

Have a Great 2023-24 School Year!



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Dear Emanuel County,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I hope you spent the summer relaxing and enjoying time with your family and/or friends.

As we begin an exciting school year, I look forward to you being a part of our Emanuel County School family and hope you are excited about the year ahead of us. Please visit our webpage and our Social Media sites, and be looking out for Kinvo messages to stay up-to-date with the decisions that we are making as your school system to try and better serve our students. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year with our Emanuel County School System students.

I am honored to continue to serve as the Superintendent of the Emanuel County School District, and I look forward to working with parents, students, teachers, administrators, and community members to provide wonderful opportunities for every student to succeed. Our students are among some of the best in the state, and this district is filled with quality, dedicated professionals who want the best for each of our students. I appreciate our communities' support of our schools and students.

The very focal point of our mission is our students. By working together, we have an opportunity to build upon our successes to ensure that all students are learning at high levels and that each and every staff member in the district supports the efforts in our classrooms. Together we will be able to achieve our mission "to prepare and inspire all students for college and career success through personalized learning and relevant experiences." Please join us as we strive to accomplish our vision "to strengthen our community one student at a time."

One of our goals as your Emanuel County School System is that we will know, value, and work to inspire every child. Student success begins with relationships, high expectations, and support systems that provide the necessary resources to achieve those expectations. You will find that our faculty and staff care deeply about our students, and they will provide our students with the educational foundation and the solid Tier 1 Instruction that our students need to achieve. We will strive every day to live out our goals of F.A.M.I.L.Y. (Forget.About.Me.I.Love.You.) and S.A.S. (Service.Above.Self.), and we will work tirelessly for our students and staff each day to Learn 'em! Love 'em! and Lead 'em! and to Stop! See the Need! We are all in this together!

Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done in the Emanuel County School System!

In this with you all,

Scotty W. Hattaway Superintendent

Emanuel County Schools

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DAVID EMANUEL ACADEMY

As I write this Back to School letter, I must say, I feel like a child the night before Christmas morning. The anticipation I have as David Emanuel Academy enters its 54th year of educating children is like no other! I absolutely cannot wait for our families, past and present, to walk into our brand new front doors for the first time. As the Head of School of DEA, this point in time is definitely one of those "pinch me, I must be dreaming" moments. When you love something so big (and I do) you really do work each day for the sole purpose of providing the best you can for the people that you love to serve. David Emanuel Academy constituents, you have a big surprise awaiting you!

It is so hard to pinpoint what I am the most excited about because really, there are so many wonderful things happening at DEA at this point in the Academy's story. With the Lord's grace and blessing, a beautiful picture has been painted right before our eyes. Perhaps the most obvious and anticipated reveal for the upcoming school year is our new administrative and classroom building. Years ago, our Board of Trustees set a school goal motto, and they have stuck to it. The Trustees wanted to see DEA "soar" to new heights, and with the motto of "continuous improvement" that is exactly the mission they have over and over accomplished. This building comes after a lot of research, saving of resources, support of our loving community and families (past and present), and most importantly, after seeking much wisdom and guidance from the Lord. So, here we are, starting the 2023-2024 school year in a most breathtaking new building that I pray each and every family will be incredibly proud of. I have deep gratitude to James W. Buckley & Associates for our beautiful architectural designs and for Craig Buckley and his team pouring hours of time into designing a school that fits DEA's needs. I am also extremely gracious to Pope Construction and to First Georgia Bank for providing our school with a building that is strong, safe, and ready to take us into the future. Our new building encompasses an administrative office suite- equipped with both visitor and student waiting areas, teacher workroom,



kitchen, clinic, vault, faculty restrooms, offices, and a conference room. The rest of the new addition includes new restrooms for students and athletic events, a commons area, four new classrooms, and newly paved parking lot. A great surprise for many will be a historic wall that accents our commons area. This wall is built with the bricks from the old Stillmore School that DEA tragically lost to fire in 2010. These bricks provided stability to a building that served hundreds of students throughout history. They withstood fire and the test of time and will be beautifully cherished and enjoyed in our new building for years to come. This wall is a way for us to pay tribute to the people that served in the old Stillmore school and many others after DEA acquired the property. All of these things are nice, actually breathtaking, but the most important purpose of this new face of DEA is increased safety. This new building connects all three of our front campus buildings making most of DEA under one roof with one entry. All visitors, upon entry, must enter through one main entrance and cannot gain access into our student portion of campus unless cleared access through our safety vestibule.

This summer has also allowed time for further campus renovation projects. Our cafeteria experienced a complete renovation and expansion- now able to seat many more children and staff. Our historic building hallway received new lighting and flooring and our elementary building has a new coat of paint on the walls and also received new hallway flooring. A lot has happened at DEA over the summer and there is more to come! These additions and renovations are phase one of our campus expansion goals. There are two more phases to come and with the support of our constituents, I pray we can keep the momentum going to move on to these next phases of a new multi-purpose athletic facility and a new classroom/academic building.

Although the continuous improvements of our facilities are nice, watching the growth of our students, through academics, athletics, and the arts is what truly blesses my heart. I love to watch my Eagles shine! At DEA, we encourage participation and do everything we can to equip our students for success! We want to continue growing minds for the Lord through our K3 through 12th grade, streamlined Christian curriculum and weekly chapel services. Due to the growth of our student body, our staffing has grown, too! We welcome this school year with our first School Resource Officer, another measure taken to demonstrate the importance of safety for our students, staff, and families. We also begin the year with the split of another grade level at DEA - our K4 program now has two classes to accommodate the need. In the high school, our students will continue to benefit from Advanced Placement course offerings, opportunity to enroll in Dual Enrollment at Southeastern Technical College and/or East Georgia State College, and participate in any desired fine arts and/or athletic offerings. Our students will also enjoy a variety of elective options - a Life Skills class, Dave Ramsey's Foundations in Personal Finance class, STEAM, keyboarding, Spanish, and Bible to name a few.

Our athletic programming experienced great success this last school year. The varsity football team was region champions and secured our first state championship title in school history! The Lady Eagles softball and soccer teams ended their season in the state playoffs and the Lady Eagles basketball team was region runner-up and advanced to state playoffs. The boys basketball team and the baseball team advanced to state quarterfinals. In the spring, our track team had a number of athletes place at state. Two of our tennis players ended as region champs and state semifinalists. The Booster Club completed their covered batting cage project. The metal frame structure supports three full length batting areas for the Eagle baseball and softball teams to utilize.

Upon entering this role, I had several goals in mind for our school. I wanted our communities to see and know the gem that DEA is. I wanted DEA to be a school choice where students feel loved, experience increased accountability, and are surrounded by positive influence and Christian leadership. I wanted our school enrollment and our offerings to grow. I do believe our Academy has accomplished big things in recent history. All of our accomplishments have been possible because of the hard work and love poured into our school from past and current family members, our Board of Trustees, our faculty and staff, and I would be remiss if I did not recognize the tremendous support of our local communities. Our work is not done- in fact it never should be. With our eyes focused on continuous improvement, we must continue to push forward-protecting our loving and safe environment while staying focused on Christian values.

After our school year gets underway and all details are finalized, we will make announcements for our ribbon cutting ceremony. Stay tuned for this exciting event! If you are interested in contributing towards our campus expansion projects, and would like to donate to our SOAR Campaign, please contact our Director of Development Allison Blount Martin (amartin@deaeagles.com). Open House will be on August 10th, and the first day of school will be on August 11th. Details about Open House are forthcoming.

It's not too late to enroll for the upcoming school year. We have bus routes in Twin City, Swainsboro, and Metter. If you would like to schedule a tour, give us a call [912.562.4405]. Here's to another great year at our beloved Academy!

Let's SOAR Eagles!

Haylee Free Head of School David Emanuel Academy



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Emanuel County Schools Open House

Open House for the 2023-2024 school year will be Thursday, July 27 (alphabetically by student's last name)

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• Pre-K/Primary School	A-M	4 to 5 p.m.
	N-Z	5 to 6 p.m.
• Elementary School	A-M	4 to 5 p.m.
	N-Z	5 to 6 p.m.
Middle School	A-M	4 to 5:30 p.m.
	N-Z	5:30 to 7 p.m
High School	A-M	4 to 5:30 p.m.
	N-Z	5:30 to 7 p.m.

2023-2024 David Emanuel Academy Supply Lists

K3 Supply List

1 large Zip-style book bag (no wheels)

1 pencil box

(4) 8 count of Crayola crayons (primary colors, no jum-

(2) 8 color Crayola watercolor paint sets (primary colors) Child-size Scissors

Extra change of clothes (including underwear and

socks)

(1) 2" thick 4 section rest mat, 1 small pillow and 1 small blanket in a bag of your choice OR (1) Nap mat with attached pillow and cover that rolls up

K3 Wish List

Clorox/Lysol Wipes Baby Wipes Paper Towels Elmer's Glue Sticks Cleaning Spray Color Printer Paper Lysol Sanitizing Spray Germ X 4oz Elmer's Glue Washable markers

White Cardstock paper

sets

K4 Supply List 1 Zip style book bag (no wheels please) 1 Plastic pencil box 1 pair child-sized scissors (3) 8 count Crayola crayons (NOT jumbo size) (2) 8 pack Crayola markers

2 Crayola watercolor paint

K5 Supply List

1 large zip-style bookbag (NO wheels please) 1 plastic pencil box (cigar box size)

Astrobrights color copy pa-

4 packs of Elmer's glue sticks

2 sets dry erase (Expo) mark-

(1) 2" thick (4) Section Rest

1 small travel pillow with

1 beach towel or child sized blanket (optional) Or 1 roll

up nap mat with attached

pillow and blanket (No Hap-

Mat (48"L x 24" W, 2 lbs.)

pillowcase (optional)

py Nappers please)

Extra change of clothes

Lysol disinfectant spray

White cardstock paper

Colored cardstock paper

1 box Band-aids

K4 Wish list

Clorox wipes

Paper towels

Baby wipes

Sharpies

Germ X

Tissues

Kleenex

per

Playdough

1 pack "Pink Erasers" (Continued on page 5)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Swainsboro

478-289-9008

Back to School Starts August 1, 2023

Our students need us now more than ever! I want to lead us all to

"Stop! See the need! Meet the need!"

Let's make the 2023-2024 school year the best school year ever!







2023-2024 David Emanuel...

(From page 4)

1 box of regular yellow #2 pencils

1 40z bottle of Elmer's glue (4) packs Elmer's stick glue

(4) 8 count Crayola crayons 1 pair of Fiskar scissors

1 Crayola watercolor paint

1 pack of paper towels 1 rest mat (2" thick with 4 sections, 48 "L x 24"W)

1 small travel pillow

1 beach towel

1 small bag for pillow and towel OR 1 roll-up mat with attached pillow/blanket (*NO Happy Nappers, please!*)

Extra change of clothes

K5 Wish List

Lysol spray Clorox or Lysol wipes Gallon, quart, and snack size

Ziploc bags Baby wipes

Germ-X

Bandaids Paper towels

Hand Sanitizer

Small toys for Prizes

Black Sharpies

Case of Small bottled water Astrobrights copier paper (assorted colors)

White cardstock paper

Command strips

Expo colors (black, assorted colors)

Play-Doh (assorted colors) Wiggly eyes (all sizes)

Disposable white uncoated

paper plates (all sizes)

Masking tape

Heavy duty packing tape

1st Grade Supply List plain wooden pencils

crayons scissors (Fiskars)

rectangle erasers

white glue glue sticks

watercolor paint set

2 folders with pockets and brads

2 spiral bound notebooks school box (regular size) headphones

bookbag (please no rolling bookbags)

box of Kleenex roll of paper towels ziploc bags (any size)

big bag of individually wrapped candies Clorox wipes

2nd Grade Supply List

plain wooden pencils crayons

scissors (Fiskars) rectangle erasers

glue sticks watercolor paint set

2 folders with pockets 2 spiral bound notebooks

school box (regular size) headphones

bookbag (please no rolling

bookbags) box of Kleenex

roll of paper towels ziploc bags (any size)

big bag of individually wrapped candies

Clorox wipes

3rd Grade Supply List

Bookbag #2 pencils

Pens (any color)

Pencil sharpener

Erasers (cap)

Crayons Highlighters

Glue sticks (2)

Scissors

Ruler

Pencil Box or Pouch

Dry Erase Markers Composition Notebook (2)

Colored Pencils

Wide Ruled Paper (1 pack)

Box of Kleenex (2)

2 Pocket Folder (2)

Hand sanitizer (1) Ziploc Bags (1 box gallon

AND quart)

Earbuds/Headphones Index Cards (3X5)

Markers

1 bag candy Post-it Notes Lysol wipes Agenda Purchased from DEA

4th Grade Supply List Bookbag

#2 Sharpened Pencils 2 packs lead pencils

Glue sticks • Scissors Notebook paper (no college

rule) Ruler

(1) 2" 3-ring binders (no Trapper Keepers)

Package of dividers with tabs (for binders)

Pencil pouch (nylon, no pencil boxes)

24 count colored pencils 1 pkg. of red pens

1 pkg. of low odor dry erase fine tip markers

Mini pencil sharpener 2 folders with pockets D.E.A. agenda (available to purchase at school) 1 composition notebook

1 pkg. of index cards (300 count 3 in. \times 5 in.)

