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## Veterans High School

### VHS AFJROTC Warhawk Raiders Compete in Costal Raider Invitational



In September, the Veterans High School AFJROTC Warhawk Raiders travelled to Jekyll Island, Georgia to compete in the inaugural Coastal Raider Invitational. Against a field of over 15 teams, VHS male and female teams finished strong. Overall, the male team finished 3rd. The female team won in a 3-2 margin taking 1st overall.

Veterans High School is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen, Georgia. Dr. Amy Barbour serves as Principal.



Veterans  
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Northside  
High



Warner Robins  
High



Houston County  
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# Northside High School

## NHS FCCLA Attends Georgia FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally and Visits ABAC



Members of the Northside High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter have been busy building leadership skills and exploring future opportunities this fall.

On September 25th, students visited Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton, Georgia, for a campus tour and college exploration experience. During their visit, members learned about academic programs,

student life, and postsecondary opportunities in agriculture, family and consumer sciences, and other related career pathways. The visit allowed students to connect classroom learning with real-world applications and envision their futures beyond high school.

On October 8th, Northside FCCLA members attended the Georgia FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. The event brought together student leaders from across the state for a day filled with motivational speakers, leadership workshops, and networking opportunities.



This year's rally theme, "Unstoppable Together," highlighted the importance of teamwork, collaboration, and community within FCCLA. Members proudly represented Northside High School in their chapter shirts, displaying Eagle pride and enthusiasm throughout the event.



Adviser Faythe Pollard shared her pride in the students' involvement, saying, "It's always amazing to see our members step up as

leaders and represent Northside with pride. FCCLA gives students the chance to grow as individuals and build skills that last a lifetime."

Through events like the ABAC campus visit and the Fall Leadership Rally, Northside High School FCCLA continues to inspire students to pursue leadership, career readiness, and community service, living out the organization's mission to make a difference at school and beyond.

Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Dustin Dykes serves as Principal.



# Warner Robins High School

## WRHS Marketing Classes Host Speaker



Pictured above, left to right, are: Rhian Lacson, Ja'Niya Smith, Mia Skinner, Amelia Riley, and Ava Sexton.

Mia Skinner visited Ryan VanDalinda's marketing classroom at Warner Robins High School in September to speak to students about sports marketing. Mia has worked in marketing for the Mercer Bears, Atlanta Falcons, Brooklyn Nets, and is currently employed by the Jacksonville Jaguars. She shared information about her journey in sports marketing and how students can find job opportunities in the marketing field through her presentation "Game Day Isn't Just for Players".

WRHS students engaged with Mia during the presentation and afterwards in a question-and-answer session. Topics discussed included, becoming a brand ambassador, social media marketing, and the importance of networking. By sharing her experiences in the world of NCAA and professional sports, Mia seeks to inspire students to find ways to turn their interests into careers.

Warner Robins High School is located at 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Brett Wallace serves as Principal.



# Houston County High School

## FCCLA Day at ABAC



Over 30 student leaders from Houston County High School, Northside High School, and Thomson Middle School represented at ABAC.

FCCLA members from Houston County High School proudly brought the FCCLA red to the green and gold of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) during a day devoted to exploring postsecondary opportunities. Joined by members from Northside High School, Warner Robins High School and Thomson Middle School, students gained valuable insight into college and career pathways while experiencing a true glimpse of campus life. Their tour included visits to the residence halls, the ABAC farm, and student life areas such as the recreation center and pool. Students also explored the library, where they were introduced to the wealth of technology access and student amenities available to support learning. ABAC Student Ambassadors guided the group, offering helpful information about the admissions process, financial aid, and the many ways students can engage in academic, leadership, and extracurricular opportunities.



The college visit emphasized ABAC's commitment to student success through tutoring, advising, and work-study programs that allow students to balance academics with real-world experience. As FCCLA members toured the campus and even sampled a beloved campus tradition, ABAC's famous "Fried Chicken Thursday" in the dining hall, students began to consider how college might fit into their own futures.



Pictured above, left to right, are: Ryhem Hacena, Logan Dominy, Samara Arnold, Lauren Clark, Ellie Jane Cunningham, Lily Dockery, Amber Ulshafer, and Raelee Brown.

