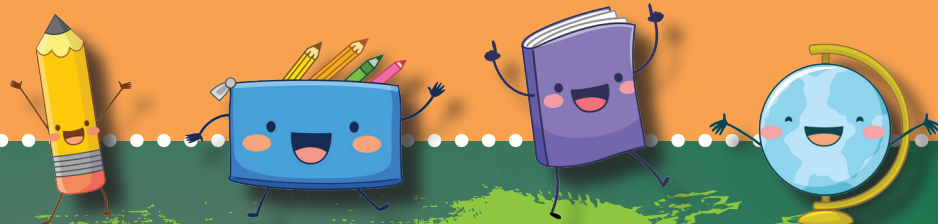


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10 WAYS TO HELP YOUR STUDENT START THE SCHOOL YEAR ON THE RIGHT FOOT

USE THESE SAGE TIPS TO ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN'S START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR IS AS SMOOTH AND TROUBLE-FREE AS POSSIBLE.

The start of a new school year brings a mix of emotions for kids and parents alike – from excitement over the promise of new beginnings to anxiety over the fear of the unknown. No matter how you child faces the new year, you can help to make the most of the experience with these tips can help your help your child start the new school year on the right foot.



Getting ready to go back to school is a major event in most households across the country this time of year. With these tips in mind, parents will be ready to help their students face the challenges, excitement and changes the new school year will bring.

1. EASE INTO A SCHEDULE

Most children spend their summers staying up late and sleeping in, which can make the adjustment to the school schedule a bit of a shock to the system. Plan for a soft transition by easing children into the school schedule gradually during the last week or two of summer break. By pushing bedtimes up by one-half or one hour each week, your child will be better prepared to meet that first early bell with a smile.

2. PLAN TO EAT RIGHT

Re-focus summer eating habits that might have consisted of “food on the run” to healthy sit-down meals as a family whenever possible. When children spend many hours each day in a classroom, they need all the nutrition they can get to keep their brains in top performing condition. Begin with healthy breakfast selections at school (FREE TO ALL SCCPSS STUDENTS!) and try to have family dinner nights as often as possible throughout the week.

3. SET UP A HOMEWORK STATION

Homework time will go more smoothly if all the necessary supplies are right at hand. Create a corner in the home, whether a desk in the bedroom or a space at the kitchen table, where kids have paper, pencils, erasers, and other supplies within easy reach. Once the station is created, use it at the same time every day, establishing a study time after school without any electronic devices unless they are required for the assignment.

4. MAKE THE PROPER INTRODUCTIONS

Plan to attend the Open House for your school. You'll find all the dates and times on our website, sccpss.com. Just look for the Back To School button on the home page. At Open House, you will meet the school principal, teachers, counselors, and school staff. It is recommended that you also meet any support staff your child might come in contact regularly, such as the school nurse or the media specialist! Simply putting a face to a name can go far in easing a child's first-day jitters – and a parent's anxiety as well.

5. TAKE A TOUR

If your child is starting a new school, a tour of the building will help him or her get the lay of land before that first bell rings. Again, this can be accomplished at the school Open House. At the same time, do a practice run or two to and from the school so your child is comfortable with the route, particularly if he will be riding his bike or walking to school on his own.

6. GET A HANDLE ON THE CURRICULUM

Parents have many sources for learning about the curriculum that will be used in their child's classroom during the upcoming year. An appointment with the teacher or principal is a good first step for collecting information. Some schools also feature orientation days where curriculum and goals for the classroom are reviewed. If the school doesn't make the information available, the state department of education will also have curriculum information on their website.

7. GET INVOLVED

If time allows, plan to get involved in your child's school experience. Volunteers will be welcomed back into the classroom during the first nine weeks. Watch the website for more information. Volunteer to help in the classroom, plan a class party or work in the lunchroom one day a week. There are many ways to get involved that allow you to observe your child in the school environment. If you are unable to volunteer, talk to your child every day about the school day and keep lines of communication with the teacher wide open. Joining the PTA at your school is another valuable way to get involved and show your support.

8. LEARN THE ART OF ORGANIZATION

Creating an organizational system for your student makes it easy for them to keep track of assignments and other papers. Give the system a check-up once a week to ensure clutter doesn't begin to build up. Clean out backpacks weekly as well to catch stray permission slips and homework assignments before they fall through the cracks. You can check the Learning Management System, ItsLearning, for any communication your child's teacher may have sent home. Also, you may receive flyers and other information through Peach Jar.

9. TEACH GOOD STUDY HABITS

Another important component for success during the later years of school is the development of good study habits. Students need to explore study methods and practices that work for them and then employ those practices throughout the year. The most important fact to drive home is that daily study is much more effective than last-minute cramming – which some strong-willed students may have to learn the hard way.

10. KEEP IT POSITIVE

The most important part of preparing for the upcoming school year is to keep a positive attitude about the experience. When parents show a positive attitude towards school and academics, students will tend to do so as well. Keep the end goal in sight – the wonderful opportunity to learn new things – and your children will be more likely to embrace the school experience.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

HELLO, AND WELCOME TO A NEW AND EXCITING SCHOOL YEAR!