1 box of quart storage bags 1 box of gallon storage bags 1 container of disinfectant

wipes 2 rolls of paper towels

2 boxes of tissue 1 hand sanitizer

Earbuds Travel size soap container

for earbuds 1 bag treat candy

5th Grade Supply List

(2) 1.5" 3-ring binders dividers, 5 tab

composition notebook notebook paper (wide-ruled)

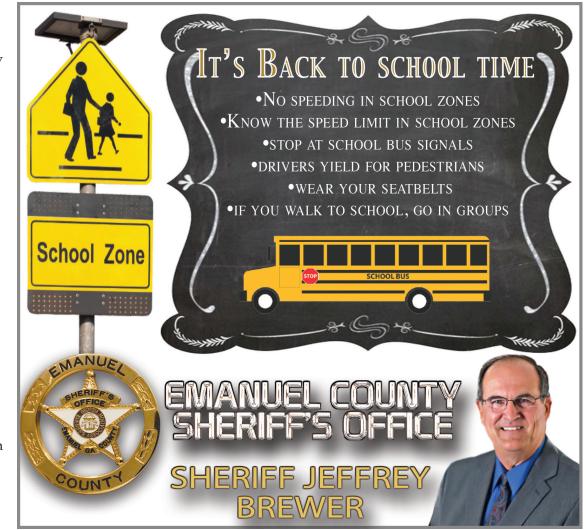
pencils pen (red) dry erase markers, expo 4 pk - chisel tip highlighters (2) index cards, 3" x 5" ruled, 100 ct. prongs paper towels

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colored pencils (2) erasers (rectangle) (2) pocket folders, plastic w/ glue sticks 4-pk pencil case ear buds Lysol wipes

hand sanitizing wipes Kleenex tissues Students need a copy of The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare and Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz

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2023-2024 David Emanuel...

(From page 5)

6th - 8th Grade Supply List Science

Wide ruled notebook paper 3-ring binder (can be combined with another subject)

4 Dividers

Pencils

Colored pencils

ALL STUDENTS 8th grade - Kleenex; 7th grade - Paper towels (2 pack); 6th grade -Kleenex

History

3-ring binder dividers

notebook paper

spiral or composition notebook

pencils

erasers (cap or large) colored pencils

highlighters

expo markers pens (any color) tape hand sanitizer Math

1 " heavy-duty binder (light green), uniquely for Math Notebook paper (student choice of wide/college-ruled)

Loose-leaf graph paper with holes (4 squares/inch)

Nylon pencil pouch with metal grommets for binder 5 count dividers with pockets and tabs

(1) 4 pack ultra-fine tip dry erase markers (student personal use)

(1) 4 pack chisel tip dry erase markers (boys)

2"x2" post-it notes (girls) TI-30XIIS scientific calculator 6" clear (ideal) protractor

with open center and ruler (imperial and metric)

Plastic compass with safety

Pencils (student choice- standard #2 or mechanical (0.7 mm)

Large pink erasers

4 colored pencils (non-black or yellow)

Language Arts

3-ring notebook with divid-

Writing composition book (no wire)

Paper and pencil

Expo markers and eraser Highlighters (at least 2 col-

1 pack index cards **Reading Materials**

8th grade - The Outsiders by SE Hinton; The Giver by Lois Lowry; Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief (Book 1) by Rick Rior-

7th grade - Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbit; Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls; A Wrinkle in Time (GRAPHIC NOVEL) Madeline L'Engle (Please make sure graphic novel edition is stated.)

6th grade - Holes by Louis Sachar; The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrob by CS Lewis; The Devil's Arithmetic by **Jane Yolen**

9th - 12th Grade Supply List

Language Arts Kleenex (1 box)

Hand Sanitizer (1 container) Antibacterial Wipes (1 con-

tainer)

Notebook paper Regular pencils

Black or blue pens

Small notebook or folder for Class Notes and Reading

Logs

Science

(1) 2" 3-ring binder Pens and pencils

Colored pencils

Notebook paper (loose-leaf) Geometry, Algebra Courses

& PreCal 3-ring binder (1.5" to 2") Notebook paper

Graph paper Ruler (at least 6 inches long) Dividers (for organizational

need of student)

Pencils (mechanical or plain) 3 colored pencils

Expo markers and eraser Graphing Calculator (TI 83 or TI 84) and pencil pouch to

store it in student notebook Pencils OR erasable pens Geometry students will also

need: protractor (half circle) and compass (non-metal tip) History

Dividers (5 tabs)

Notebook paper Spiral or composition note-

book Pens (any color)

Pencils

English Dictionary

Highlighters

1 Box of Kleenex

3-ring binder (1.5" or 2")

Erasers (cap or large)

Colored pencils Expo markers

Highschool Electives

Paper

Pen/Pencils

*Course teachers will provide course specific school supply lists at open house/ first day of school.



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2023-2024 Pre-K Supply List

Kinder Mat-Thin Blue/ Red (the thick ones will Items also needed but not not last) King size/Body pillow-

Beach Towel/Small Blan-

2-Change of Clothes (labeled with child's name)

Book Bag required:

Box of Kleenex Snack, Quart and Gallon Ziploc bags Baby wipes Hand Sanitizer

Clorox or Lysol Wipes

2023-2024 Swainsboro Primary School Supply List

Kindergarten

Full-Size Book Bag (NO wheels)

Scissors (Fiskars preferred) Crayola Crayons (24 count) Package of Expo Dry Erase Markers

Elmer's Glue Sticks (4 or

more) Pencils (regular size-12 pack)

Large Eraser (chunky pink) Kleenex (2 boxes)

Wet Wipes Hand Sanitizer (large bottle) Ziploc Bags (Quart and GalPencil box or pencil pouch (please no "Pop-It" pouches or boxes) Headphones (optional) Computer mouse (optional

First Grade

2 boxes (24 count) of CRAY-OLA crayons 24 Ticonderoga #2 pencils

1 pair of scissors

1 big bottle of Germ-X

2 packs of baby wipes

1 pack of EXPO markers

2 boxes of Kleenex

2 bottles of glue or 8 glue

Ziploc Bags:

2 big erasers

1 pencil pouch or bag

1 pair of headphones

1 computer mouse Boys: Gallon Size

Girls: Quart Size

Second Grade

12 pack of #2 Pencils

Kid Scissors Highlighters

Glue Sticks

Crayons

2 Boxes of Tissues

Erasers 2 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer

Dry Erase Markers (For student dry erase boards)

Pencil Pouch/Case

1 Composition Notebooks/ Spiral bound Notebooks

1 Primary Journal (Has space for illustrations above writing)

Sanitizing Wipes

Zip Lock Bags (gallon and quart)

*Some supplies may need to be replenished during the school year. Teachers will notify you if more supplies are needed.

Each student needs a change of clothes to keep at school

Lord, I pray that our kids will develop a passion for the things of God. I pray they will hunger and thirst for You and Your Word and will love You with all of their heart, soul, and mind. Give them compassionate and generous hearts to love others as much as You love them. I pray they will always work and study with excellence, but that You will help them desire a servant spirit of greatness, rather than a worldly lust for success. I pray they will fall in love with Jesus over and over again. In Your Name, Amen



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under the guidance of Christian
principles. Our school will develop
ambitious individuals of strong
character who are servant leaders
and possess a biblical world view.







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Swainsboro Elementary School Supply List 2023-2024

3rd Grade Box of Tissue 4 Packs of wide-ruled Dry erase markers Erasers Highlighters 2 packs of No. 2 pencils Paper Towels notebook paper Pencil pouch 6 Packs Wide ruled note-Ziploc bags (3) 3-prong folders with Headphones or earbuds Pencil sharpener Germ-X (no more than \$5) book paper pockets Markers Crayons or color pencils Crayons Clorox/ Lysol Wipes Pencils (no mechanical Ziploc bags Headphones/Ear Buds Hand sanitizer / Wipes Big Pink Erasers pencils) Expo markers (no more than \$5) **Big Erasers** 2 Boxes of Tissue 2 Pack of glue sticks (not Highlighters bottled glue) Glue sticks Clorox/Lysol Wipes Glue sticks (multiple 1 Pack of Highlighters 4th Grade Scissors sticks) 5th Grade 1 Pack of Expo markers 5 Composition books Crayons/colored pen-Scissors 1 Pair of Scissors (non-spiral) cils Pencils Earbuds or headphones **Emanuel County School District** 2023-2024 **Notes** July 23 July 25-31 - Pre-Planning August 23 **Academic Calendar** Aug 1 - First day of School Su M Tu W Th F Sa Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 Approved 02/16.2023 2 Sept 4 - Labor Day 3 4 5 6 7 7 8 9 10 11 12 3 4 8 Sept 5 - Curriculum/Data Day 10 11 12 13 14 15 14 15 16 17 18 19 Oct 2 - End of First 9 weeks 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 22 23 24 25 26 21 Oct 9-13 - Fall Break 23 24 **25 26 27 28** 29 27 28 29 30 31 Nov 20-24 - Thanksgiving 30 31 Dec 15 - End of 2nd 9 weeks 23 Dec 15 - Early Dismissal/Half Day September 23 October 23 November 23 December 23 Dec 18 - Jan 2 - Christmas Holiday Su M Tu W Th F Su M Tu W Th F Sa Su M Tu W Th F Sa Su M Tu W Th F Sa Jan 3-5 - In-service 3 5 6 7 2 3 1 2 4 1 Jan 8 - First day of 2nd semester 7 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 6 8 9 **10** 11 7 8 Jan 15 - MLK Holiday 4 5 6 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 Feb 16 & 19 - Winter Break 16 17 18 19 20 21 23 24 25 26 27 28 19 **20 21 22 23 24** 25 22 23 17 **18 19 20 21 22** 23 Feb 20 - Curriculum/Data Day 24 25 26 27 28 29 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 29 30 31 26 27 28 29 30 March 14 - End of 3rd 9 weeks 31 April 8-12 Spring Break 17 17 May 15 - Last school day Class of 2024 19 11 87 March 24 April 24 February 24 January 24 May 16 - Graduation - SHS Su M Tu W Th Su M Tu W Th F Sa Su M Tu W Th F Su M Tu W Th F Sa May 17 - Graduation - ECI 2 3 4 1 3 4 May 24 - Last day of School/Half Day 9 10 11 12 13 5 6 7 8 9 10 4 5 6 7 8 9 8 9 10 11 12 13 May 28 & 29 - Post Planning 8 14 **15** 16 17 18 19 20 12 13 14 15 **16** 17 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 15 16 17 18 19 20 May 27 - Memorial Day **19 20** 21 22 23 24 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 18 19 20 21 22 23 22 23 24 25 26 27 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 28 29 30 31 25 26 27 28 29 24 28 29 30 First 9 weeks - 43 days 31 Second 9 weeks - 44 days 17 18 21 17 First Semester - 87 days **May 24** June 24 Su M Tu W Th F Sa Su M Tu W Th F Sa **Progress Report Dates Report Card Dates** Third 9 weeks - 45 days 1 August 30, 2023 October 18, 2023 2 3 4 1 Fourth 9 weeks - 46 days

November 10, 2023

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January 10, 2024

Second Semester - 91 days

Swainsboro Elementary School...