## FCCLA Day at ABAC (continued)

“Having the opportunity to tour ABAC gave me the chance to think more seriously about my future plans after high school,” said Houston County High School FCCLA member, Logan Dominy. “So many students are told they need to have a plan once they graduate, but being able to explore a campus firsthand and really see what it offers is truly the best way to get connected and discover what opportunities the future may hold.”

By the end of the day, students recognized that ABAC is much more than agriculture, offering a wide variety of educational and career pathways. The experience not only deepened their understanding of the opportunities available within Georgia’s colleges, but also emphasized the importance of career readiness and how FCCLA continues to strengthen students’ preparation for life after high school.



ABAC Student Ambassadors are pictured above as they shared valuable insight into the opportunities provided at ABAC with students in attendance.

Houston County High School is located at 920 Georgia Highway 96 in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Brittany Tolleson is the HCHS FCCLA Adviser and Dr. Jay Jones serves as Principal.





# Perry High School

## PHS FCCLA Hosts “Touchdown Into FCCLA” Social

Perry High FCCLA recently hosted a “Touchdown into FCCLA” social event for local chapter members, bringing energy and excitement to the school community. Members joined the gathering dressed in their favorite sports team jerseys or t-shirts and brought along their favorite tailgate foods to share, creating a festive and welcoming atmosphere.

The event was thoughtfully planned by FCCLA officers, who organized a variety of themed games to engage participants. Students competed in a cup pyramid building challenge, navigated the human knot, tested their skills in the quarterback grab, and raced through a Sports Trivia challenge. Teams showcased teamwork and creativity, with the winning team receiving a prize for their efforts. This fun-filled social was a great opportunity for members to connect, celebrate camaraderie, and enjoy a spirited start to the FCCLA year.

Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry, Georgia. Dr. Arthur Billings serves as Principal.



## Perry High School FCCLA Shines at Fall Rally

Perry High FCCLA had an unforgettable experience at the FCCLA Fall Rally at Six Flags Over Georgia. This annual event brought together chapters from across the state for a day filled with leadership development, competition, and fun.

Students engaged in inspiring leadership opportunities designed to strengthen communication, teamwork, and goal-setting skills. Members had the opportunity to connect with peers from other schools, exchange ideas, and gain new insights into how they can

make a positive impact through FCCLA's mission of leadership and community service.



The chapter also achieved outstanding success in state competitions. Makayla Williams earned first place in the Know Your FACS Poster competition with her creative and informative display, while Emmagrace Goodman, Alyssa Butts, and Dallas Locke captured first place in Top Merchandiser through their impressive product presentation and marketing skills.

Marquita Jackson represented Perry High with grace and confidence in the Theme Speech competition, delivering a heartfelt three-minute speech that beautifully captured the spirit of this year's theme, "Connected."

After the competitions and sessions, students celebrated their accomplishments with a well-deserved afternoon of fun and fellowship in the park, riding coasters, sharing laughs, and building memories that will last a lifetime.

Perry High School is incredibly proud of all chapter members for their leadership, teamwork, and outstanding representation of Perry High FCCLA.



Marquita Jackson



Emmagrace Goodman, Alyssa Butts and Dallas Locke.



Makayla Williams



## Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Program

### Krish Patel Is Making the Most From His Emory Experience



Houston County High School junior, Krish Patel, is making the most of his opportunity to gain real-world healthcare experience through the Work-Based Learning (WBL) Program. As the Vice President of HOSA and a dedicated student in the Sports Medicine class, Krish is currently training at Emory Hospital in Warner Robins, Georgia, where he works in the Emergency Department (ED) under the supervision of Donald Smith, Certified Registered Nurse. At Emory, Krish observes medical professionals in action, assists with supply retrieval, and asks questions to better understand emergency room procedures. His days are fast-paced and filled with opportunities to learn more about patient care, teamwork, and the importance of quick decision making in the ER.