M. Ann Levett, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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We are excited to welcome our school families back to Savannah-Chatham County schools. Our goals continue to focus on providing each student with a quality educational experience and a path to a fulfilling future, based on every child's interests and needs. SCCPSS is committed to providing access and opportunity for our students to support college and career readiness. Our emphasis this year will be on a balanced social, emotional, academic, and physical curriculum with diverse experiences and extracurricular opportunities.

As we return to learn this year, I want to thank our amazing staff who work tirelessly to give our students the #publicschooladvantage every single day. Our teachers have been "on the ground" now for a few days, and we've welcomed new teachers, principals, and other staff to the family! We are READY to take our scholars on the adventure of a lifetime!

Maintaining a safe environment is always a top priority. Our custodial team and buildings and grounds staff continue to work closely with building leadership to prepare classrooms, cafeterias, and outside spaces to ensure a safe learning environment for students and staff. **Please do your part and help us keep schools open by following all health and safety recommendations:**

- Cleaning your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home when YOU are sick.
- Covering your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around others.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean your hands after throwing away the tissue.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.

Parents are our most important ally when it comes to being school ready. We encourage you to get to know your school counselors, your teachers and leadership at your school. Your school council is one way to become involved; PTA/PTO/PTSA are also great opportunities for engagement. When we work together, our students, our staff members, and our community thrive.

We invite you to take advantage of the many enhanced communication tools such as our teacher communication tools in our learning management system, itsLearning; school newsletters; the district website, sccpss.com; and the individual schools sites accessible from our district site. There are many other resources that compliment classroom instruction and school-home communication for our parents and students. The Parent Portal has expanded its capabilities as well, including the ability to update your contact information so we can stay in better touch with you. Please take a moment to ensure that your contact information is up to date so that we can reach out to you with important information during the school year.

There are so many exciting things happening in our school district! We invite you to keep in touch with us by visiting our website and following us on social media. You can find us on Twitter and on Facebook at @SC-CPSS. Plus, watch for our Instagram account to become much more active this year!

On behalf of the 5600+ SCCPSS employees, we wish you a year full of productivity and success!

M. Ann Levett, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

USE SCHOOLCASH ONLINE TO PAY FOR SCHOOL ITEMS AND FEES

Savannah Chatham County Public School System uses SchoolCash Online for all school items and activity fees. SchoolCash Online helps our school district in many ways. Parents can manage all school fees and items for their students in one location and have the convenience of a secure online payment platform. The platform also improves safety and reduces risk by minimizing cash and check payments at our schools.

We encourage all parents to register now, so you'll be ready to make online payments from home or any location once school starts. Setting up your account is easy and takes just a few minutes. You can access your account from your laptop or any mobile device!

There are multiple benefits to parents and schools of using SchoolCash Online. SchoolCash Online is free, safe, simple, secure, and saves time. You will

help increase efficiency and security at your school by making payments directly into your school's bank account. This limits the number of people entering the school, reduces risk of lost payments, and allows teachers and office staff to focus on helping students and not counting cash. In addition, you are automatically informed about school activities!

Sign up today at <https://sccpss.schoolcashionline.com/> and watch a short video to guide you through the steps. Once online, you can add multiple students, set notifications, and manage payments.



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SAVANNAH-CHATHAM E-LEARNING ACADEMY

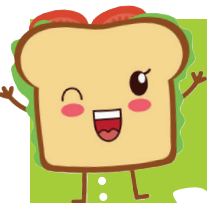


During the pandemic, SCCPSS launched the Savannah-Chatham E-Learning Academy or SCELA. Any student seeking a full time, online option may register for an opportunity to enroll at SCELA. SCELA is an online public school with teachers who are practiced in the delivery of online instruction. Students accepted into SCELA for full-time instruction will transfer from their current school upon enrollment at SCELA. All enrolled students will be issued devices prior to the start of the school year.

“We have had great success with SCELA,” said Bernadette Ball-Oliver, Interim Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning. “We’re always looking at continuous improvement. That’s the whole model for schools and how we improve and make things better. We will continue to make the experience better for our kids.”

“SCELA will be the only online learning option for this school year.” Ball-Oliver continued. “This year, SCELA will welcome 12th graders to their virtual campus! All SCELA students have a learning coach -- a responsible adult who will communicate with the school and teacher on a regular basis and make sure the student logs on every day. There are commitments from all parties to make this a successful experience for our students.”

The school does not require a uniform but expects students to be dressed appropriately for class sessions following the SCCPSS Code of Conduct for non-uniform days. Parents and students enrolling at SCELA must participate in an online orientation prior to the start of the school year. You can more information about SCELA at SCCPSS.com. Look for the E-Learning Academy under the “schools” tab.



SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

The program's objective is to provide a variety of palatable, high-quality, safe, nutritious foods that students will enjoy eating at a price affordable to them. The menus are planned by a Registered Dietitian and chef. The school cafeteria serves as the nutrition laboratory in the schools. Many schools have gardens and practice "farm-to-table" production for their school cafeterias! SCCPSS has been awarded a Golden Radish Award at the Gold level for the district's Farm to School efforts.

Every student will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of nutritious, appetizing foods; served in a pleasant environment that provides adequate time to eat so they will be ready to learn. Our nutrition standards are based on current Dietary Guidelines for Americans, Institute of Medicine meal pattern recommendations as outlined in the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act. Nutritional values of meals will be evaluated over a school week based on new meal standards rather than judged on a single meal or food item.

Since foods must be eaten to provide nutrients, student preferences and input will be considered in menu planning. All new foods will be evaluated for nutrient

density, ingredients, and student acceptability. Student meals will meet the required calorie range by grade level and a variety of foods to support growth, development, and healthy weight. Foods will be prepared to ensure a balance between optimal nutrition and student acceptance. Competitive foods (a la carte and vending) offered to students in addition to meals will meet or exceed the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and the United States Department of Agriculture Healthier US School Challenge Standards.

Purchasing practices will ensure the use of high-quality ingredients, seasonal produce, and menu options to maximize acceptance and will reflect current science-based research, current Dietary Guidelines for Americans, Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act and Healthier US School Challenge menus are planned with foods specified to have reduced saturated fat, zero trans fats, reduced sodium and sugar and increased fiber.



For information about SCCPSS Nutrition Program, please contact School Nutrition at (912) 395-1066.

SPECIAL NUTRITION EFFORTS INCLUDE THE USE OF:

- Whole grain breads, cereals, pasta, grains, and tortilla chips, and whole grain and reduced sugar cereal.
- Grade A frozen and canned vegetables.
- Fruit packed in light syrup or natural juice.
- A variety of vegetables including dark green, red/orange, and legumes offered weekly.
- Foods prepared with little or no added salt.
- Vegetable and animal protein items will be reduced fat.
- Variety of milk including 1% low fat unflavored; flavored and unflavored fat free milk.
- Water-packed tuna or vacuum-packed salmon.
- No iodized salt packets available to customers.
- Low calorie and low-fat salad dressings.

5 GREAT REASONS YOUR CHILD SHOULD EAT SCHOOL MEALS



SCHOOL MEALS ARE SAFE

Georgia's School Nutrition staff are ServSafe® certified, serving more than 30 million safe and nutritious meals to Georgia's students.

Our School Nutrition Program's health inspection scores are among the highest in Georgia!



SCHOOL MEALS CONNECT WITH STUDENTS

Students thrive in structured environments and school meals are a familiar part of their routine for both virtual and in-person learners.

School meals connect students to their school, peers and school staff.



SCHOOL MEALS SAVE YOU TIME AND MONEY

School meals take the guesswork out of meal preparation for students as they learn in-person or virtually.



SCHOOL MEALS ARE HEALTHY AND DELICIOUS

Quality school meals are the mainstay of the Georgia School Nutrition Program! Our School Nutrition Professionals serve fresh and healthy meals that cater to students' nutritional needs.

Our school meals also have the bonus of being absolutely delicious!



THERE ARE ENOUGH SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL

When your child eats school meals, it does not reduce another child's ability to receive school meals. In fact, serving more school meals helps the local economy, your district school nutrition program and supports local farmers by serving Georgia grown items.



CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL CAFETERIA MANAGER TO LEARN ABOUT SCHOOL MEAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR STUDENT



THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.

SCCPSS TO PARENTS: FILL OUT MEAL APPLICATION FORM AS FEDERAL WAIVERS EXPIRE

For the last two school years, schools have been able to offer breakfast and lunch at no charge to students. This was made possible during the pandemic thanks to the generous support of the U.S. Department of Agriculture reimbursing schools for meals served to students, regardless of their income.

The waiver which allowed SCCPSS to provide free meals ended June 30. For the school year 2022-2023, Savannah Chatham County Public Schools will continue to serve free breakfast for all students but is urging all families to complete and submit a Free and Reduced Meal Application, if you believe your student(s) may be eligible. The application can be completed online. There is no deadline, but parents are urged to get their application in to make sure all students will receive lunch at the appropriate rate. If you prefer a paper application, they are available at the Applications center located at 3609 Hopkins Street. There will also be a secured after hours drop box located at this site.

ESPLOST UPDATES

SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS ON MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS PAID FOR BY THE PENNY SALES TAX KNOWN AS ESPLOST.

Chatham County voters renewed the education penny sales tax, extending the 1% collection for another five years. ESPLOST IV passed with 74% approval, the widest margin in its 20-year history. The previous best was 67% for ESPLOST II in 2011. With the passage of the ESPLOST III continuation in Chatham County on November 8, 2016, the existing bond debt has been retired, resulting in the eventual elimination of \$139,706,985 dollars of bond debt that would have been the burden of taxpayers. Over the span of the ESPLOST construction program, the district has replaced 22 schools, provided technology improvements for teaching and learning, and added safety and security enhancements at nearly every school in the district. SCCPSS has administrative oversight over 50 schools, plus several

other sites and administrative buildings. Every facility requires upkeep, and some buildings are much older than others.