(no more than \$5) Notebook paper (several packs)

- (1) 1" 3-ring binder (1) 2" 3-ring binder Subject dividers
- (6) Composition notebooks (non-spiral) for **ELA**
- (2) Composition notebooks (non-spiral) for

July 23

Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies Kleenex tissue Hand sanitizer 1 Roll of Paper Towels Clorox / Lysol Wipes Please check with your child's homeroom teacher at Open House for additional needed supplies.

Education is the passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today

David Emanuel Academy

2023-2024

Academic Calendar

[02/17/2023]



School Event
Early Dismissal
Exams

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August 10 - Open House
August 11 - First Day of School
Sept 4 - Labor Day Holiday
September 16 - Miss DEA Pageants
September 27 - Grandparents' Day
October 7-9 - Fall Break
October 11 - End of 1st 9 Weeks
November 17 - Day of Thanks
November 20-24 - Thanksgiving Break
December 13-15 - Exams
December 15 - White Christmas/End of 2nd 9 Weeks
December 16-January 2 - Christmas Break
January 2 - Teacher In-Service
January 3 - Students Return
January 15 - School Holiday
February 3-5 - Winter Break
March 7 - End of 3rd 9 Weeks
March 29 - Good Friday Holiday
April 5 - Early Dismissal/Prom
April 6 - 8th Grade Dance
April 8-12 - Spring Break
May 17 - Exams
May 19 - Baccalaureate
May 20 - Exams/12th Graduation
May 21 - Exams/8th Graduation
May 22 - Last Day/Early Dismissal/Honors Day/K5 Graduation
May 23-24 - Teacher In-Service
First Semester Student Days - 84
Second Semester Student Days - 92
Total Student Days - 176

August 7-10 - Teacher In-Service

2023-2024 Swainsboro Middle School Supply List

6th Grade Supply List

Earbuds

Two-pocket folder Composition notebook

3-ring Binder

Dividers for binder

Graph paper

Colored pencils

Highlighters

Pencils

Loose-leaf paper

Computer mouse (option-

Box or pack of Kleenex (optional but very appre-

7th Grade Supply List

(3) 1-inch binders Highlighters

Protractor

Composition book Colored pencils

Dry erase marker (1 black

or blue)

Pack of copy paper

Loose leaf paper Pencils

8th Grade Supply List

(2) 1-inch binders

Highlighters

(1) ½ inch binder

Dividers

Loose-leaf paper

Colored pencils

Pencils

Pack of copy paper

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2023-24 SHS Supply List

School supply lists are provided by each teacher through the course syllabus.

2023-2024 Twin City **Elementary Supply List**

Pre-K

Backpack (big enough blankets, for jackets, and Friday folders) 10 markers pk 24 crayons pk 2pk stick glue (purple) White glue Dry erase markers Scissors (safety edge) construction paper 1pk Preschool writing journal Nap mat (blue/red thin) Paper towels Blanket or towel Zip-type storage bags (snack or sandwich sized)

Kindergarten

Change of clothes

Disinfectant

Standard book Bag - no roll-

wipes

Plastic pencil box with latch Package of #2 pencils (NO fat pencils please!)

Box of Crayola crayons (24 basic colors)

Box of markers (10 basic Colors)

Scissors (left-handed if your child is left-handed) Glue (bottle and sticks)

1 box of Expo dry-erase markers for lap boards headphones (overhead only, NO earbuds please)

1 large pink eraser

1 (180) page spiral notebook K-2 Mead Primary Journal

1 box of tissues

1 towel (labeled w/ name, no sleep mats please)

Extra set of clothes (labeled

1 box of gallon Ziploc bags (with zippers) Baby wipes

1 Roll of paper towels

Clorox/Lysol Wipes *PLEASE LABEL EVERY-THING WITH CHILD'S **NAME**

First Grade

Book Bag - no rolling Plastic pencil box with latch Package of # 2 pencils (no mechanical pencils) Package of large pink erasers Box of 16 or 24 regular crayons Box of large Crayola markers Scissors (with pointed edge) Large bottle glue (white Pocket folder for homework Box of (4) dry-erase markers (multi-colored) for lap boards board (3) Composition notebooks pair earbuds box of facial tissues of gallon & quart Ziploc bags 1 roll of paper towels Clorox/Lysol Wipes Hand sanitizer Refillable plastic water bottle

Second Grade

Book Bag - no rolling Zipper pouch or supply box #2 Pencils (No mechanical pencils) Box of crayons Scissors (with pointed edge) G (3) spiral composition books (3) pocket foldwithout brads ers (2) boxes of facial tissues Pack of dry-erase markers for lap boards Dry eraser for lapboard Pencil sharpeners with covers Wide-ruled, loosepaper notebook (Continued on page 13)

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Ziploc bags (quart and gallon)

1 Roll of paper towels Clorox/Lysol Wipes Hand sanitizer Refillable plastic water bottle Earbuds for the lab (inexpensive within a labeled Ziploc bag)

Earbuds (inexpensive, in a labeled Ziploc bag) Refillableplasticwaterbottle (2) boxes of facial tissues 1 box of Ziploc bags (quart or gallon) 1 Roll of paper towels Clorox/Lysol Wipes Hand sanitizer

Fifth Grade Book bag - no rolling Glue Zip pencil pouch (NO pencil boxes) pencils ballpoint pen (1) 24-count box of crayor colored pencils handheld sharp-

pencils r sticks Highlighter 1 loose-2 packs of leaf notebook paper (3) 1" three-ring binders 1 package subof ject dividers (5pk) Package of (4) low-odor dryerase markers for lap boards
1 box of facial tissue
2 Rolls of paper towels
Earbuds for the lab
(inexpensive within a labeled Ziploc bag)
Clorox/Lysol Wipes
Hand sanitizer
Refillable plastic water bottle

Third Grade

Book bag - no rolling 1" 3-ring binder 3-ring pencil pouch (no boxes)

#2 pencils or mechanical pencils (no. 7 or larger lead) Colored pencils or crayons 1 package of red ink pens Scissors (with pointed tip) Glue sticks

Loose-leaf paper (wide-ruled)

1 pack of broad tip dry erase markers

1 Dry-erase eraser

(2) two-pocket **plastic** folders without prongs (2) composition books Earbuds or headphones

1 Roll of paper towels(2) boxes of facial tissue

Clorox/Lysol Wipes Hand sanitizer

Refillable plastic water bottle

Book bag - no rolling

Fourth Grade

(2) two-pocket plastic without folders prongs Pencil pouch (NO pencil boxes) #2 pencils 1 marbled composition book 1 spiral composition book Box of 16 or 24 crayons Scissors Glue stick (wide-Loose-leaf ruled) notebook paper dry-erase pack of markers (set of four broad tip) for lap boards





2023-24 ECI Supply List

Sixth Grade

3-ring binder (ELA) Pack of tabbed dividers

for binder

1 simple four-function

calculator (Math) (2) 3-prong folders

5 subject spiral notebook

(Science)

Composition notebook

(Social Studies)

Pencils

Glue sticks

Lined notebook paper

Highlighters

Colored pencils

Markers

Earbuds

Suggested:

Tissues

Hand sanitizer

Paper towels

Hole reinforcers for note-

book paper Single hole puncher Hand-held pencil sharpener with cover

Seventh Grade

3-ring binder notebook

Paper

Pocket folder

Regular composition

notebook

Pencils

Dividers

Colored pencils

Highlighters

Dry erase markers

Scissors

Glue sticks

Paper towels

Kleenex

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Ziploc bags Disinfecting wipes

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Ear buds

Eighth Grade

(3) 1 inch 3-ring binders

(2) 3-pronged PLASTIC

folder with pockets

Dividers - (at least 3 sets)

(2) Paper folders with

brads (Science)

Loose leaf paper Pencils - (especially for

Math)

Red or Blue writing pens

- (Lang. Arts & Science)

Highlighters

2 to 3 Glue sticks

1 to 2 packs of colored

pencils

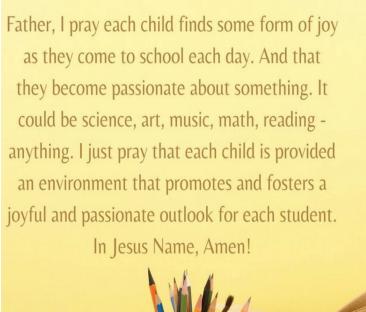
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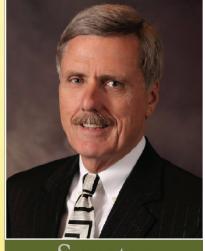
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Flash drive

Earbuds or headphones

Scissors

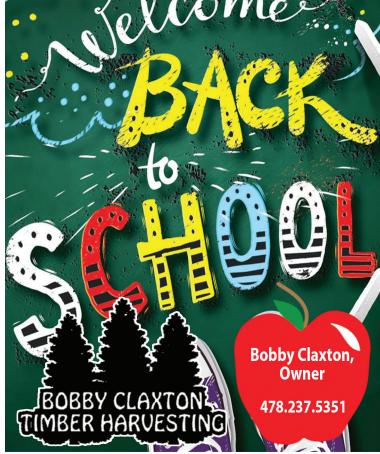




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Early Head Start and Pre-K are the "Start of Something Big" Maria W. Daniels, Early Head Start and Pre-K Director

Early Head Start (EHS), the federally funded program for infants and toddlers from birth to age three and their families and pregnant women, continues to provide services to income-eligible families in Emanuel County to help them become self-sufficient. Center-based services are provided to 48 infants and toddlers from six weeks of age to age three by caregivers trained in infant and toddler caregiving and seven pregnant teens at the local high schools and middle school. Teen mothers graduate from high school, and parents work and attend school and job training programs while their infants and toddlers receive quality center-based care from qualified caregivers.

At EHS, many parent engagement activities are provided throughout the year, including the opportunity for parents to check out children's books from classroom lending libraries and attend parenting workshops with a family literacy focus.

The program's school readiness initiative provides training sessions and opportunities for parents to identify school readiness goals for their children. Children with disabilities are identified and provided on-site services by Babies Can't Wait, Georgia's early intervention program which serves children from birth to age three.

The Emanuel County Pre-K Program is designed to prepare children for kindergarten and the curriculum is focused on having children school ready by the time they leave Pre-K. Students are taught to verbally communicate needs, wants, and thoughts and to be enthusiastic and curious about approaching new activities.

The Pre-K Program reflects an understanding of how children learn by emphasizing active learning, consistent daily routines, and the use of positive behavioral management and assessment strategies. The school readiness goals provide emphasis on language and literacy, math concepts, science, social studies, arts, physical development, and social and emotional competence

Activities include visits

to the Franklin Memorial Library, where four times a year, they receive a book that is theirs to keep through the Reading is Fundamental Program. Our Pre-K students also participate in other fun and learning activities throughout the year, such as Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration, the Planetarium at the Sudie Fulford Center on East Georgia State College Campus, Fun Day, and the Splash Pad at Emanuel County Recreation Depart-

Currently, there are eight classes in Swainsboro and two in Twin City. County-wide, we have 220 slots, and registration is taken on a first come, first serve basis. We follow district guidelines for entry into each location.

Early Head Start and Swainsboro Pre-K are located at 308 Tiger Trail, adjacent to the Swainsboro Primary School, with its own entrance. Twin City Pre-K is located in Twin City Elementary School at 162 Parrish Pond Road, Twin City, GA. If you have a child that will be four years old by September 1, 2023, and would like to register them for Pre-K for the 2023-2024 school year, please call 478-237-9593, or email me at mdaniels@emanuel.k12.ga.us



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more information. If you need more information or Early Head Start, please call 478-237-3434 or emai me at *mdaniels@emanuel.k12 ga.us*.

