for young brains. For this reason, we recommend that you establish an off time for the CCSD student laptop. At that time, the laptop should be stored somewhere visible and plugged in.
- Charging: The CCSD laptop is an integral learning tool for students throughout each day. For this reason, it should come to school fully charged each day. Thank you for determining a location in your household where this can occur each evening.

School Clubs – Many student clubs and organizations will exist this year at Simpson. Over the month of August, we will be forming this year's groups and advertising them through our daily student broadcast and this newsletter. Clubs will begin meeting soon. See the Simpson Club List for details.

Early Student Checkout – If you need to check out your student early for an appointment, you should send a note in the morning. The notes should contain:

- The reason for the early dismissal
- The time for pickup
- Who is picking them up

Have your Eagle bring the note to the Front Office when they arrive at school and we will give them a pass to dismiss at the designated time. All people checking out a student must show a valid government issued photo identification and have "Release To" and "Contact Allowed" rights set up in ParentVue. For the safety of your student, CCSD does not accept digital or phone picture IDs for student checkouts. 3:45pm is the deadline to check a student out early.

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Office 365 Storage – Student OneDrive accounts have a storage limit of 5 GB. Students in 7th and 8th Grade may have reached their storage limit, which can prevent them from saving new files or making changes to existing files. Please review the information provided Here for guidance on managing and organizing files to free up storage space.

Student & Family Handbook – The Simpson Student & Family Handbook provides information on all things Simpson. Other than the weekly Eagle Update, this is a great place to look for answers when questions come up.

Morning Food & Beverage – We encourage students to carry a water bottle throughout the day and have several bottle filling stations throughout our building. Water is the only beverage students are permitted to carry from class to class. So, when students arrive at Simpson with a pink drink, a coffee drink, a smoothie, or breakfast in hand, they must take a seat in the cafeteria and finish it by 9:05. If students can't finish by 9:05, they have to toss it in order to make it to homeroom on time. We don't want you throwing your money away, so consider this timing prior to making that morning purchase at Dunkin'!

School Hours – Our front doors open each day at 8:00. From 8:00-8:50 we offer a supervised, silent study hall in our cafeteria. At 8:50 our buses begin unloading and students are released from study hall to homeroom. To avoid being marked tardy to school students must be in homeroom at 9:10, which is the time our school day begins with our morning broadcast. We dismiss all students simultaneously at 4:15.

Office Hours – Our front office is open each day, Monday-Friday, from 8:15 to 4:45.

Upcoming Dates
• 8/16 – Virtual Open House Published
• 8/17 – Digital Learning Day
• 8/18 – ELA Beacon Assessment
• 8/19 – Simpson Foundation Meeting @ 8:00am
• 8/19 – 8th Grade Music Orlando Trip Informational Meeting @ 6:00pm in the Theater
• 8/24 – Math Beacon Assessment