Krish chose to work in the emergency department because he finds the environment exciting, challenging, and deeply rewarding. "Every day is different in the ER," he said. "There's always something new to learn, and it keeps me motivated." Through this WBL experience, made possible because of Sandi Couillard at the Houston College and Career Academy, Krish is gaining valuable contacts, learning new medical terminology, and gaining firsthand insight into how an emergency department operates. Already being present in the ER will help him make valuable connections over time and if he chooses to come back to the ER at Emory Hospital in Warner Robins, it will benefit him much. These lessons are shaping his understanding of healthcare and preparing him for a future career as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). Krish hopes to continue building his knowledge and skills in the medical field before applying to CRNA school. His experience at Emory Hospital not only helps him grow professionally but also reinforces his passion for helping others during critical moments of need.



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HEALTHCARE**

**EMORY  
HEALTHCARE**



# Feagin Mill Middle School

## FMMS FCCLA Celebrates State and National Success with Pep Rally Recognition

Feagin Mill Middle School's FCCLA chapter is making waves, locally, in Georgia, and nationally. Their hard work, leadership, and dedication were celebrated at the Georgia National Fair Fall Rally, and they received an award this summer for their outstanding achievement in the Financial Fitness National Program, capped off with a school-wide pep rally recognizing their accomplishments.

### State-Level Achievements at the Georgia National Fair FCCLA Fall Rally

FMMS FCCLA members demonstrated exceptional skills and creativity at the Georgia National Fair FCCLA Fall Rally:

- Booth Competition: Lila Kenney, Jordan Miliner, Abby Cordell, and Loren Crosby, earned 3rd place for their engaging and visually impressive booth display.
- Brochure Competition: Kelese Wallace received 2nd place for her informative and eye-catching brochure.
- Theme Speech Competition: Reagan Nolan placed 2nd for her compelling and well-presented speech.
- Georgia Peanut Recipe Contest: Charlene Javier earned 3rd place for her delicious creation.



Pictured, left to right, are: Loren Crosby, Lila Kenney, Abigail Cordell, and Jordan Miliner.



Kelese Wallace is pictured with Adviser, Lisa Duke.



Bonaire  
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Feagin Mill  
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Huntington  
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Mossy Creek  
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Northside  
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Perry  
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Thomson  
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Warner Robins  
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## FMMS FCCLA Celebrates State and National Success with Pep Rally Recognition (continued)



Reagan Nolan, pictured above, at left.



Charlene Javier

### National Recognition for Financial Fitness Program

FMMS FCCLA's commitment to financial literacy earned them 1st place nationally this summer in the FCCLA Financial Fitness Program. This initiative empowers students to teach their peers smart money management skills, including earning, spending, saving, and protecting money. Their innovative activities and projects in this area earned top honors, reflecting the chapter's dedication to promoting financial literacy among middle school students.

### Pep Rally Celebration

The chapter's achievements were celebrated during the school pep rally, where members were recognized in front of the entire student body for their state and national success. This school-wide recognition highlights not only individual accomplishments but also the collective spirit, leadership, and commitment of FMMS FCCLA members.

Feagin Mill Middle School is located at 1200 Feagin Mill Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Elizabeth Foster serves as Principal.





# Northside Middle School

## NMS FCCLA's Outstanding Week at the Georgia National Fair

Northside Middle School's FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) chapter had an outstanding week at the Georgia National Fair, representing their school with creativity, leadership, and excellence. The students' dedication and talent earned them top honors across several competitions, bringing pride to both Northside Middle School and the Houston County School District.



The NMS Chapter Booth was on display throughout the entire fair in Heritage Hall, where thousands of visitors learned about FCCLA and the opportunities it offers students. The booth highlighted FCCLA national programs, Georgia FCCLA state projects, competitive events, and leadership conferences, giving fairgoers an in-depth look at how FCCLA develops leadership skills, community involvement, and career readiness in students.

The booth was designed and constructed by: Camila Huinac, Isabella Pounds, Madyson Porter, Zariya Halbert, (back row), Mallory Peyton, Abrielle Collins, and Braileigh Allen (front row). These students earned 1st place for Middle School Chapter Booth, reflecting their teamwork, creativity, and ability to educate the public.