A thoughtful effort has resulted in the identification of District needs through a data driven approach. SCCPSS utilizes a facility condition assessment to analyze the physical condition of each building. This process also served as a guide to determine the cost to replace, improve, or repair. Using current classroom space, populations trends, historical and current enrollment and housing trends, the data helps determine how ESPLOST funds are allocated, where new schools need to be built, and necessary facility additions or improvements. School buildings have a life span and often require modifications for better utilization, just as your home does.



SAVANNAH HIGH ATHLETIC COMPLEX

The 2,000-seat stadium and athletic complex at the School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High has been completed and football games are scheduled for the upcoming season. A ribbon cutting was held in May. The facility features artificial turf, a state-of-the-art multimedia scoreboard, and amenities for multiple sports.



WINDSOR FOREST HIGH SCHOOL (LEFT)

SCCPSS will replace the high school at Windsor Forest with ESPLOST IV funding. The school will house up to 900 students. The new school will be constructed on the current site and will be designed by Cogdell & Mendrala Architects. The building is expected to cost approximately \$56 million



BEACH HIGH AUDITORIUM

The Beach High Auditorium has been completed and is ready for use this school year. The new building provides an auditorium with more than 600 seats that includes a raised stage, lobby, scene shop, dressing rooms, and state of the art sound and lighting systems. The facility designed for both school and community use. A ribbon cutting for the newly named Richard R. Mole, Sr. Auditorium was held in April 2022.

WOODVILLE TOMPKINS HIGH GYM AND AUDITORIUM

Work is nearly complete on the new gym and auditorium at Woodville Tompkins Technical and Career High School. The new 1200-seat gym is finished, and the completion of the auditorium is imminent.

PULASKI SCHOOL

Currently serving as an elementary school, renovations planned for Pulaski will allow the school to be converted to a K-8. This will increase efficiencies for the zoned school family, as well as provide updated facilities for the 8-year-old building.



SAVANNAH ARTS ACADEMY RENOVATIONS

Savannah Arts Academy will have a new kitchen/cafeteria, HVAC system, LED lighting and updated interior finishes when the project is finished. Site improvements will also include additional parking, stormwater management and landscaping. Construction is expected to get underway in September with completion of all projects scheduled for the end of July 2023.



K-12 MULTI-SCHOOL CAMPUS

Work continues at the multi-campus property on the former Groves site. The creation of a Multi-School Campus will bring Gould Elementary School, Mercer Middle School and Groves High School to one unique campus design that will maximize resources for the most effective use ESPLOST funding. The project has a target completion date in 2023 for occupation during the 2023-24 School Year.

JACOB G. SMITH ELEMENTARY

Once a candidate for renovation and modernization, the facility management process indicates that Jacob G. Smith school would be better served with a new facility. The plans are in the design phase.



SCCPSS ACHIEVES GADOE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DESIGNATION

The Georgia Department of Education has given the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System the 2021-2022 Economic Development Partnership Designation. The EDP is a district wide certification process that prepares school districts to adopt best practices and behaviors that support economic development, strengthen their programs, and align education with key regional industries. In terms of Economic Development, the EDP elevates the capability of school systems to fill their role in the community business recruitment and expansion

efforts and as a catalyst for talent development in the community.

SCCPSS Superintendent Dr. Ann Levett says, "The work that was done to achieve this designation is part of our district's vision of preparing all students for productive futures. Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools already have many robust partnerships with area business and industry. Working through the Economic Development Partnership program will strengthen these partnerships as well as assist us in building

new relationships that will help our students succeed."

CTAE in Savannah-Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS) is strongly supported by business and industry and economic development partners. There is clear pathway alignment to local labor market needs and there is continuous review to ensure that the pathways offered are meaningful and relevant. CTAE leadership works closely with business partners to create new and relevant opportunities for students. Stakeholder engagement is an infinity

loop that SCCPSS continues to elevate and cultivate. The February 2022 onsite visit demonstrated investment from local stakeholders (community, business and industry, and economic development).

State CTAE Director Dr. Barbara Wall is excited about this year's EDP program. Wall observed, "There is clear evidence that supports SCCPSS intention to develop the soft skills of their students and prepare them for career and/or college success. A variety of events are hosted throughout the year to expose students to career readiness and business and industry opportunities." She continued "The EDP Continuum Criteria analyzes six areas: CTAE pathway alignment, Work-Based Learning program quality, employability skill development and application, industry certification of CTAE programs, economic development culture of the school system, and CTAE advisory committees."

BECOME A BUSINESS PARTNER WITH SCCPSS!

PARTNERSHIPS CAN TAKE MANY FORMS

As a business partner, there are a number of ways that you can positively influence the success of teaching and learning in our school. Through a partnership, partners may:

- Assist in school improvement projects, such as beautification or building projects
- Provide incentives to motivate student achievement
- Reward instructional personnel for their dedication to students and community
- Impart knowledge of real-life business experience to students

- Assist the school in raising funds or making donations to enable school to reach academic, technological, or rejuvenation goals.
- Participate in a mentoring/tutoring program.