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2023-2024 SPS: Welcome Back to School

The administrators, faculty, and staff of Swainsboro Primary School are excited to welcome our students and families back for a fabulous 2023-2024 school year ahead. This school year will begin with a few changes in our administration team as Mrs. Jodi Singletary will now serve as the Assistant Principal, and I, Sarah Tapley, will now serve as the Principal of Swainsboro Primary School. Mrs. Jodi and I are excited about all of the great things that lie ahead for SPS this school year.

At Swainsboro Primary School, we strive to provide our students with the best educational experience by creating a safe, positive learning environment, by providing rigorous standards-based instruction using the state-adopted standards, and by ensuring that the individual need of each and every student are met. Our highly qualified staff members collaborate and share best practices on a regular basis through professional learning communities in an effort to meet the needs of our students at all levels. Student safety, academic achievement, and building character are our top priori-

As a school, we have developed three overarching goals that we are committed to improving upon this school year. The first goal is to increase the number of students performing "on or above grade level" on the MAP assessment. This assessment is administered three times each year. Teachers gather, analyze, and use student data to make in-



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structional decisions for each student. We will add an intervention/enrichment time to our daily schedule during the new school year. This "Tiger Time" will be used to address individual student needs to help students reach their full potential. Our second goal is to increase the number of occasions that we are able to meet with families in a face-to-face envi-

ronment. We have plans for more interactive PTO meetings, more scheduled open house opportunities, and the encouragement of face-toface parent meetings in lieu of phone conferences. Our final goal is to support and encourage positive student behavior on our campus and school buses. We are incorporating a new character education program at SPS this year in order to provide instruction to our students about different character traits, such as respect, responsibility, empathy, and cooperation. Through this program, students will learn proactive strategies to be able to help them work through their emotions to provide a positive outcome instead of reacting negatively to their emotions and feelings.

We encourage parents to utilize the various forms of communication that are provided by our school system. These include our Swainsboro Primary School website, our Swainsboro Primary School Facebook page, Kinvolved, and Parent Portal. By using these communication avenues, you will be able to stay up to date on information concerning your student and events that are taking place at SPS.

We are excited to welcome everyone back into the building on July 27 for our Open House for the upcoming school year. Students with last names beginning with A-M are scheduled to attend between 4-5:00 PM, and students with last names beginning with N-Z are scheduled to attend between 5-6:00 PM.

On behalf of everyone at SPS, we are looking forward to a great school year ahead with lots of learning, growing, and positive experiences for our students and our families!

Sarah Tapley Principal Swainsboro School

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2023-2024 Swainsboro Elementary School: Welcome Back

By Principal Lara B. Nor- responsibility for our chil-

As principal of Swainsboro Elementary School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year. We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, safe, and a part of our Swainsboro Elementary family. I want to assure you that we will con-

tinue to serve our students in

a safe manner. Our goal is to

provide a safe environment

and a positive learning expe-

rience for all our students.

This will be my first year as principal of Swainsboro Elementary, and I am committed to our community and firmly believe that all students can be successful learners. It is our mission to provide our students with the "Power to Succeed" by being respectful, responsible, and ready. Our vision is for our students to excel in the positive ABCs of learning: Academics, Behavior, and Character in a safe, orderly, and positive learning environment. This will require creating a learning environment that is centered

home and community. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the

around students, directed by

teachers, and supported by

dren's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily, arrives on time and stays all day, and is ready for the day's learning experience
- Completes all homework assignments given by teach-
- Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills (15-20 minutes)
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college, military, or the workforce

We invite you to check our school's website and Facebook page for instructional supports, updates, and quick announcements. We will continue to send messages through KiNVO. Our weekly newsletters will be posted on our school's webpage and KiNVO.

Our teachers and staff are compassionate, creative, and always learning something new for the benefit of our students. We are a collective and focused group of educators who strive to have our students reach their full potential. We strive to present grade-level standards in a way that students are able to comprehend and demonstrate their knowledge of the content areas. We will continue to work hard to differentiate instruction that will

reflect a deep understanding



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of the curriculum through regular assessments making steady adjustments in our lesson plans. We will provide students with the required exposure to our state standards in all content areas to ensure students are proficient or distinguished on the End of the Year Georgia Milestones Assessment as well as our local assessments such as Measures of Academic Progress (MAP).

It has been my pleasure to work with many of you over the years. I look forward to our continued partnership in ensuring a productive and fun educational experience for your child(ren). I believe that building strong relationships between home and school is a key factor in increasing student achievement. As principal, my door is always open, and I welcome your input. I strongly believe that parental involvement is an essential component of student success, as research continues to show a strong correlation between increased involvement and high student success.

Our catchphrase for our students this year is "Do Right!" We strive to instill positive attitudes and behaviors. Students following our phrase of "Do Right" will be successful at Swainsboro El-

In the concept of "Do Right," we expect all of our students to follow our school-wide expectations and rules.

School-Wide Rules

- Treat everyone with respect.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Use quiet voices inside the building.
- For everyone's safety, follow all directions given by teachers and adults the first time.

Each year brings positive change. This includes some additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Calissa Mason, Keylee Johnson, Allison Blackburn, Kathryn Braddy, Mallory Wheeler, Kelly Logan, Mystie Mingledorff, Savannah Ferrell, Victoria Wheeler, Rebecca Palmer, and Hollie Davis to our SES family. We feel they will be an asset to our school.

School Hours: 8:00 a.m. -2:45 p.m.

In the interest of safety, please do not drop off your children before 7:30 a.m., as there is no supervision before that time. Also, please be sure to pick up your children by 3:00 PM in the afternoon.

Arrival Times:

Our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. every day. Please be sure to have your child/ children here on time. Students who are consistently tardy are at a clear disadvantage and usually arrive feeling frantic and unprepared. All students who arrive after 8:05 a.m. are tardy. If your child will not be present, please call and inform the attendance office at (478) 237-

Grade Distribution:

Grades 3-5 50% Classwork/Homework, 40% Quizzes/Chapter Test, 10% Test/Performance Unit Tasks

Star Honor Roll / Honor **Roll Criteria:**

- Star Honor Roll A student with all "A's" in all core courses for the nine-weeks grading period shall be awarded Star Honor Roll.
- Honor Roll A student with a 90 average or above in all core courses for the nine-weeks shall be awarded Honor Roll. A student must have all A's or B's, with the lowest grade being an 80. When averaging grades for the nine weeks, the average will not be rounded up.

Yearly Star Honor Roll and Yearly Honor Roll Cri-

- Yearly Star Honor Roll-A student is recognized for yearly star honor roll if they have all A's on their report card in every core subject for each of the four grading periods.
- Yearly Honor Roll- A student is recognized for yearly honor roll when the average of all grades for every core subject is 90 or above. A student must have all A's or B's, with the lowest grade being an 80. When averaging grades for yearly honor roll, the average will not be rounded.

Free and Reduced Lunch:

All students will receive FREE breakfast and lunch daily. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria starting at 7:30 a.m. Remember, breakfast is an important start to our students' day. Meal costs for visitors are Breakfast - \$3.00 and Lunch - \$6.00. **Food Allergies:**

The school should have a (Continued on page 19)

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prescription with a doctor or physician assistant's signature, a diagnosis, and a recommended alternate food. The prescription should be updated annually and can be easily done during Well Checks for children. We can no longer offer juice and water as an alternative to milk, even when requested by a physician. This eliminates an entire food group and is not allowed by the state. Ingredient information on all foods purchased is still available upon request.

Dress Code:

We believe that students learn best in an environment that is free from distracting elements and influences. Students at all times should observe the rules governing body cleanliness, neatness of appearance, and good grooming. Students must wear shoes at all times. Our entire dress code is posted on our school's webpage.

School Supply List:

School supply lists for each grade level are available in the office and also posted on our school's Facebook page and website: www.emanuel. k12.ga.us

Drop-off and Pick-up:

Parent Drop-off and Pick-Up will remain at the front entrance of the school. At the end of the day, students being picked up will proceed to their designated pick-up areas. Teachers will escort students out to the bus and pickup areas. Parents should remain in their vehicles at pick-up and drop-up times.

Early Release:

If a student must leave school prior to the normal dismissal time, the parent must present a picture ID and sign the child out in the front office. Only those names listed on the student registration form as parent, guardian, or emergency contact person will be allowed to check the student out of school. If, for any reason, a person not listed on the form needs to check the student out, contact by the parent must be made before the student can be released from school. This is solely for the protection of the child.

If you need to check your child out for a scheduled appointment, please send a note to his or her teacher that morning. State the time your child is to be picked up and by whom. This allows the teacher to be certain the child has the necessary assignments for the day. Office personnel will call the student from the classroom when you are signing out your child.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Open House – July 27 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Last name A-M 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Last name N-Z 5:00-6:00 p.m.

First Day of School-Wednesday, August 1

PTO/Title I Parent Meeting – August 24 – 5:30 p.m.

We encourage our parents or guardians to become active in our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). The PTO is a wonderful way for you to share ideas and support the mission of the school. You are welcome to volunteer to help tutor students and share your expertise with classes or the school as a whole.

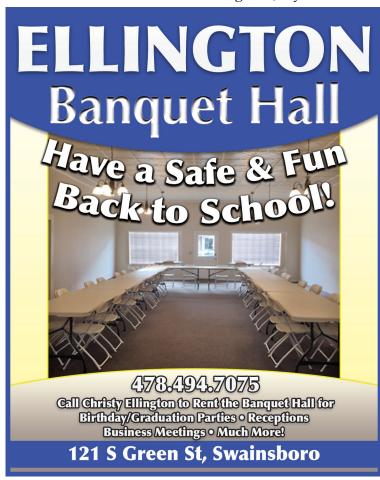
The first day of school is quickly approaching – Tuesday, August 1st. I would like to invite parents to attend our Open House on July 27 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Stu-

dents will have the opportunity to walk to the classroom and meet his or her teachers. Many thanks to our custodians, that have worked diligently to provide a clean and safe campus for the start of the new school year.

It is an honor to serve as the principal of Swainsboro Elementary School. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers, and students care for each other and strive to build positive relations that support academic and social growth. Please feel free to contact me at 478.237.7266 or *lbnorton@emanuel.k12.ga.us*.

Sincerely,

Lara B. Norton Swainsboro Elementary Principal





2023-2024 Swainsboro Middle School: Welcome Back

Dear Swainsboro community,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I introduce myself as the new principal of Swainsboro Middle School. I was recently here for several years as assistant principal, and I feel right at home taking on the role of principal for Swainsboro Middle School. I am honored to join this incredible community and serve as a leader in your child's educational journey.

First and foremost, I want to express my deep commitment to fostering a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment for all students. I firmly believe that every child deserves an education that not only challenges them academically but also supports their social and emotional growth. As your principal, I will strive to create an atmosphere where students feel valued, respected, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

I am truly grateful for the trust you have placed in me to guide your child's education. Together, as a collaborative team, we can build a strong partnership between the school and home. Open communication and transparency are vital to this partnership, and I am committed to maintaining an open-door policy. Please know my door is always open for your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions.

One of my top priorities is to ensure a high-quality education that prepares



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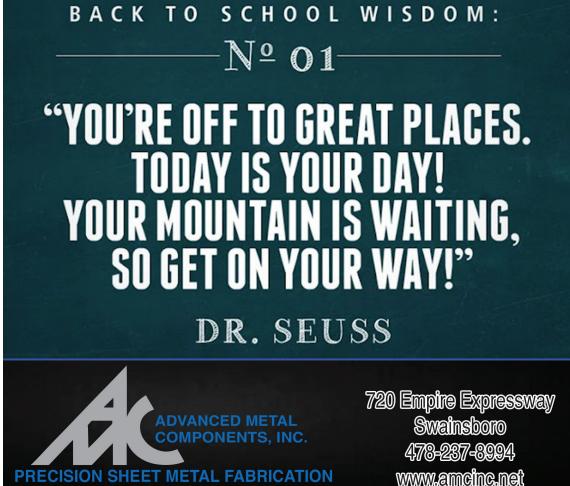
our students for success. We will provide a well-rounded curriculum that not only focuses on academic excellence but also nurtures creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. I will work closely with our dedicated faculty and staff to ensure that our teaching

methods are engaging, innovative, and tailored to meet the unique needs of each student. I will strive to create opportunities for dialogue and understanding, promoting a culture of respect, empathy, and acceptance among our students.