On Tuesday, October 7th, Braileigh Allen, (pictured at right), competed in the Chili Cook-Off, preparing her chili from scratch and serving samples to attendees after the judges made their decision. Her skill and presentation earned her 1st place in the competition.



## NMS FCCLA's Outstanding Week at the Georgia National Fair (continued)

The excitement continued on Wednesday, October 8th, during the FCCLA Fall Rally, a statewide event celebrating leadership and student achievement. During the rally:



Isabella Pounds earned 1st place for her Middle School Foundation Sponsor Brochure.



Mallory Peyton placed 4th in the Middle School Themed Speech contest, impressing judges with her confidence and delivery.



Abigail Miller earned 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Middle School Georgia Peanut Recipe Contest.

The Northside Middle School FCCLA chapter continues to set an inspiring example of leadership, teamwork, and community engagement. The school is incredibly proud of all chapter members for their accomplishments at the fair and beyond.

For more information on Georgia FCCLA, visit [www.georgiafccla.org](http://www.georgiafccla.org).

Northside Middle School is located at 500 Johnson Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Alma Mundy serves as Principal, and Laura Sewell serves as FCCLA Adviser.





# Perry Middle School

## PMS TSA Kicks Off the School Year with Strong Success

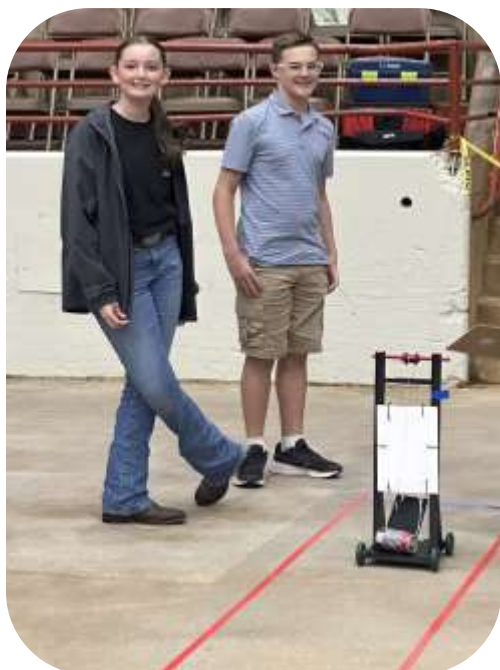
The 2025–2026 school year is off to an exciting start for Perry Middle School's Technology Student Association (TSA). Students have been diving into hands-on learning, exploring robotics, mastering coding skills, and even taking to the skies as they learn to fly drones through both controller operation and programming.

On October 6th, TSA members had the opportunity to showcase their skills at Tech Day at the Fair. Competing in a variety of events, including Manufacturing Design, Alternative Energy, CO<sub>2</sub> Cars, Gravity Cars, and Robotics. PMS students truly shined. They earned 2nd place in Robotics, demonstrating both technical expertise and outstanding teamwork.

Looking ahead, TSA students are preparing for an exciting remainder of the school year. Following Tech Day, they will focus on community projects where they can apply their knowledge and skills to make a positive impact. Preparations are also underway for the State Conference this spring, where they'll have the chance to showcase their hard work and expertise in the STEM fields.

PMS is incredibly proud of their TSA students and the dedication they continue to show in developing their technical and leadership skills. Stay tuned for more updates on their journey.

Perry Middle School is located at 495 Perry Parkway in Perry, Georgia. Dr. Heath Burch serves as Principal.



## PMS FBLA Attends Fall Motivational Rally



Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students from Perry Middle School attended the Fall Motivational Rally on September 29, 2025, for a day filled with learning, competition, and fun. The event brought together FBLA members from across the region to build leadership skills and strengthen school spirit. Students had the chance to compete in open events testing, showcasing their knowledge in various business-related topics while gaining valuable experience in a competitive setting.

Along with the academic challenges, students enjoyed a variety of activities that made the day both exciting and memorable. They spent time riding amusement rides, bonding with peers from other schools, and refueling with an all-you-can-eat lunch. The Fall Motivational Rally gave FBLA members the perfect balance of competition and camaraderie, inspiring them to continue developing as future leaders in business and beyond.

