



SMK8 Cardinal Courier



August 2022 Newsletter

SMK8 is a Title One School.

The mission of Calhoun County Public Schools is to empower all students to compete and succeed in an ever-changing global society.



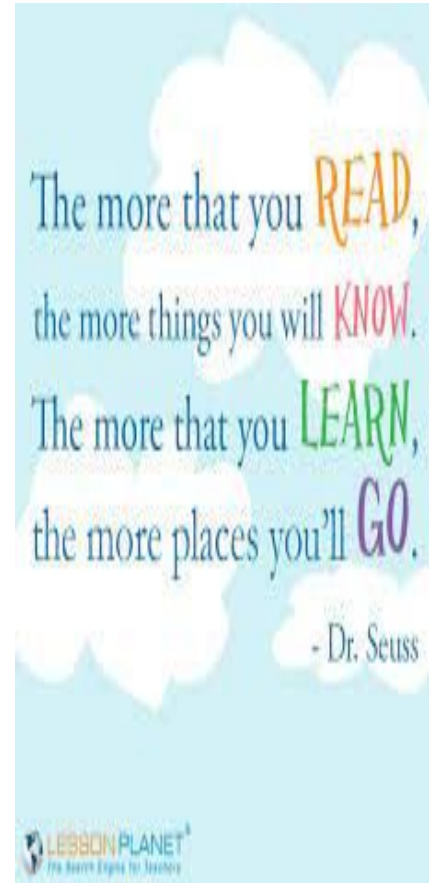
Congratulations!!!!



SCABSE

Elementary Principal of the Year

Dr. Treda Keith-Nelson
Calhoun County School District



Welcome Message from Dr. Keith-Nelson Greetings Cardinals!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. Oh the places we'll go this year socially, emotionally, and academically. I hope all of your families had a fun summer where great experiences were had and lasting memories made.

If this is your child's first year at SMK8 School, we welcome you to the Cardinal family, where we soar and every day we rise. SMK8 continues to be a TransformSC school that meets the needs of children in a personalized environment. I continue to stand firm on my educational philosophy that together we have, can, and will do what's best for children. Each day the faculty and staff works diligently to ensure that engaging teaching and learning experiences occur in each classroom for every student. I am also confident that SMK8 will continue along its successful path with this way of teaching through the full use of project based learning. Additionally, our school will be stronger with the support of it's community. Thus, we invite you to take advantage of the opportunities to support our students' learning and experiences. I am confident that together we will have a productive and enriching 2022 -2023 school year!

Dr. Treda Keith Nelson

Have a terrific school year! Cardinals soar! Every day we rise.

SMK8 Newest Cardinals

WELCOME!



Tiffany Bochette
Art Teacher



De'Marius Frederick
5th-Grade Math
Teacher



Veronica Glover
Montessori
Teacher Assistant



Grindl Hayward
Teacher Assistant



Chasie Cattenhead
Kindergarten
Teacher



Elaine Elmore
Custodian



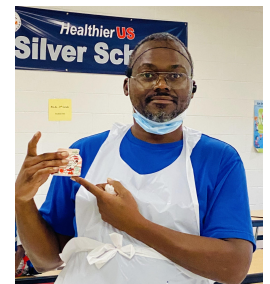
Juenarri Keith
ISS Attendant



Tasha Osborn
5th ELA Teacher



Jade Waymer
Pre-K Teacher Assistant



Abraham Wright
Cafeteria

Congratulations

Teacher of the Year

Support Staff of the Year

Rookie of the Year



**Mrs. Phermella
Tullock, Fifth Grade**



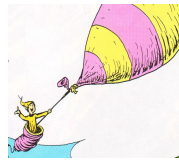
**Rebecca Ripperdan,
Nurse**



**Mrs. Sreerashmi
Sumesh, Computer**

READ All About It!!

From the SMK8 Media Center



The media center is excited about a new school year and kicked it off with everyone reading Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss. We are excited to bring this great read aloud to help us learn about the importance of having a **GROWTH Mindset**. The media center will be recognizing students who are chosen as "Soaring READER of the Month" and celebrating students each quarter who reach their AR reading goal! **Oh, the Places You'll Go when you READ!**



The SMK8 School Store
7:30A.M. - 8:00A.M.