Parent involvement is crucial to the success of our school. I encourage each and every one of you to actively engage in your child's education by attending parconferences, ent-teacher participating in school events, and volunteering your time and talents. Your involvement sends a powerful message to your child that education is a priority, and it strengthens our collective efforts to provide them with the best possible educational experience.

In the coming weeks, I will be working closely with the staff to prepare for the upcoming school year. I assure you that we will strive for excellence in every aspect of our work here at Swainsboro Middle School. Please keep an eye out for further communication regarding important dates, events, and any updates as we approach the new academic year. I am committed to building a solid foundation, and I am confident that together we can achieve great things.

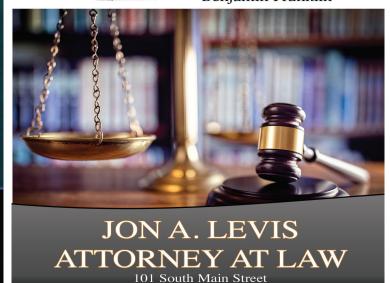
Warmest regards,
David Miller
Principal
Swainsboro Middle
School



WELCOME BACK STUDENTS

"Tell me I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn."

-Benjamin Franklin



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Tiger family: Purpose and promise

The SHS Administrative Team would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to Swainsboro High School where "We are dedicated and motivated to be educated!" We hope that you have had an opportunity to renew and recharge your mind, body, and spirit before the start of a magical year at Swainsboro High School. We are super excited about the start of the 2023-2024 school year and all of the possibilities that it holds for our staff and our students as we remain committed to the opportunities this year holds for all of us to learn and grow. We will remain committed consistently to maintain a safe, orderly environment. In addition, we will continue to build our Tiger family by molding and shaping life-long learners and creating life-long friendships.

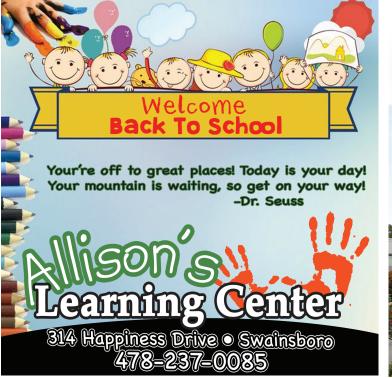
During the 2023-2024 school year, we will focus on the well-being of our stu-



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dents and our staff, student engagement and growth, and communication with families. We want you to know how much we appreciate your commitment to making Swainsboro High School a place where students want to come to learn. The administrative team will do its level best to ensure that it is also a place where teachers want to teach.

Sincerely, Mr. Brandon Andrews Principal Swainsboro High School



Ready for the 2023 School Year?

Children get sick more often than adults because their immune systems are not as developed. At schools and daycare centers, they are in close contact with one another, increasing the odds of sharing germs and infections. Parents can help protect children with vaccinations and by teaching (and practicing) basic good hygiene.

Vaccinate

Today's vaccines protect against some of the oldest, most dreaded infectious scourges of childhood. Developed through intense research efforts around the globe, they confer protection that past generations of parents could only have dreamed about.

Protect Against the Flu

Children who get the flu can be sick for up to ten days, or even more, which means missed days of school and missed work days for caregivers.

Both intranasal and injectable forms of flu vaccine are available, usually beginning in September or October. Young children and those who have not been vaccinated against the flu may need two vaccinations to get complete protection, so starting early in the season is important.

Wash Well

Make your example the one to follow. Wash your hands regularly, including after using the toilet, before eating and when on the go in public. Follow not only the technique, but the amount of time it takes to clean effectively. "Usually we say at least 20 seconds for hands, about the length of time it takes to sing 'Happy Birthday' or the 'ABCs'," says Connor, adding "and two minutes for tooth brushing."

Avoid Pests and More

Do not share hats, wigs, hair ribbons and ties, combs, brushes, scarves and otherattire at school. The practice can spread head lice or increase the chances of contracting the pests. To help protect against infections, do not share things like chap sticks, eating utensils or drinking glasses.

Cover your mouths when coughing or sneezing.



2023-2024 EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

TEST	GRADES ADMINISTERED	DATES
End of Grade (EOG)	Grades 3-8	Main Window:
		April 8-May 17, 2024
		Summer Retest:
		May 13-July 12, 2024
End of Course (EOC)	Grades 9-12	Winter Main:
		November 20, 2023-January 10, 2024
		Spring Main:
		April 15-May 24, 2024
		Summer:
		June 10-July 12, 2024
Georgia Alternate	Grades 3-8 and 11	March 25-May 3, 2024
Assessment (GAA 2.0)		
Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing	Kindergarten	On-going assessment concluding May 13, 2024
Skills (GKIDS)		
ACCESS for ELLs Alternate ACCESS for	All English Language Learners	January 10-March 1, 2024
ELLS		
Preliminary Scholastic	Grade 10	October 2-31, 2023
Assessment (PSAT)		College Board School Day Testing Window
End of Pathway	Grades 9 -12	November 6-17, 2023
Assessment (EOPA)	For students who have completed	April 15-April 26, 2024
	three courses within a CTAE pathway	
NAEP	GaDOE selected schools	TBD by GaDOE

Twin City Elementary: Welcome back

Dear Parents and Studen

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Twin City Elementary! I am extremely proud to serve as the Principal of this amazing learning community. This is my twenty-second year in education and my nineteenth vear at TCE where I have been a teacher, instructional coach, and Assistant Principal. Mrs. Christie Henry will be joining me as the Assistant Principal. She has been a teacher at TCE for many years where she taught 5th grade, kindergarten, and STEAM. Our primary goal is to ensure that all of our students receive the best instruction possible and to provide a safe, nurturing, and orderly environment. We look forward to working together to help lead our students and staff and watch our school flourish!

Our dedicated team of teachers and staff members at Twin City Elementary are continually learning and growing through collaboration and professional development. We strive to provide a curriculum based on research and best practices as well as differentiated instructional strategies for students based on individual needs. I am excited to highlight important instructional initiatives, which include the expanded use of our pho-



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nics program along with a focus on structured literacv at the K-3 levels. Over the past year, our students have shown growth with a newly designed master schedule allowing a designated reading intervention period in every grade level. Our goal is for all students to achieve at or above their current grade level in all core subject areas. Our teachers and staff members are passionate about their roles as educators and pledge to help each student succeed.

We know the children of our community have great potential, and it requires every individual in their lives to work together for their success. We believe that collaboration and cooperation between our school and your home is important for your child's experience. education Throughout the year, we will provide numerous opportunities for parents and families to actively

participate in your child's education. From schoolwide events, to spending time with your child reading and completing homework, as well as volunteer opportunities, we encourage you to get involved and become an integral part of our school community. Your support and partnership are invaluable in creating a positive and enriching experience for our students.

The information below are a few items to keep in mind as we transition back to school:

• Open House is July 27, 2023.

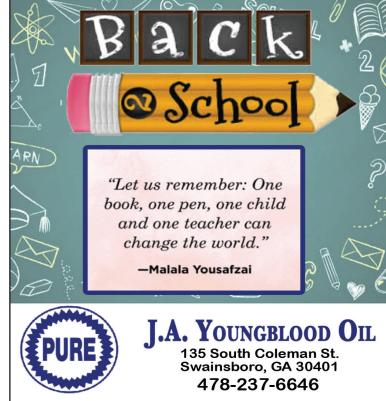
Students with the last name ending with A-M: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Students with the last name ending with N-Z: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

• The first day of school is Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

The Twin City Elementary staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all TCE students. We are here to guide, support, and inspire your children every step of the way. We thank you for your support and look forward to partnering with you. You may contact me at 478-763-2253.

Sincerely, Jessica S. Collins, Principal





Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5–6

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2023-2024 Emanuel County Institute: Welcome back

Schools around the county have worked hard to improve their instructional strategies for decades. It seems that progress is met with obstacles such as the changing of standards, test administrations, student/staff turnover, lack of data-driven decision-making, etc. One thing is for sure, you can't improve what you don't measure! At ECI we have committed to making a greater effort to ensure that we are taking care of the protecting our ongoing process of collecting and analyzing data to provide personalized learning for each and every student enrolled. We have also worked for a year and a half to improve our school climate and culture. This lays a solid foundation for school improvement by establishing trust! We plan to utilize our data coach, Tracey Mercer,

Instructional Coach, Dena Walden, and Intervention Specialist, Sondra Cowart, to their fullest capacity this year to help move forward and continue a process that has been in place with this process. We have also structured our professional development to continue to provide the skills our teachers need to help our students be more successful.

In order to teach a child, you have to know the child! During the improvement of climate and culture, we have dedicated more time to build and foster these relationships. This helps us promote and maintain a healthy learning environment for our students, faculty and staff. As Superintendent Scotty Hattaway stated, we must Learn em', Love em' and Lead em'! How can we build a strong



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educational foundation if we are not working hard at these three aspects? If we want our students to learn academic skills, we as educators MUST know the students deeper than surface level.

As we have progressed through each school term together, we have kept our pledge to our students and their families to maintain engaging, meaningful and

rigorous classroom instruction. Despite the academic gaps that our students may have we pledge to focus on growing his/her academic career to close these gaps. We have incorporated many ways to address this for each individual student through small group instruction, individualized remediation as well as a personalized learning folders for each child. Concisely, this is what we call "personalized learning". We want ALL kids to show growth and commit to insure this happens by empowering and engaging them! EM-POWERING = OWNERSHIP and ENGAGING = BUY-IN. At ECI, we believe that engaged learners are empowered learners. As we engage students, it is our plan to get them excited about content, interest and curricula. As we empower students, we plan to get them excited about their passions, interest and future.

We have also maintained our attempt to reach students outside of academics with special events and a plethora of extracurricular clubs and activities, performing arts groups, and athletic teams. We encourage our Dawgs to be involved and stay connected! Our students and advisors/coaches have been working hard to achieve success outside the classroom in their area of CTSO, clubs & organizations or on the athletic field. We have been blessed with having representation at the state level in these activities this year. We strive to provide many opportunities for our students to participate in activities outside the classroom that will help build leadership skills as well as show commitment.

encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize opportunities in all five facets of our ECI program - academics, fine arts, athletics, CTSO activities and altruistic endeavors. We want you to take advantage of opportunities to be involved and support your child's education. Your active participation is the key to success for your young "Dawg", during his/her middle & high school career. We value home and community action here at ECI. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student's academic career. We hope that you will find our school website, https://www.emanuel.k12. ga.us/1/Home, our Facebook page @ facebook.com/ECIbulldogs, and KINVO informing. Parent Portal is available for parents and students to view grades and attendance. We aim to update this daily with the latest activities that we have going on at ECI. You will also find a link to teacher websites where you can keep up with what your child has going on in their classroom. I encourage you to check these sights frequently to stay abreast.

We continue to invite and

I am honored to continue to serve you all here as the Emanuel County Institute Principal. It is a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support student growth. I am very excited with the current direction we are traveling within the 2023-2024 school term.

Empowering & Engaging our DAWGS!

Anetria Edenfield **ECI Principal**





Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do and he will show you which path to take." - Colossians 3:23 ESV



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2023-24 Emanuel County Schools Dress Code

Students are expected to comply with the Emanuel County School's Dress Code while in attendance at school. This includes wearing items in the adopted school dress code. This policy addresses requirements for normal school days and dress down/spirit days. The appearance of students should be reasonable and not distracting to others. Students are expected and required to show proper attention to personal hygiene, neatness, and conservative standards of dress and appearance. When questionable the school principal or the principal's designee will make the final determination of whether a student's attire or appearance is in conflict with the system policy. Students will observe the following dress code both at school and on the school bus:

The following mandatory standards for student attire have been developed and are applicable to all middle and high schools.