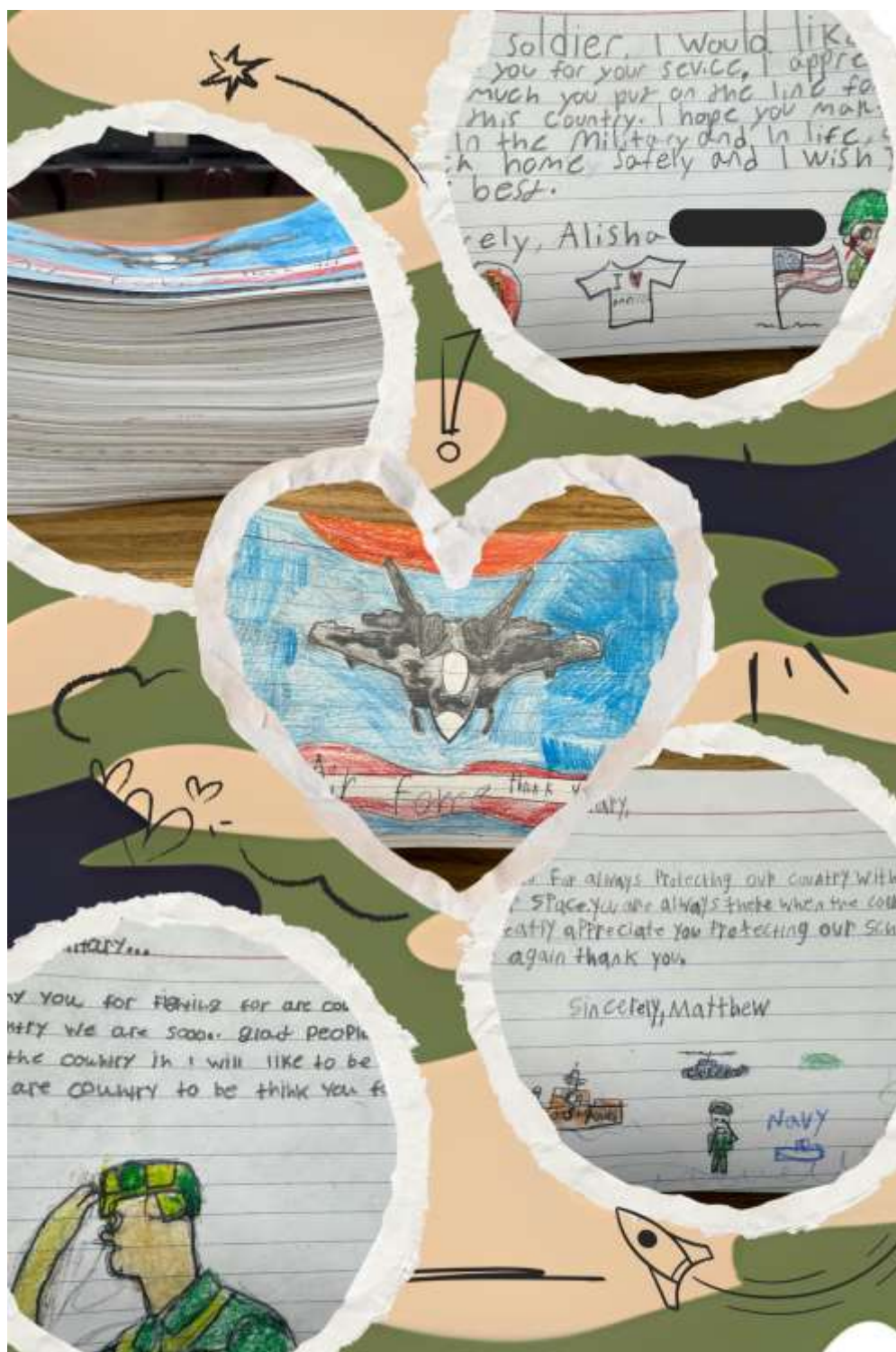


## PMS FBLA Shows Support for the Military with Letter-Writing Project

Students at Perry Middle School recently showed their support for the military through a special letter-writing project. Sponsored by the school's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter and Adviser Dr. Diana Phillips, the initiative encouraged students to write and decorate heartfelt cards for service members. In total, a few hundred cards were created, each filled with encouraging words, gratitude, and colorful designs meant to brighten the day of those serving our country. The project provided students with the opportunity to show appreciation while learning the value of giving back to their community.