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| 1. ABC Notebooks - \$1.00 | 16. Notebooks (5 Subject) - \$3.00 |
| 2. Calculators - \$2.00 | 17. Notebook Binders - \$1.00 |
| 3. Colored Pencils - \$2.00 | 18. Notebook Paper (100 sheets) - \$0.75 |
| 4. Coloring Books - \$1.50 | 19. Notebook Paper (150 sheets) - \$1.00 |
| 5. Composition Notebooks - \$1.00 | 20. Notepads - \$1.25 |
| 6. Crayons - \$1.00 | 21. Pencils - \$0.25 |
| 7. Expo Markers - \$0.50 | 22. Pencil Pouch - \$1.00 |
| 8. File Folders - \$0.25 | 23. Scissors - \$1.00 |
| 9. Glue Sticks - \$0.50 | 24. Sharpies - \$0.75 |
| 10. Highlighters - \$0.75 | 25. Sheet Protectors - \$0.05 |
| 11. Ink Pens (Blue, Red, & Black) - \$0.25 | 26. Stapler - \$0.75 |
| 12. Index Cards - \$0.75 | 27. Stapler Remover - \$0.50 |
| 13. Lead Pencils - \$0.75 | 28. Sticky Notes - \$0.50 |
| 14. Memo Books - \$0.50 | 29. Whiteout - \$0.75 |
| 15. Notebooks (1 Subject) - \$1.00 | |

Counselling Connection Guidance



Welcome to another exciting year at St. Matthews K-8 School! I am Loressa Jenkins, the Elementary School Counselor, serving students in grades PK – 4th. I am a product of Calhoun County Public Schools, and I'm excited about being able to serve the children of my hometown. I look forward to providing our students with academic support, new learning experiences, and opportunities for career and college exploration while acquiring the necessary skills for everyday life. One of my goals for this school year is for students to learn about bullying and what is considered bullying. Students will identify the different types of bullying, and know what to do if they or someone they know is being bullied as well as learn about the effects of bullying. I look forward to working with you and your children.



Hello. I am Thomasena Simmons, the St. Matthews K-8 Middle School Counselor. I have had the pleasure of working in Calhoun County for 22 years, and 18 of those years were as a school counselor. I love the small school setting because I have the opportunity to become personally acquainted with both our students and their parents as well as community members. What I have found most rewarding at this stage in my career is that I am afforded the opportunity to serve the children of former students with whom I've built a strong lasting relationships.



Students, don't forget to check out the Sora app in Clever and read some great books!

Please email Mrs. Morris if you have any questions on how to use it! "**Reading is a Passport to Countless Adventures**" by Mary Pope Osborne.



WINGS FOR KIDS is an AWESOME, NEW after-school program offered to SMK8 students in grades K-5 for FREE! This program was implemented in the 2021-2022 school year. We are so excited about the continuation of this great program, which is designed to teach students about social-emotional skills, offer homework assistance, and provide snacks in a safe, fun environment. Wings for Kids resumed on August 22, 2022. The students are served from dismissal until 5:30 P.M.

If you would like your child to participate in this program, go to the link provided and fill out the application at www.wingsforkids.org/parent-info. You may also contact Ms. Keyasia Hale (843)499-2583 keyasia@wingsforkids.org / Ms. Darcy Davis (989)640-3628 darcy@wingsforkids.org. Applications will be taken throughout the school year. We look forward to serving your children.



Thanks Community for the Supplies!



SMK8 would like to thank our community for all the wonderful donation of school supplies.

A special thanks to:

- Orangeburg Alumnae of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.
- Cornerstone Community Church of Orangeburg
- Calhoun Cares, St. Matthews



Fall Picture Day is Coming
Sept 28th
Check the website for details.



TECHNOLOGY REMINDERS...

- Charge your Chromebooks daily.
- Fill out **Help Tickets** online if you need any help with your computer!
- Coming Soon: Watch SMK8 News on our SMK8 Stream YouTube channel.

August Character Trait....

CHEERFULNESS