Girls: The basic clothing for girls in sixth through twelfth grades shall consist of a long or short-sleeved white, black, grey, or khaki (or other color designated by the school) collared, polo or oxford style shirt with khaki, or black skirt, shorts, slacks, Capri pants, or skorts. Polo shirt-dresses are not permitted. The skirts, shorts, slacks, capri pants, or skorts should be made of standard twill, cotton, or polyester material. See bullets below for description. No tears, rips, or holes in clothing.

Boys: The basic clothing for boys in <u>sixth through</u> twelfth grades shall consist of a long or short sleeved white, black, grey, or khaki

(or other color designated by the school) collared, polo or oxford style shirt with khaki, or black shorts or slacks. The shorts or slacks should be made of standard twill, polyester, or cotton dress material. See bullets below for description. No tears, rips, or holes in clothing. A. *Pants* must be sol-

id khaki, or black pants/ slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts, or capri pants (no knit pants, leggings, footless tights, jogging, exercise/yoga; no zippers or other ornamentation on pant legs or skirts or any other part of the outfit.) Clothes must be worn and belted at the natural waist, made of standard dress material (cotton, polyester and /or twill) and pants legs must not drag the floor. No denim jeans, skirts, shorts, etc. Shorts, skorts, and skirts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee cap. Athletic shorts, skinny jeans/ pants, leggings, or jeggins are not acceptable.

B. Tops must be solid white, black, gray or khaki polo or oxford or the designated school color. Shirts can have insignia no larger than a standard credit card. Shirts longer than 3 inches below the natural waist must be tucked in. No more than two chest pockets on shirts. T-shirts may be worn if they are school spirit shirts or school-sanctioned club shirts. Hoodies may be worn as long as they meet the color guidelines or they are school spirit gear or school-sanctioned club. Page 26 Under the shirt, students can wear solid white, black, or school color undershirt, camisoles, or turtleneck.

C. Shoes - Students are required to wear safe and ap-

propriate shoes at all times. No bedroom shoes, heelies, stilettos, high heels (heels no taller than 3 inches) or similar type shoes are allowed at school. Flips flops and athletic shoes are not permissible in lab settings.

D. *Tights, socks, or hose* must be solid, neutral, black, white, grey or chosen school color.

E. No hats, sun visors,

scarves, rollers, sweatbands

on head, bandannas, hoods, caps or sunglasses may be worn in the building.

F. Any clothing, jewelry, hair, make-up, fingernails, or any other item which causes a disruption of the school environment may be banned

at the discretion of the prin-

cipal. Visible tattoos cannot

show nudity, vulgarity, or

gang related images.

G. No visible body piercing except ears or a small stud in the nose. Students are not permitted to wear mouth grills and fronts or have nose bars, chains, or gauges.

H. No torn or ripped clothing of any fashion where skin or undergarments are exposed will be allowed.

I. The dress code shall not prohibit students from wearing coats, jackets and sweaters when necessary due to weather conditions. Trench coats and dusters are not permitted. Hoodies are not considered cold weather gear and must meet the requirements listed above.

J. The following guidelines must be followed regarding jackets:

a. **Cold weather gear** (jackets, coats, wraps) to be worn over clothes.

K. Acceptable colors are solid gold, white, red, black, grey, khaki, brown or a combination of these colors i.e. Letterman jackets.

L. Cannot bear inappropriate messages

M. Cannot be a Trench coat or duster

N. Must be deemed appropriate by the principal

O. It cannot bear a logo or name brand symbol or other insignia or message larger than the size of a standard credit card.

P. Articles of clothing that

may be worn over the shirt (i.e. polo, crew neck sweatshirt, turtle neck, or **current** year school spirit shirt) include jackets, windbreakers, sleeveless V-neck or crew neck sweater vests, long or short sleeve pullover V-neck or crew neck sweaters, cardigan sweaters, long sleeve or sleeveless V-neck or crew neck wind shirts, V-neck or cardigan sweatshirts, or fleece garments of the same type. The outer garment, not including cold weather gear detailed above, must meet school color guidelines.

Q. If the extra garment has a hood, the hood cannot be worn in the building.

R. Prints, plaids, camouflage and other patterns or designs are not acceptable.

S. Garments that can be worn <u>under</u> a polo, oxford, the current year school spirit shirt or crew neck sweatshirt are:

T. A solid white, solid black, or second school color undershirt or camisole

U. Solid white, black or solid school color turtle neck

V. Extreme hair color/style that causes a disruption, or interferes with the learning environment will not be allowed. Hair must be a natural shade or tone, no extreme colors i.e. blue, pink, purple, and green, etc. No mohawks.

W. Clothes should be in the correct size to avoid sagging.

X. Belts must be plain style solid color black, brown, tan, navy or white and worn inside the belt loops. They should not have oversized, ornate buckles or buckles that bear offensive messages.

Y. This policy prohibits students from wearing or displaying expressive items on the clothing that may contribute to disruption by substantially interfering with discipline or with the rights of others. It also prohibits items that undermine the integrity of the policy, notwithstanding their expressive nature, such as a sweatshirt or other over-shirt that bears a message and/or covers or Page 27 replaces the type of shirt required by the policy.

Z. On special occasions schools will be allowed to have dress down days. The principal at each school will determine the dress down days for that site. Acceptable dress for dress down days will be consistent with the dress code as published in this policy and in the Emanuel County Student and Parent Handbook.

AA. Schools should strive for full compliance using positive reinforcement. Corrective action should only be used when all positive measures have been exhausted.

BB. High School students who participate in pathway programs that have prescribed uniform requirements may wear those uniforms throughout the school day provided that the uniforms meet the individual program requirements.

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Guidelines for Dress Down Days

A. Hair should be fixed in an appropriate manner. No extreme colors (i.e., pink, blue, etc.) or mohawks are acceptable. Hair must be a natural shade or tone. In addition, no hats, caps, sun visors, combs, scarves, rollers or bandannas are to be worn. Sunglasses may not be worn inside. (Exceptions can be made with the principal for prescription glasses.)

B. No see-through garments; sheer see-through, or mesh see-through garments. Proper and acceptable undergarments will be worn at all times. Undergarments should not be visible to others. C. Shirts may be unbuttoned three buttons down for polo shirts and only 2 buttons down for all other. No skin may be shown between the button line and the belt line. No midriff type clothing is allowed.

D. Clothing such as belts, flaps, etc., must be buttoned or buckled. No chains or chained wallets.

E. Dresses, skirts, shorts, skorts, culottes, and other similar garments shall be no more than 2 inches above the knee cap or reach the end of the middle finger tips (measurement will be taken from top of the slit).

F. Students are required to wear safe and appropriate shoes at all times. No bedroom shoes, heelies, stilettos, high heels (heels no taller than 3 inches) or similar type shoes are allowed at school. Flips flops and athletic shoes are not permissible in lab settings.

G. Tank shirts and halter tops are not to be worn.

Cleavage must not show - no low cut clothing. Sundresses that are cut low in the front or lower than the shoulder blades in the back are not allowed. No cut-out areas in sundresses are allowed.

H. No clothing or jewelry bearing advertisements of alcohol or tobacco products or offensive, obscene, or vulgar language will be allowed. The Emanuel County Board of Education interprets this to include references of a sexual nature, either symbolic or implied; references to contraception; and insufficiently attired caricatures of individuals. Any clothing, jewelry, hair, make-up, fingernails, or any other item which causes a disruption of the school environment may be banned at the discretion of the principal. Visible tattoos cannot show nudity, vulgarity, or gang related images. I. All shirts that are three inches below the natural waist must be tucked into pants. (Exceptions may be made for seasonal jackets, coats, sweaters and sweatshirts of appropriate size that are in accordance with the policy). No trench coats.

J. Pants legs must not drag the floor. Students are expected to wear clothing in a normal fashion. For example, shorts/pants must be worn with the waistband around the waist. Athletic shorts, leggings, jeggings, or exercise/yoga pants are not permitted.

The principal shall have the authority to interpret dress code and make case by case determinations for the appropriateness of dress which is questionable, or which is not covered in this policy. The Emanuel County Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of age, disability, race, ethnic origin, color, or sex/gender in its educational programs and activities, athletic programs, or employment practices as required by the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), Title II of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II); Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 (Title VI), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), and the Equity in Sports Act, O.C.G.A. 20-2-315.

Questions, concerns or complaints relating to the nondiscrimination policies and practices of the Emanuel County School System should be addressed to the following officials:

- Gail Greenway, ggreenway@emanuel.k12.ga.us, All Title Programs
- Susan Rutherford, <u>susan.rutherford@emanuel.k12.ga.us</u>, Section 504 and Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator
- Shannon Lawrence, sqlawrence@emanuel.k12.ga.us CTAE and Perkins grants

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CHILD FIND NOTICE

In accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004), the Emanuel County School system seeks to ensure that all children with disabilities (birth through age 21) residing in our jurisdiction and who are in need of special education and related services or early intervention services are identified, located, and evaluated. This also includes those attending private school and home school. Final identification of students with disabilities and programming for such students occurs only after an appropriate evaluation and a determination by a Multidisciplinary Placement Team.

If the "child find" process indicates that the child/student may require special education and/or supportive services in order to participate in and benefit from the general education environment and curriculum, the student shall be referred to the Multidisciplinary Team to determine the student's eligibility for special education services.

If you suspect that a student has a disability and has not been identified and is not being served, please contact:

Dr. Susan Rutherford • Director of Student Services Emanuel County Schools • 201 North Main Street Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 susan.rutherford@emanuel.k12.ga.us (478) 237-6674 **28** The Forest-Blade • *Back to School* • Swainsboro, Georgia • July 19, 2023









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SANDRA WRIGHT, TAX COMMISSIONER

Public Notice

Emanuel County Board of Education

The Emanuel County School system currently offers the following career and technical education programs for all students regardless of race, color, national origin, including those with limited English proficiency, sex or disability in grades 9-12.

> Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources **Business Management and Administration** Hospitality and Tourism -- Culinary Arts Human Services - Family and Consumer Science Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Government and Public Administration - JROTC Army

Persons seeking further information concerning the career and technical education offerings and specific pre-requisite criteria or inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies should contact:

> Dr. Shannon Lawrence, CTAE Director 201 N. Main St., P.O. Box 130, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 sglawrence@emanuel.k12.ga.us or 478-237-6674







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Board of Education Board Members

The 2023-2024 Emanuel County Board members are: Cherie Hooks, Del Brown, John Allen Bailey, Johnny Parker, Sandra Swinney, and Tanya Lane.

Mission Statement

The mission of ECS is to prepare and inspire all students for college and career success through personalized learning and relevant experiences.

Vision Statement

The vision of ECS is to strengthen our community one student at a time.

Belief Statements

- We believe a strong educational program is the foundation for a thriving and progressive community.
- We believe meeting educational needs requires the active participation and support of home, school, and community.
 - We believe everyone is unique, worthy, and capable of learning and achieving success.
 - We believe learning is a life-long process.
 - We believe everyone is entitled to a safe and secure learning environment.

Emanuel County School Bus Emblems

	Adrain Area/Swainsboro	Bus No.
1 2	Jami Williamson Vicky Carter	23-25 Green Fish 17-4 Purple Heart
	Twin City	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Sub Driver Francis Spears Sylvia Phillips Melvin Radford Linda Ford Christina Ellington Gerri Bush Swainsboro	09-06 Green Dinosaur 22-29 Brown Bulldog 16-4 Blue Rabbit 23-19 Blue Star 11-1 Blue Triangle 21-26 White Flower 21-22 Gold Duck
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Cathy Schellenberg Bertie Sapp George Vassel Bobby Seamans Carl Jones Cherry Hill David Coleman David Hill Danny Roberson Harry Wiggins Timothy Sherrod Sub Driver Joe Williams Annie Laura Henry Jimmy Overstreet Ollie Stevens Lee Williams Leroy Phillips Paul McCullough Jennifer Harrison Ray Cox	12-13 Green Ribbon 16-2 Orange Leaf 21-24 Blue Crayon 09-07 Red Circle 17-2 Blue Circle 23-17 White Tiger 17-3 Red Crayon 23-18 Black Cat 19-09 White Foot 16-1 Red Fish 12-15 White Baseball 12-11 Green Duck 21-23 Blue Square 11-02 Blue Ribbon 19-01 Red Star 15-1 Purple Rabbit 19-02 Red Apple 15-2 Green Clover 12-10 Red Horn 16-3 Green Apple 17-1 Orange Foot
22 23 24 25 26 27	Sub Driver Shirley Passmore Tommy Neal Theodis Holmes Tony Ball Sub Driver	11-04 White Crayon 09-03 Red Heart 17-5 Red School House 09-08 White Horn 22-30 Blue Sailboat 11-05 Brown Football

2023 - 2024 Bus Schedule

Buses will begin **morning routes** no earlier than 6:30 a.m. and will be completed by 8:15 a.m.