Your participation as a business partner will influence students, your future employees and leaders in the community. Partners find it a rewarding way to prepare students for tomorrow. Students learn that the community holds education in high regards and cares about their success and future.

BENEFITS

- A school-business partnership is a mutually supportive arrangement that is beneficial for all constituents. A partnership instills a positive culture for improving relationships and reinforces community involvement.
- When students are better prepared to enter workforce, everyone benefits. Our community benefits when businesses and schools collaborate in educating our students. The results are lower dropout rates, which are associated with lower unemployment.
- Businesses benefit from the collaboration, too. In addition to the workforce enhancements, school partnerships can enhance a company's image in the community, provide leadership training for its employees, and improve company culture. Team building exercises are encouraged at all levels of community collaboration!

When businesses team up with schools, it reinforces the value of education to students and community stakeholders and assists schools in achieving their goals.



Whether it's providing students and teachers with incentives or materials to enhance learning, or giving students "real life" learning opportunities, such job training and career awareness, businesses play an important part in student achievement

Whether you are a small business or a major corporation, we need you. Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools invites you to invest in our students, community, and our future. If you are interested in being a partner for SCCPSS, or need more information on our partnership program, please contact Clyde Newton at 912-395-6676 or clyde.newton@sccpss.com.



EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES GROW WITH SCCPSS

THE ACORN ACADEMY OPENS THIS YEAR FOR 3 YEAR OLDS

The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System will offer a full-day program for three-year-olds beginning this fall. The Acorn Academy at Gould Elementary will increase early learning opportunities for our youngest scholars.

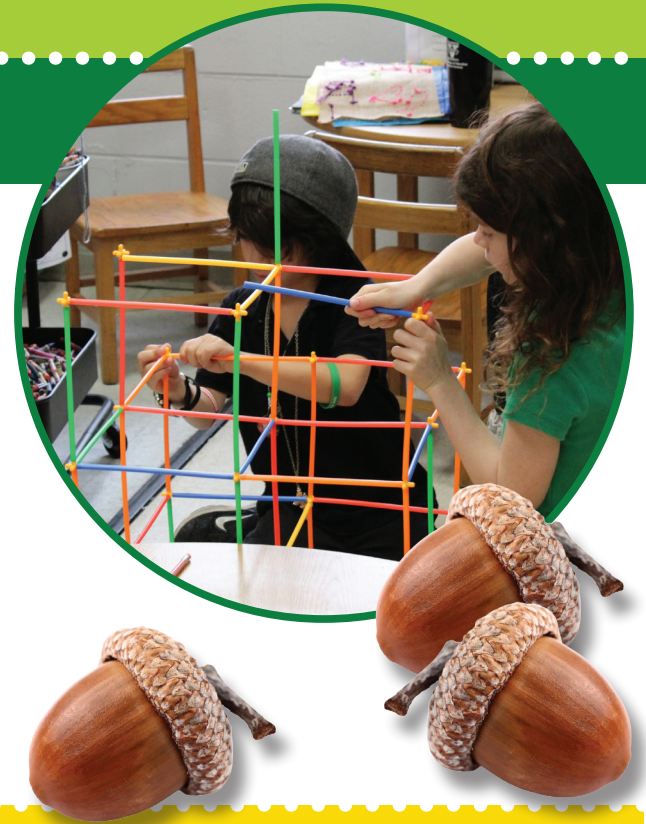
"We know that early education is the foundation on which we build student success," said Dr. Ann Levett, superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools. "I believe that graduation is a process that starts in Pre-K. The earlier we begin, the sooner we see student achievement." Levett continued, "When we see middle school students taking high school classes, and high school students taking college classes through the

Dual Enrollment program, we can understand the continuum that begins when we start with early learning programs. That's why we are so excited about the Acorn Academy!"

The Acorn Academy is made possible by a grant from Georgia Power for Equity in Education. The grant is designed to support impactful local programs in communities of color and facilitate holistic generational change. The program, which also includes Clayton County Public Schools, Dougherty County School System, and Richmond County School System, represents a \$3 million investment that will address specific needs and opportunities identified by local school districts

focused on improving career readiness and multigenerational economic stability.

"From supporting the local Student Success Expo, to helping deliver STEM initiatives in underserved schools, to the success of the early learning programs, we're proud of our continued partnership with Savannah-Chatham schools," said Audrey King, Vice President, South Region, Georgia Power. "As Coastal Georgia continues to thrive, we believe that investments in education generate opportunity for real, inclusive economic growth for area students and families and we're looking forward to seeing the positive impact of this program in the Savannah area."



REMINDER! TEEN MENINGITIS VACCINATION

All students entering or transferring into 11th grade must have received a meningococcal booster shot (MCV4), unless their first dose was received on or after their 16th birthday. MCV4 helps prevent meningococcal disease, a bacterial infection that can be very dangerous.