Dr. Phillips expressed her gratitude to all the teachers and students who took the time to participate in the project, noting that it was a true team effort. She shared that the overwhelming response reflected the caring spirit of Perry Middle School and the dedication of its students. Through this effort, FBLA members not only supported a meaningful cause but also demonstrated leadership, compassion, and community service which are qualities that align

closely with the mission of the organization. The cards will serve as a powerful reminder to service members that they are appreciated and remembered by the students back home.



## HCSD Computer Science Educators Earn Certificates During Professional Learning



On October 13, 2025, the Computer Science educators from Houston County School District's (HCSD) eight middle schools—Allison Risaliti from Bonaire Middle, Matthew Hunt from Feagin Mill Middle, Valeria Drummond from Huntington Middle, Jake Harvey from Mossy Creek Middle, Chris Flemming from Northside Middle, Dr. Diana Phillips from Perry Middle, Jessica Green from Thomson Middle, and Penney Ragin from Warner Robins Middle, came together to earn their Minecraft Certified Educator certificates during professional learning. This collective achievement underscores their dedication to enhancing student engagement through innovative, game-based learning. By participating in this certification program, these educators have not only expanded their professional skills but have also fostered a collaborative network across schools, sharing insights and strategies to integrate Minecraft into their curricula.

The integration of Minecraft into the classroom offers students a dynamic platform to explore concepts in computer science, problem-solving, and creativity. With their new certification, these educators are equipped to design interactive lessons that transform traditional learning into immersive experiences. This approach not only makes learning more engaging but also prepares students for future challenges by developing critical thinking and collaboration skills. The collective effort of these teachers exemplifies a commitment to continuous professional growth and a shared vision of enriching education within Computer Science programs in HCSD's middle schools.

All Computer Science teachers want to offer a special “Thank you” to Allison Risaliti for orchestrating this learning opportunity and Tom Seward, CTAE Director, for being so supportive of their different programs within the county.



## PMS Computer Science and Technology Classes Learn About Career Opportunities with the Federal Bureau of Investigation



On October 21, 2025, Agent Thomas Clark and Agent Scott Sengenberger of the Federal Bureau of Investigation visited Perry Middle School to speak with students about career opportunities within the FBI. Hosted by Dr. Diana Phillips, FBLA Adviser, and Lindsey Levie, the agents presented to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Computer Science and Technology classes. They explained the wide variety of career paths available in the FBI, including roles in criminal investigation, intelligence, forensics, behavioral analysis, and especially cybersecurity. Agent Clark and Agent Sengenberger emphasized the importance of education, leadership, and integrity for anyone interested in a future with the FBI and encouraged students to start building their skills now through programs like FBLA and TSA.



In addition to discussing careers, the agents gave a powerful presentation on cybercrime and how students can stay safe online. They shared real-world examples of online threats such as identity theft, phishing, and social media scams, and emphasized the need for students to protect their personal information. The agents stressed the

importance of responsible digital citizenship and thinking before posting or sharing online. Their visit not only inspired students to consider future opportunities in law enforcement and cybersecurity but also reminded them of the serious responsibilities that come with using technology in today's world.

## *Houston County Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Staff*

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Pictured are, back row, left to right: Shayna Brown (HCHS), Tom Seward, CTAE Director, Heather Burley (NHS), and Robert Walker (WRHS). Front row: Jay Wood (PHS), Dana Morris (VHS), and Dr. Sherry Johnson (HCCA).

### Middle School CTAE Contacts



Pictured are, back row, left to right: Frank Kenney (MCMS), Tom Seward, CTAE Director, and Dr. Torris Woolfolk (HMS). Front row: William Basby (NMS), Dr. Ciara Northern (FMMS), Andre Davis (BMS), and Shenequia Jones (WRMS). Not pictured are: Dr. Monique Lester (PMS), Fred Thomas (BMS/PMS) and Dr. Candida Fielding (TMS).



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