All buses will begin unloading at Swainsboro High School at 7:30 a.m. Buses running **double loads** may be somewhat earlier.

All drivers **will unload at Swainsboro High School**, and then proceed to Swainsboro Middle School, Swainsboro Elementary School, Swainsboro Primary & Pre-K School.

Bertie Sapp	16-2	David Hill	23-18
Cherry Hill	23-17	Lee Williams	19-02
Tony Ball	22-30	Danny Roberson	19-09
Sub Driver	11-05	David Coleman	17-3
Jami Williamson	23-25	Leroy Phillips	15-2
Shirley Passmore	09-03	Annie Laura Henry	11-02
Sub Driver	11-04	Paul McCullough	12-10
Sub Driver	12-11	Tommy Neal	17-5
George Vassel	21-24	Cathy Schellenberg	12-13
Jennifer Harrison	16-3	Ray Cox	17-1
Timothy Sherrod	12-15	Ollie Stevens	15-1
Vicky Carter	17-4		

The afternoon routes will be as follows:

Begin at Swainsboro Primary School – (Line up at 2:40 p.m. for dismissal by 2:50 p.m.)

Proceed to Swainsboro Elementary School, Swainsboro High School, Swainsboro Middle School.

Sub Driver	11-04	Sub Driver	11-05
Tony Ball	22-30	Ollie Stevens	15-1
Sub Driver	12-11	Ray Cox	17-1
David Hill	23-18	Annie Laura Henry	11-02
David Coleman	17-3	Tommy Neal	17-5
		Jennifer Harrison	16-3

Begin at Swainsboro Elementary School – (Line up at 2:40 p.m. for dismissal by 2:50 p.m.)

Swainsboro Primary School, Swainsboro Middle School, and Swainsboro High School.

Danny Roberson	19-09	George Vassel	21-24
Bertie Sapp	16-2	Cathy Schellenberg	12-13
Cherry Hill	23-17	Leroy Phillips	15-2
Paul McCullough	12-10	Lee Williams	19-02
Shirley Passmore	09-03	Jami Williamson	23-25
Vicky Carter	17-4	Timothy Sherrod	12-15

Picks up ONLY Pre-K Center – p.m. (Inside City Limits)

19-01

Jimmy Overstreet

Emanuel County school buses are ready to roll!

ringing in the halls and classrooms of Emanuel County Schools. School buses will be filled with students eager to begin the FY 2023~2024. Students will report for their first day of classes on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, according to Superintendent

School bells will soon be

Mr. Scotty Hattaway. Local schools will operate on the following schedules for the 2023~2024 term: **Emanuel County Institute** 7:55 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Elementary

School 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Swainsboro High School

7:55 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

Swainsboro

Swainsboro Middle School 8:00 a.m. – 3:05 p.m. **Swainsboro Primary School**

8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Twin City Elementary School

8:00 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. Pre-K 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Parents and school buses will deliver children to Swainsboro Primary School between 7:30 - 8:00 a.m., and Swainsboro Elementary School between 7:30 -7:55 a.m., and to Swainsboro Middle School and Swainsboro High School between 7:30 –7:55 a.m.

Bus drivers and their attendance areas for the 2023-2024 term are as follows:

Adri a n Area – Sw ains boro District

Bus #23-25 - Jami Williamson - Route includes - Highway 80 W (Emanuel County District Only) (Junction to Adrian, East Main St., James St., Gill St., Highway 15, Meadow Road, Robin Blvd., Ben Blvd., Schwalls Trl Park, Hwy 80 W., on to

school. Route begins at 6:30

Bus #17-4 - Vicky Carter Hunnicutt Circle, on to Route includes - Highway 80 W (Norristown Junction), Cowford Bridge Road, Highway 221 N, Georgia Ave., Alton Lawson Road, J. M. Spearman Road, John Deere Rd Highway 221 S. through Norristown, Kea's Old Mill Pond Road, Waldon Way, Foskey Road, Sumner Road, Mills Lane, on to school.

Route begins at 6:30 a.m. Sw a i ns bo ro Di s tri ct Bus #11-05 - Sub Driver - Route includes, Old McLeod Bridge Rd, Keith Screws Rd, Cowford Bridge Rd, Asa Lindsey Rd, Woodchuck Road, back to Mc-Leod Bridge Rd, Parham Rd, Overstreet Rd, (Dogwood Hills community), Hwy 80 E. to Tyson St./ Moring St. Apartments., S. Green St., Moreland Ave., Peebles St., S. Circle Drive., on to school. Route begins at 6:30 a.m.

Bus #23-18 - David Hill - Route includes Lannigan Rd, Hwy 86, Whippoorwill Rd, Griffin Ferry Rd, Findley Cemetery Rd, Harrell Cemetery Rd, Oak Park Hwy1 S, Sumter St, Railroad Ave, Lindsey Road (Oak Park), Margaret St, Foskey St, Rick Rowland Dr, Hwy 1 S. (to I-16), Long Bay, Rose Garden, Island Dr., Hwy 1 (adj. to Flea Market), Riner Farm Rd., on to school. Route begins at 6:30 a.m.

(AM ONLY - TRANS-PORTATION FOR TEACH-ERS CHILDREN ONLY FOR TIGER TRAIL)

Bus #21-24 - George Vassel - Racket Town Rd, Starfish Lane, Leman Rd, Drum Rd, Pendleton Springs Rd, Hwy 46 W, Hudson Rd., Buck Corbin Rd, Sunfish Lane, Hwy 297, Herrington Homestead, (to County Line), Grande Creek Rd., school. Route begins at 6:30

Bus #19-01 - Jimmy Overstreet – Transports Pre-K students in Swainsboro (City Limits Only) Bus #12-13 - Cathy Schellenburg - Hwy 1 N., Pinetucky Road, (From County line) to Page-Garrett Rd, Chandler Rd, Blundale Church Rd, Bird Flanders Rd. (Paved Road Only) Dellwood Rd., Marlynn Rd., Linwood Rd., Edgewood Road., Bonsue Dr., Old Dellwood Rd., Waller Woods Circle, Hawhammock Church Rd, Dellwood Estates, Old

Wadley Rd, Atkinson Dr.,

Skeeter St., R. J. Holder Rd.,

on to school. Route begins at

6:30 a.m.

Bus #19-09 - Danny Roberson - Sycamore Ln, Mockingbird Rd., Bald Eagle Dr., Forest Ln, Forest Creek Dr., Eagle Pass, Falcon Trail, Plantation Dr., Deer Run Trace, Sconyers Mill Rd, Advantage Ln, Hwy 80 E., Rainbow Ridge, Happiness Dr, Sunshine Rd, Enterprise St, Freedom St, Liberty St, Joy Lane, on to school. Route begins at 6:30 a.m. on to school. Bus #11-04 - Sub Driver – (From County Line) at Hwy 57 N, Rabbit Run, Wil-

liams Rd, Bird Flanders Rd, Price-Williams Rd, Badger Rd, Oak Chapel Rd, Nasworthy Rd., Page-Garrett Rd, Pinetucky Rd, (back out onto) Hwy 57 N, Barbara Ave, Oak Lawn Drive, Golf Dr, Deer Creek Dr., Curtis St., Mason Dr., Calhoun St., (Youngblood to Old Nunez Rd.) on to school. Route begins at 6:30 a.m. Bus #12-10 - Paul Mc-

Cullough – Alcott Dr, Powell Drive, Canady Dr, Nunez-Lexsy Rd, McLeod Rd, Jay's

Place, Ollie Youmans Rd, Youmans Cemetery Rd, Tate Youmans Rd, New Hope Church Rd, Hwy 297, Old Nunez Rd to Ed Youmans Rd, W. Meadowlake Pkwy, Injunction Rd, Kathleen Rd., Nannette St, Alice Circle, (behind El Valle Restraunt) on to school. Route begins at 6:45 a.m. Bus #19-02 – Lee Williams

- Kemp Road, Hall's Bridge Ebenezer Church Road., Bill Youngblood Rd. (South and North), Hwy 56 S, Bream Lane, Union Chapel Rd, Bass Rd, Hwy 56 S to Quail Ridge Apts., Mary Ann St, Pratt Ave, Elaine Dr., Mabel Ave, Cedar St, Warren Ave., Youmans Ave., Soloman St., Richard St., Dandelion St., Neal St., Harmon Rd., Lakewood Dr., Saxon St., on to school. Route begins at 6:45.

Bus #23-17 - Cherry Hill - Old Kenfield Rd, Slater Rd, Hwy 46, Smith Dr, Long Bay Dr, Hwy 1 S., Gar Rd, Edenfield Rd., Bluebird Rd., Augusta St., W. 6th Ave., W. 7th Ave., West 5th Ave, Sand Hill Rd, Hwy 57 S, Mt Shady Church Rd, Lewis Rd, Quick Rd, & Quick Loop, on to school. State Route 192 W. of Stillmore. Route begins at

6:30 a.m. Bus #16-3 – Jennifer Harrison - King Circle Dr., Miller Dr., Thomas Rd. to King Circle Dr, William Rountree St., Marion St., Dealva Park Area on to school. SECOND LOAD ~ ALL SCHOOLS: Swainsboro Apartments, Jordan Estates, Hickory Trace Apts., on to school. Route Begins at 6:50 a.m. Bus #17-3 - David Cole-

man - Canoochee Rd., Red Oak Rd., Summit Ave., Oak Grove Church Rd,

Norwood Ave, to Hill St,

Seventh St, N. Coleman St. Ext., MLK to Center St., Williams St, King Circle Dr., (adjacent to park) Kilpatrick St, Ralph Smith Place, E. MLK Blvd, Rentz St, Wadley St. on to school. Route Begins at 6:45 a.m.

Bus #15-1 - Ollie Stevens -Lake Luck Dr, Fellowship St, Prosperity Dr, Morningside Dr., Sunset Dr., Thrift Dr, Hill St, Fortune Loop, Hardin Dr., Durden Dr., Shepard Dr., S. Anderson Dr., Turner Dr, Howarth Dr, McLeod Dr., Sutton Dr., Cowart St, Colegrove Dr., Thigpen Dr., Lambs Bridge Rd, Claxton Ave, Jones Ave, Elmer St, S. Industrial Way, E. Meadowlake Pkwy, on to school. Route begins at 6:45 a.m.

Bus #17-1 - Ray Cox -Industrial Way, Abundance St, Advance St, Stevens Dr, Market St., E. Main St., Strawberry Circle, Allen Drive., Ginger Dr., Linda Dr., Kenneth Drive., Modoc Center Lane, Moss Trail, Canoochee Rd, From Advantage Lane, Huckleberry Rd., on to school. Route begins at 6:45

Bus #16-2 -Bertie Sapp -S. Thompson Rd., Stingray Rd., Hereford Rd.(dirt road), Mixon Rd., Hampshire Rd, Park Circle Dr., Gary Rd, Hicks Ave, Harrison Dr., W. Meadow Lake Pkwy, Old Nunez Rd, Watson St, Youngblood St, Mason St, Azalea Circle, Arden Dr., Crump Street, Lakeside Dr., McMillian Dr., Waller Dr., on to school. Route begins at 6:45 a.m.