Meningococcal meningitis can cause swelling of the brain and spinal cord resulting in brain damage, hearing loss, or worse. "This immunization requirement became effective in July 2021," reminds Chatham County Health Department Nurse Manager, Sierra Peebles, MSN, CPNP. Parents who are unsure if their teen needs this immunization are encouraged to call the health department at 912-356-2441.



SCCPSS INTRODUCES LANGUAGE LINE REALTIME INTERPRETATION SERVICES PROVIDE SUPPORTS TO MULTILINGUAL FAMILIES

Imagine you are a parent of a school age child. And now imagine that you do not speak the language of the country in which you are trying to enroll your child. Forms to fill out, interviews, and other activities are all a part of that process. Our diverse student body speaks over 25 different languages. While our website provides translations for most of the material published there, that doesn't help when a parent is trying to communicate with the school about a student's grades, activities or the like.

Today in the United States, one out of every five of our neighbors speaks a language other than English at home – that's more than 64 million people. Another 10 million are deaf or have other impairments that prevent them from communicating with others. Many struggle to communicate as they navigate their everyday lives. A doctor's visit, a parent-teacher conference, or trip to the bank — things we take for granted — are often challenging for these individuals. As most of us would, they may feel frustrated or excluded. SCCPSS has secured the services of Language Line, an internationally recognized



provider of translation and interpretive services. Language Line provides on-demand access to professional interpreters in 240-plus languages via three formats: mobile, video, and phone.

To access the services of Language Line, contact your teacher or school administrator. Each school has a unique code that will connect to a translator.

2022-23 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Bloomington Elementary	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades PreK-5th)
Brock Elementary	Sunday, July 31st	4:00-5:30 PM (Grades PreK-5)
Butler Elementary	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (PreK-5)
ELC at Formey School	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades PreK-K)
Gadsden Elementary	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades PreK-5)
Garden City Elementary	Monday, August 1st	3:00-6:00 PM (Grades PreK-5)
Gould Elementary	Monday, August 1st	5:30-6:30 PM (Grades PreK-2) 6:30-7:30 PM (Grades 3-5)
Haven Elementary	Sunday, July 31st	4:00-7:00 PM (Grades PreK-5)
Heard Elementary	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades PreK-5)
Hodge Elementary	Monday, August 1st	4:00-5:00 PM (Grades PreK-5)
Howard Elementary	Monday, August 1st	<i>(Times staggered by student's last name)</i> 4:00-4:45 PM (A-G) 4:45-5:30 PM (H-O) 5:30-6:15pm (P-Z)
J.G. Smith Elementary	Monday, August 1st	2:00-4:00 PM (Grades PreK-2) 3:00-5:00 PM (Grades 3-5)
Largo-Tibet Elementary	Monday, August 1st	4:00-5:30 PM (Grades PreK-5)
Juliette Low Elementary	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (PreK-5)
Marshpoint Elementary	Monday, August 1st	<i>(Times staggered by student's last name)</i> 4:00-4:45 PM A-G 4:45-5:30 PM (H-O) 5:30-6:15pm (P-Z)
Pooler Elementary	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades PreK-5)
Pulaski Elementary	Monday, August 1st	3:00-5:00 PM (Grades PreK-5)
Shuman Elementary	Monday, August 1st	3:00-5:00 PM (Grades 1-5)
Southwest Elementary	Monday, August 1st	5:00-7:00 PM (Grades PreK-5)
West Chatham Elementary	Monday, August 1st	4:30-6:30 PM (Grades PreK-5)
White Bluff Elementary	Sunday, July 31st Monday, August 1st	1:00-3:00 PM (Grades PreK-2) 4:00-6:00 PM (Grades 3-5)
Williams Elementary	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades 1-5)
Windsor Forest Elementary	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades Pre K-5)

K-8 SCHOOLS

Charles Ellis Montessori Academy	Sunday, July 31st	2:30-3:30 PM (PreK) 3:30-4:00 PM (K)
	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades 1-3) 6:00-6:30 PM (Grades 4-5) <i>(Grade level meetings at 6:30 PM)</i> 5:00-6:30 PM (Grades 7 & 8 – Erdkinder)
Garrison School for the Arts	Monday, August 1st	2:00-4:00 PM (Grades K-3 & 6th) 4:00-6:00 PM (Grades PreK, 4th & 5th, 7th & 8th)
Georgetown K8	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades K-8)
Godley Station K8	Monday, August 1st	3:00-6:00 PM (Grades PreK-8)
Hesse K8	Monday, August 1st Tuesday, August 2nd	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades PreK-5) 4:00-6:00 PM (Grades 6-8)
Isle of Hope K8	Monday, August 1st	3:00-5:00 PM (Grades 6-8) 4:00-6:00 PM (Grades PreK-5)
New Hampstead K8	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades K-8)
Rice Creek K8	Friday, July 29th	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades PreK-8)

