



Student Services Board Report

**Thank You, School Counselors!!!
We LOVE You!!!**



The first week of February is National School Counselors Week, a time to recognize the incredible impact school counselors have on students, families, and schools. School counselors support students in far more ways than many people realize. They help students succeed academically, socially, and emotionally while guiding them through important decisions about their future. From helping students set goals and plan for graduation to supporting them through challenges at school or at home, counselors are often the steady, trusted adults students turn to when they need help the most. The 2026 National School Counselors week theme is “School Counselors Amplify Student Success”.

From Classroom to Kitchen: Food Safety Skills for Real Life



The Transition Academy has partnered with the University of Georgia Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) to deliver engaging, hands-on food safety instruction that supports real-world living and employment skills. Through evidence-based EFNEP lessons, students develop essential competencies such as proper handwashing, safe food handling and preparation, cross-contamination prevention, and appropriate food storage. Program outcomes demonstrate increased food safety knowledge and positive behavior changes, greater confidence in preparing meals safely, and an enhanced ability to apply these skills at home and in work-based environments—promoting independent living, community engagement, and workforce readiness.

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The LSSC extends heartfelt appreciation to the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Survivors of Mass Destruction Spring 2026 line, and Amazon for their generous donations in support of our students and families. Through contributions of coats, hats, and gloves, their commitment to service and community well-being is making a meaningful difference during the colder months. Thanks to their kindness, leadership, and partnership, many children will stay warm, supported, and cared for this season. We are truly grateful for their positive impact and continued dedication to uplifting our community.



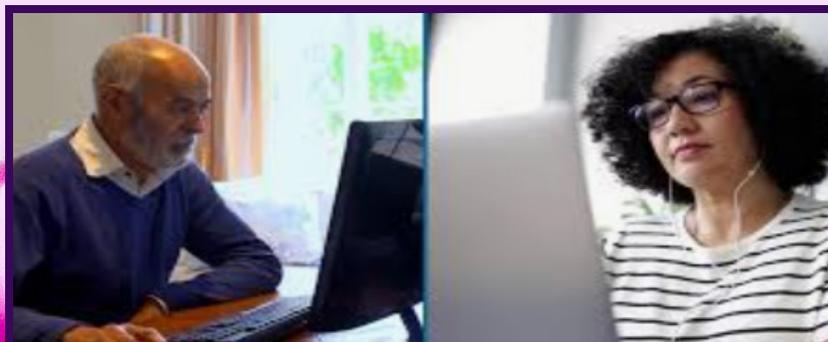
Graphite Realism Art Classes

Throughout January, students in grades 6–12 recently explored the world of graphite realism, focusing on shading, texture, and lifelike detail using only pencil and paper. Participants learned professional techniques, built confidence in their drawing skills, and created striking realistic artworks. The class offered a hands-on, creative space where young artists discovered just how powerful and expressive graphite can be.



Parent to Parent ZOOM

January 15th, parents attended a Zoom workshop to learn about the basic components of special education and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The workshop explained how the special education process works, including Child Find, Response to Intervention (RTI), and Student Support Teams; how to make a referral; what to expect from an evaluation; how to prepare for an IEP meeting; and how to resolve disputes.



Zumba Class

In January, our Zumba classes brought incredible energy and excitement to our community. Participants of all ages joined in for a fun, high-spirited session that promoted health, wellness, and togetherness. The uplifting music, enthusiastic instructors, and supportive environment made the event a memorable experience for everyone involved. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect, move, and celebrate wellness as a community.

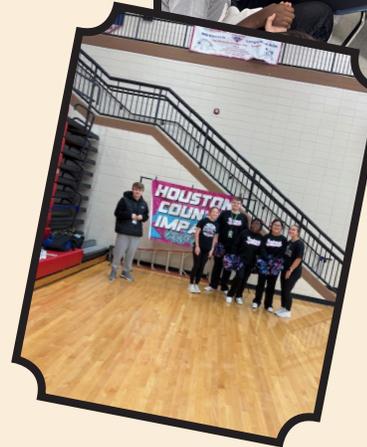


Thank You Bonaire Church!!!

Thank you to Bonaire Church for their generous \$6,000 donation to LSSC. Their support plays a vital role in strengthening family engagement and providing meaningful resources to the communities we serve. This contribution will have a lasting impact, and we are truly grateful for their partnership and commitment to our mission.



WINTER GAMES



Houston County Elementary, Middle, and High School students participated in the local Special Olympics Winter Games on January 21–23, competing in Level A skills, Basketball Skills, Team Skills, and 5-on-5 games. Ribbons were awarded for first through fourth place in all events.

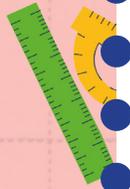
Veterans High School students assisted with event operations, while JROTC presented the colors and Chorus students performed the National Anthem at the opening ceremonies. Support from the Board of Education, administrators, schools, and volunteers ensured the success of the games. We thank all Houston County schools and organizations for supporting our Special Olympics athletes.

Houston County Schools will host an Area Unified Sports Playdate on February 26 at the Warner Robins Recreation Center, welcoming counties from the Middle Georgia area.

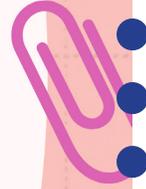




CELEBRATING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Our district proudly recognizes students who earned Perfect Attendance during the first semester of the 2025–2026 school year by having no absences, tardies, or early dismissals.



At Perry Middle School, more than 50 students achieved Perfect Attendance from July through December, crediting their families and school staff for their support. Westside Elementary honored 38 students during its Winter Awards Day on January 23, where monthly Perfect Attendance is celebrated with public recognition and prize drawings. Pearl Stephens Elementary recognized 25 students for Perfect Attendance from July through January and continues to motivate students through a year-long bicycle drawing. This year, 21 students remain eligible, reflecting significant growth in attendance district-wide.



These celebrations highlight our district's commitment to consistent attendance and the shared efforts of students, families, and staff.