Bus #17-5 - Tommy Neal - N. Green St, Lucky St (between Lewis St. & Racetrack St), Church St, Victory Dr., Lewis St, College St, Bell St, N. Green St, to Hwy 80 W, (Continued on page 31)

Emanuel County school buses are ready to roll!

(From page 30) Lee St, Lucky St. N. Green St., McLeod Bridge Rd., Glenwood Rd., Fanning Circle, Lindsey Rd., Tiger Trail to) Project St, New St, Pughsley St., Harris St, on to school. Route begins at 6:45 a.m. 1st Load SHS &

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Bus #15-2 - Leroy Phillips - 1ST LOAD: N. Racetrack St, McLeod Bridge Rd (411 block Government Housing), Lewis St, S. Racetrack St, Oak St, Dawson St. to Swainsboro High and Swainsboro Middle Schools. 2ND LOAD: Swainsboro Primary and Swainsboro Elementary Schools - N. Racetrack St, McLeod Bridge Rd (411 block Government Housing), Lewis St, S. Racetrack St, Oak St, Dawson St. to Swainsboro High and Swainsboro Middle Schools. Route begins at

Bus #11-02 – Annie Laura Henry – Old Wadley Rd, Ogburn Dr., Fairground Rd, Country Acres, (Fields Mobile Home Park), Modoc Rd, , Thompson Rd, Grady St, N. Coleman St. Extension, Wells St, New Turner Dr., Longview Rd. on to school. Route begins AM / PM at 6:50 a.m. KI NGS LEARNI NG CENTER.

7:00 a.m.

Bus #12-15 - Timo**thy Sherrod** – Robin Rd. (Shellie Louis Apts.) West St, Shearhouse St, Robin Rd., Wren Street, Washington St., Lincoln St., Booker St. on N. Green St. side, Gumlog St, Tyson Street (by Shoprite Pharmacy),

at 6:50 a.m.

Bus #16-1 - Harry Wiggins - Transports special needs children in Swainsboro attendance area.

Bus #17-2 - Carl Jones - Transports special needs children in Swainsboro attendance area. Bus #21-23 - Joe Wil-

liams- Transports special needs children in Swainsboro attendance area. Bus #09-08 - Theo-

dis Holmes –Transports special needs children in Swainsboro attendance area. Bus # 09-07 – Bobby Sea-

mans – Transports special needs children in Swainsboro attendance area. Bus #11-1 -Linda Ford -

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Bus #22-30 - Tony Ball - Bishop Chapel Rd, Brantley Loop, Stanley Grove Rd., Bill Glenn Rd., Glenn Loop, Blun Rd., Morning Glory Rd., Cross Jones, Joe Bynes Rd., Blackberry Rd, Hawhammock Church Hawhammock Church Rd, (between Hwy 56 & Ehrlich Farm Rd), Ehrlich Farm Rd, Spivey Lane, Modoc Road (corner of Rentz), Allen Street, on to school. Route begins at 6:30 a.m.

Bus #09-03 - Shirley Passmore - Wadley Coleman Lake Rd, McGarrah Mill Pond Rd, St. Galilee Road, Willie Davis Rd., Curry Lane, Strong Lane, Hwy 56 N, Piney Grove Rd, Watson Rd, Wadley Coleman Lake Rd, Green Grove Church Rd, McGar-

on to school., Route begins rah Mill Pond Rd, Billups Rd, Old Savannah Rd, Brown Springs Rd, Hwy 56 N, Summertown Church St., Humpback Rd., Summertown Main St., Old School., Summertown C&G Trailer Park (HWY 56 N), Rainbow Ridge Ext., Allison's Learning Center am/pm., Lattitude 105, N. Anderson Dr. on to school. Route begins at 6:30 a.m. Bus #12-11 - Sub Driver – Green Spence Rd, Big

> Creek Rd, Hereford Farm Rd, Brown Hall Rd, Roberts Rd, Lawrence Sherrod Rd, Cherokee Circle, Hwy 192 North, Bishop Chapel Rd, Johnson Powell Rd, Dal St, Hwy 56 North, Bell Road, Modoc Lane, Stallion Rd, Christopher Dr, Mustang Rd, McKenzie Dr, Wyatt Circle, Phillip St, Hwy 1 N, Eloise St, Bonnie Rd, Mc-Corckle Ln, Pinelake Subdivision, N. Main St., on to school. Route begins at 6:30 a.m. Twin City Dis Twin City Elementri ct tary & Emanuel County Institute Schools - Only Bus #09-06 - Sub Driv-

er - Hwy 80 E Twin City to 121 Hwy, Bethel Church Rd., Hwy. 121 N, Olive town Rd., Baby Brown Rd, Ben Gay Rd, Tulip Lane, Ben Lane Rd, St. Paul Rd, Friendship Church Rd, J.C. Lane, Nathan Loop, Kent Loop, Henley Proctor Rd, Old Garfield Rd, Old Boatright Rd, Hwy 23 N., Dusty Lane, Paradise Rd, Stokes Ave, Eastside Rd, City Shop Rd., Oak St., Maple St., E.Broad St., Beagle Rd. on to school. Route begins at 6:30 a.m.

Bus #21-22 – Gerri Bush

– Parrish Pond Rd., Lambs Bridge Rd (@ County Line), Hwy 23 S, Pelican Rd, Gull Dr, Woodpecker Trail, Sutton Rd, Whetsell Rd, Old Metter Rd, Carl Durden St, Apple Ave, Cherry Ave, Plum Ave, S. College St., (Stitch-n-Print & Hwy 80) Mathis Street, Canoochee-Almond Rd, Little Canoochee Creek Rd, Hwy 80 E (between Sycamore Lane/Hwy 192), N. Old Reidsville Rd, Azalea Trail, Sycamore Lane, Patrick Road, Cedar Ln, Almond Rd, on to school. Route begins at 6:50 a.m.

Bus #23-19 - Melvin Radford - Herndon Rd, Womack Rd, Scuffletown Rd, Payton Rd, Drew Bennett Rd, Hadden Lane, Johnson Rd, Herndon Rd, Hereford Farm Rd, Canoochee Garfield to Clay's Trailers, Noonday Church Road between Hwy 192 and Mt. Olivet Church Road, Sam Overstreet Rd, Hwy 192 N, Granddaughter Ave., ½ of Old Swainsboro Road, 2nd Load - Hwy 192 Spur, Coursey Rd, Short St, Wilson Rd, Kudzu Trail, W. Broad St., Lane St., Leonard St., Malsby St., Hattaway St., ½ of Old Swainsboro Rd. to

Apts., Route begins at 6:30 Bus #21-26 - Christina Ellington - S. Old Reidsville Rd, Puffin Pl., Fannie Brewer Rd, Culbreth Lane, Lambs Bridge Rd, Scarboro Church Rd, Queen Princess St., King St., Durden Rd, Allen St, Rainbow Ridge, Ward St., Mathis Ave., Bailey St., 5th Ave. (Stitch-n-Print & Hwy 80) on to school - on to school. Route begins at 6:45 a.m.

Bus #16-4 – Sylvia Phillips - Route includes corporate limits of Stillmore, and county roads west of Stillmore, West Third Ave, North First St, Railroad St, E. Fifth Ave, W. Fourth Ave, W. Fifth Ave, W. Sixth Ave, Atlanta St, W. Seventh Ave, E. Sixth Ave, N. Second Street, N. Hwy 192, E. Fifth Ave, Railroad Ave., N. 7th St., N. 6th St., N. 5th St., E. 3rd Ave., State Road 192 and vicinity from Stillmore to Twin City, (ALL of STILLMORE (Twin City District) South of Stillmore, Martin Rd., Owl Rd., Canady Bridge Rd., State Route 57 and vicinity from county line and corporate limits of Stillmore, Third Ave, E. First Ave, Maple Ave, Cypress Ave, Popular Ave, S. Fourth St, S. Second St, Old Kenfield Road to Hwy 46, Griffin Ferry Road, and area South of State Road 192. Hwy 57, 192 South, West Fourth Ave, 192 North. Route begins at 6:30 a.m.

Bus #22-29 - Francis **Spears** – Canoochee Garfield Rd, Joyner Lane, Pike Johnson Rd, Ivev Hall Clark Rd, Zaid Lane, Payton Rd, Sand Trail, Womack Rd, Lewis Circle, Old Boatright Rd, Garfield ~ Augusta Rd, Monroe St, N. Railroad Ave, Hebron Rd, S. Railroad Ave, Hwy 23 N, Sybil St, Greene St, Mincey Rd, Mt. Olivet Church Rd adjacent to Mincey Rd., on to school. Route begins at 6:30 a.m.

How to get on the school bus safely if *required* to cross the road

- **1. STAY** on your side of the road, 12 feet away from traffic.
- 2. **WAIT** for the bus to stop and the stop arm to extend. Wait for your bus driver's signal to cross. When you get to the edge of the road . . .
- 3. **STOP** and look for traffic both ways, then check again. When it is OK. 4. **LOOK** for moving traffic both ways as you walk directly across the road.
- 5. **CROSS** 12 feet in front of the bus in full view of your driver. Be careful in the danger zone and board the bus without delay.

Crossing the Highway is DANGEROUS - Cars May Not Stop!

Remember:

- Stay on your side of the road until the bus comes.
- Stay at least 12 feet away from the edge of the road.
- Wait for the bus to stop and for your driver to signal when it is safe to cross.
- Stop walking at the edge of the road. The stop arm is asking the cars to stop, but they may not stop. YOU must look both ways for moving cars. If a car is moving, do not step into the road. When it is OK...
- Continue to look both ways for moving cars as you walk straight across the road.
- Cross 12 feet in front of the bus and be sure your bus driver can see you. Look for moving cars, be careful in the danger zone and promptly board the bus.
 - Use the handrail.
 - Go directly to your seat.

How to get on the school bus safely if *not required* to cross the road

1. STAY-- - on your side of the road, 12 feet away from

the traffic.

2. **WAIT** - for the bus to stop;

for the door to open; and for all traffic to stop from both directions. When it is OK ...

3. **LOOK** - for moving traffic both ways as you walk through the danger zone, directly towards the bus door and board the bus without de 1 ay.

DANGER - Cars May Not Stop!

Remember:

- Stay on your side of the road until the bus comes.
- Stay at least 12 feet away from the edge of the road.
- Wait for the bus to stop and for the door to open.
- Do not step towards the bus until YOU look to be sure all traffic has stopped. The stop arm is asking the cars to stop, but they may not stop_ If you see a car moving, do not move forward until it has stopped. When it is OK ...
- Continue to look in both directions for moving cars as you walk straight towards the door. Be sure your bus driver can see you.
- Stay away from the front and rear bus tires and promptly board the bus.
 - Use the handrail.
 - Go directly to your seat

Safe student behaviors if required to cross the road after-exiting the bus

- 1. LOOK for moving traffic in all directions, especially to your right, before youexit. Cars sometimes pass the bus on the right side. When OK...
- 2. **WALK** away from the right front of the bus in full view of your driver, going

past the extended bus crossing gate. Then stop and ...

3. **WAIT** - for your bus driver's signal to cross. On their signal, stay 12 feet away

School bus safety from the bus and walk to the

4. **STOP** - looking both ways for moving traffic. Wait again for your driver's signal that it is OK, then continue to...

center of the road and ...

5. **LOOK** - for moving traffic as you promptly cross and exit 12 feet off the road.

Crossing the Highway is

DANGEROUS - Cars May Not Stop!

Remember:

- YOU must look for cars in all directions, especially the right, before you exit.
- When it's OK, walk straight away from the right front of the bus, in full view of your driver until you get past the end of the bus crossing gate. Be careful in the danger zone.
- Stop and face the center of the road. Wait for your bus driver to signal when it is safe to cross. Then look for

moving cars as you walk to the center of the road.

- Stop there and lo k both ways for moving cars. The stop arm is asking the cars to stop, but they may not stop. If you see a car moving, wait for it to stop. Wait again for your driver to signal that it is safe finish crossing.
- Then continue to look for cars as you walk promptly across and exit 12 feet off of the road

