



The Eagle Update

Parent Edition – 8/2/26

Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

It is hard to believe, but the first day of the 2025-26 school year is tomorrow! (Of course, there are those of us who have had a house full of students all summer that might have been thinking, "When is the school year ever going to start?!") Either way, the Simpson Team is excited and ready for a new year. Thank you to all who came out to SOARing Day last week. We were thrilled to see many familiar faces in our 7th & 8th grade halls, and of course to welcome our new Eagles in the 6th grade. Beginning tomorrow, we will be setting the tone for an outstanding school year. I often say, "We don't do average at Simpson," in reference to our building, our staff, and our students. If we are going to be *The Best of the Best*, the work begins minute one of day one. Therefore, we have a deliberately crafted plan to establish standards of excellence for both academics and behavior starting first thing tomorrow. Thank you for taking time today to have a conversation with your Eagle about their goals for this school year. What went well last year that they want to continue, and what did not go so well that they want to improve? We are looking forward to another year of elite parent-school partnership as we kick things off tomorrow!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Mission:

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

Vision:

*Educational
Excellence for ALL*

Shout Outs

Doctoral Degrees – Shout out to Dr. Heather Cooper and Dr. Valarie Stoney, who both completed their doctoral programs over the summer. These two are not only fabulous teachers, they are continually working on their own personal growth. Congratulations!



Instructional

Beacon Assessments – Across CCSD, students take a Beacon Assessment in math and ELA three times a year: Fall, Winter, and Spring. We utilize data from assessments to best support each student and for class placement. At Simpson, the ELA Beacon will be administered Tuesday, August 18, and the Math Beacon will occur Monday, August 24. See [This Letter](#) ([Spanish](#)) for more information.

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Operational

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.

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.

Breakfast Ending – Due to low participation rates, Simpson will no longer offer a breakfast program this school year. If you or someone you know relies on school breakfast, please reach out directly [Principal Cory Stanley](#) for assistance.

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'!

Carpool Dropoff – Parents, please remember that your Eagle is healthy, young, and very mobile, and is therefore able to walk the entire length of the sidewalk to get to the front entrance in the morning. Thank you for pulling forward past the entrance to drop off your Eagle in the same manner utilized during afternoon pickup. Also, please never allow your Eagle to cut through the parking lot or across the traffic during morning drop-off. The few moments you save are not worth the safety risk!

Carpool Pickup – Unlike elementary school, we do not need to know how your student is getting home each day. We trust them to head either to the bus or the carpool lane during dismissal as you have arranged. Our structure for carpool is that all cars pull forward as far as possible and students walk to you. Please do not stop at your student, leaving space available in front of your car. Your Eagle is young, healthy, and very mobile. They will be fine walking the length of the sidewalk.

Student Laptops – Thank you to the vast majority of our 6th grade families who have already opted in and picked up their CCSD student laptop! See the [Set Up Instructions](#) and [Laptop Rules](#) for details on next steps. (7th & 8th grade parents, please ask your Eagle to run updates tonight if they have not already.) Each day, your Eagle should travel to and from school with their laptop and charger. We ask that students charge their laptop each evening so that it is ready to go in the morning. Keep in mind that when that laptop is at school and on our CCSD network, your Eagle is very insulated from things on the internet that they should not have access to. However, once they are at home on your network, the security is determined by what you allow. It is recommended that, like all electronic device usage, its use at home is supervised, and that there is a set time and place each day to shut it down and plug it in to charge.

Bus Routes – Need information on your Eagle's bus route? Use the [Bus Route Finder](#) and [Track My Bus App](#). When your student gets off the bus at Simpson tomorrow morning, they will be given a card that has their bus number, their driver's name, and their bus parking lane. The lane is the most important information for them to know at dismissal as buses do break down and drivers sometimes have subs. The bus that takes them home however will always be in the same lane.

Academic Honesty & AI Policy – Please see the [Simpson Academic Honesty & AI Policy](#) for the steps we are taking to assure students are engaging in their own work and embracing the challenge to do hard things on their own.

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Operational (Cont.)

6th Grade Music – All Simpson 6th Grade students should choose at least one music course. Their options are Band, Chorus, and Orchestra. Students will be introduced to these options over the first week of school. Students do not need any previous musical experiences to join. (Most of our music students have zero.) There will be an [Instrument Test Drive](#) on Saturday, August 8th where students and parents can finalize these decisions.

Open House – Rather than hosting a traditional in-person evening Open House, Simpson will be posting our Open House virtually this year. In the Eagle Update on Sunday, August 16th you will find a link to a new page on the [Simpson Website](#) where each teacher's video introducing themselves and sharing information about their course(s) can be found. 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.

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!

Community Events

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

6th Grade Overview – Did you know we hosted a Rising 6th Grade Parent Night in the spring? If you weren't able to attend, you can see the [Rising 6th Grade Parent Video](#) for details. You may also want to see [A Day in the Life of a Simpson Eagle](#).

Lunch Funds – CCSD utilizes [My School Bucks](#) for families to pay for student lunches. Now, would be a good time to goad ahead and load up your Eagle's account. Details on school lunches can be found on the [CCSD Food & Nutrition Services Website](#).

Dress Code – At Simpson, we believe we have a very fair and reasonable dress code. As you are completing your back to school shopping, we thought you may want access to the [Simpson Dress Code](#) to ensure your Eagle comes to school each day dressed to learn.

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Upcoming Dates

- 8/3 – First Day of School!
- 8/8 – [Instrument Test Drive](#)
- 8/16 – Virtual Open House Published
- 8/18 – ELA Beacon Assessment
- 8/24 – Math Beacon Assessment