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Coastal Middle	Monday, August 1st	<i>(Times staggered by student's last name)</i> 4:00-4:45 PM (H-O) 4:45-5:30 PM (P-Z) 5:30-6:15pm (A-G)
DeRenne Middle	Monday, August 1st	4:00-5:00 PM (Grades 6-8)
Hubert Middle	Monday, August 1st	5:30-6:30 PM
Mercer Middle	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grade 6-8)
Myers Middle	Tuesday, August 2nd	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades 6-8)
Southwest Middle	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades 6-8)
STEM Academy at Bartlett Middle	Monday, August 1st	4:30-5:30 PM (Grades 7 & 8) 6:00-7:00 PM (Grade 6)
West Chatham Middle	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades 6-8)

HIGH SCHOOLS

Beach High School	Monday, August 1st	6:00-7:00 PM (Grades 9-12)
Savannah Early College	Monday, August 1st	4:00-5:30 PM (Grades 9-12)
Groves High School	Friday, July 29th	5:00-6:15 PM (Grade 9) 6:30-7:45 PM (Grades 10-12)
Islands High School	Monday, August 1st	<i>(Times staggered by student's last name)</i> 4:00-4:45 PM (P-Z) 4:45-5:30 PM (A-G) 5:30-6:15pm (H-O)
Jenkins High School	Monday, August 1st	5:00-7:00 PM (Grades 9-12)
Johnson High School	Monday, August 1st	5:00 PM (Grade 9) 6:00-7:00 PM (Grades 10-12)
New Hampstead	Wednesday, August 10th	6:00-7:00 PM (Grades 9-12)
Savannah Arts Academy	Monday, August 1st	5:30-6:30 PM (Grade 9) 6:30-8:00 PM (Grades 9-12)
Liberal Studies at SHS	Monday, August 1st	4:00-6:00 PM (Grades 9-12)
Windsor Forest High School	Monday, August 1st	2:00-3:00 PM (Grade PreK) 4:00-6:00 PM (Grades 9-12)
Woodville Tompkins High School	Monday, August 1st	3:00 PM (Pre-K) 4:30 PM (Grade 12) 5:30 PM (Grades 10 & 11) 6:30 PM (Grade 9)

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

Building Bridges Middle	Tuesday, August 2nd	2:00 pm–4:00 pm
Building Bridges High	Monday, August 1st	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Coastal Ga. Comp. Academy	Monday, August 1st Tuesday, August 2nd	5:00-7:00 PM (Grades 9-12) <i>(at Jenkins High School)</i> 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Grades K-8)
Oatland Island Wildlife Center	Tuesday, August 2nd	3:00-5:00 PM
Sav'h-Chatham E-Learning Academy	Monday, August 1st	5:00-7:00 PM <i>(Virtual only)</i>

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Coastal Empire Montessori	TBA	TBA
Oglethorpe Charter	TBA	TBA
Susie King Taylor	TBA	TBA
Savannah Classical Academy	TBA	TBA
Tybee Island Maritime	Friday, July 29th	3:00-5:00 PM (Grades K-4) 1:00-2:30 PM (Grades 5-8)

ATHLETES PREPARED TO TAKE THE FIELD THIS FALL



Fall sports will get underway at SC-CPSS schools this Fall with no capacity restrictions. Both the Islands Athletic and the Savannah High Athletic Facilities are prepared to welcome athletes and spectators to the stadiums. These state-of-the-art facilities are great assets to the district's athletic programs. Not only do they reduce the dependence on outside facilities, they reduce the expense of renting those facilities.

Security screenings will be conducted at all gates. In addition, clear bags will be required at athletic events. Bags should be clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and should not exceed 12" x 6" x 12". A one-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar) is acceptable. Small clutch bags, approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap can be taken into the venue with one of the clear plastic bags. Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection.

SCCPSS offers Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Softball, Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Swimming, Wrestling, Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis and Track & Field. This year, several schools will field teams in Girls Flag Football. This exciting sport offers young women athletes an opportunity to participate in a traditionally "male" activity.

Tickets for athletic events can be purchased and accessed through GoFan, our electronic ticketing system. The process to buy a ticket is quick and easy. Using your phone, you may scan a QR code or a link, or you may search for the event you wish to attend. Then simply select the event for which they are planning to buy tickets. Ticket prices may vary by sporting event. Purchasing a ticket online is easy, safe and fast. There is no waiting in line and no lost tickets!

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING TO SCHOOL SAFELY

With the start of school comes a new mindset about safety. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

1. If your child is a car rider, take a “test drive” before the first day of to make sure you know where the drop-off and pick-up lines are. Be sure to note the times of day that traffic is heaviest!
2. If your child is walking to school, make sure there is adequate supervision. For adequate adult supervision, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends one adult per three children for children ages 4 to 6 and one adult for six children for older elementary children ages 7 to 9. Fewer adults may be necessary for children ages 10 and older. Walk the route with your child a couple of times to note where any unsafe areas might be, and remind your child to obey traffic signals, as well as the crossing guards!
3. If your child is riding a bike, it’s important that they wear a helmet every day! Bicyclists, just like car drivers, need to follow rules of the road. Use the bike lanes, stop at the stop signs, and use hand signals for turning. Wear reflective clothing or add lights to your bike so you will be seen easily and remember that there is safety in numbers. Find a riding buddy! And don’t forget a bike lock.
4. Bus transportation is not guaranteed within the district. Because of a staffing shortage, only students with an IEP (or 504 plan) that requires transportation and those students in zoned schools will be transported. You can download the “Here Comes The Bus” app to see where your bus is and when it will arrive at school or home. Go to sccps.com and search for “Here Comes the Bus.”
5. Driving to school is a privilege for many teenagers. Make sure your teen is aware of the requirements for parking on campus. Always be sure to put the phone down and in lock position. Pick your music, text your friends, or map your location before you start the vehicle.

As always, remember to slow down, especially during the first few weeks of school, as people are familiarizing themselves with routes and plans. More cars on the road means more potential for accidents. Abide by the slower speed limits in school zones and build in a little extra time so you can arrive safely to your destination.

YOU’VE GOT THE POWER WITH POWERSCHOOL®

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH SCHOOL INFORMATION!

Keeping up with 37,000 students is more than a roll book or a mouse click. Tracking student achievement, goals and progress is a mass of data collection! The District uses a Student Information System called PowerSchool® to manage all the information necessary to meet federal and state requirements, as well as provide timely and important information to parents.

PowerSchool® is the leading provider of cloud-based software for K-12 education in North America. PowerSchool connects students, teachers, administrators, and parents, with the shared goal of improving student outcomes. From the office to the classroom to home, it helps schools and districts efficiently manage state reporting and related compliance, special education, finance, registration, attendance, funding, learning, instruction, grading, assessments, and analytics in one unified platform, while maintaining student information security and safety.

Parents have access to their students records through a PowerSchool® account.

It’s easy to get started with the parent portal. Let your school know you are interested in seeing your child’s information online. Once you are properly identified, your student’s access ID and password will be provided. Each child will have a separate access ID and you will need to link each to the account you create in the portal. Next, you can navigate to the Family & Students tab on our website, sccps.com, and look for the STUDENT/PARENT TOOLS box. Click the link PowerSchool: Parent Access. Once on that page, you will find request forms, a parent log-in, training videos and frequently asked questions.

Your information in PowerSchool® will allow the school or the district to notify you when there is new information available on your student’s work – report cards, progress reports, and more. It also allows you to receive important information from our parent notification system. You are in control of how we reach you! Prefer email or text over a phone call? Make sure your email address and mobile numbers are correct and up to date in Power School.

You have a super power when it comes to managing your child’s school data. Be a hero with a PowerSchool® account.



SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

JULY 2022						
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CALENDAR LEGEND

□ Holiday for All

■ Holiday (School Staff/Students)

◇ District Planning Day

◆ Staff Planning Day

○ Nine Week Period Begins

● Nine Week Period Ends

★ Progress Reports Issued

☆ Report Cards Issued



e-Learning Half Day

*Students will stay home and learn remotely on e-Learning Days

2022 E-LEARNING DAYS (1/2 DAY)

Parents may have noticed a new icon on the academic calendar this school year – the 1/2 e-Learning Day! On September 2, 2022, and on February 17, 2022, students will stay home and learn remotely. The school day schedule will be modified on these days. Students will experience a half-day schedule as they learn remotely from home. School staff will report to work as normal and when the remote teaching day is complete may engage in staff planning, parent meetings, or other duties that require attention.

Please mark your calendars and remember that September 2, 2022, and on February 17, 2022, students will stay home and learn remotely for the 2022 e-Learning Days!

CALENDAR NOTES



First Day of School
August 3, 2022

School Board Meeting
August 10, 2022 (Informal meeting at 11AM/Regular meeting at 2PM)
Whitney Administrative Complex, Bldg. G
2 Laura Avenue

E-Learning Half Day
September 2, 2022

First Quarter Progress Reports Issued
September 2, 2022

Labor Day Holiday (No School)
September 5, 2022

Fall Break for School Staff/Students
October 7, 2022

Staff Planning/No School for Students
October 7, 2022

Official calendar is available on the District website at www.sccps.com

Holiday for All
October 10, 2022

First Quarter Report Cards Released
October 14, 2022

Veterans Day (No School)
November 11, 2022

Thanksgiving Break
November 21-25, 2022

Winter Break
December 19 – January 2, 2023

Staff Planning/No School for Students
January 3, 2023

School Resumes
January 4, 2023

INSTRUCTIONAL PERIODS

FIRST SEMESTER

First Nine-Week Period.....08/03/2022 - 10/06/2022 (46 Days)
Second Nine-Week Period10/11/2022 - 12/16/2022 (43 Days)

SECOND SEMESTER

Third Nine-Week Period.....01/04/2023 - 03/08/2023 (44 Days)
Fourth Nine-Week Period03/09/2023 - 05/23/2023 (47 Days)