



# Student Services Board Report



## Give & Go Bags

### Filling more than hearts this holiday season!

Our very first Holiday Give & Go took place on Friday, December 19. With hearts full of gratitude and a shared spirit of giving, we distributed more than 3,000 bags filled with favorite snacks to children ages 18 and under. Each bag represented more than just food—it was a small reminder of how much the school district personnel cares for our students. During the holiday break, access to everyday resources can be limited. We were honored to help ease that burden and bring a little comfort, joy, and warmth to so many families.



# *A New Year for* **SOCIAL SERVICES**

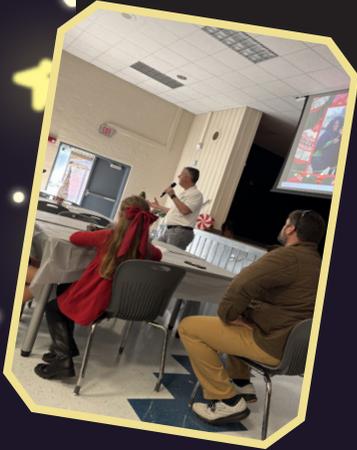
School social workers across the district partnered with the International City Optimist Club to make the holiday season brighter through Operation Santa. This is a cherished tradition that ensures students in need can experience the joy of Christmas. With support from community partners, local organizations, and district employees, gifts and essential items were provided to more than 145 students and families, including McKinney-Vento students.

In addition to gifts, food donations were distributed through partnerships with schools, churches, and community organizations, helping families access meals during school breaks. On Christmas Eve, the International City Optimist Club delivered gifts to nearly 90 families across the district.

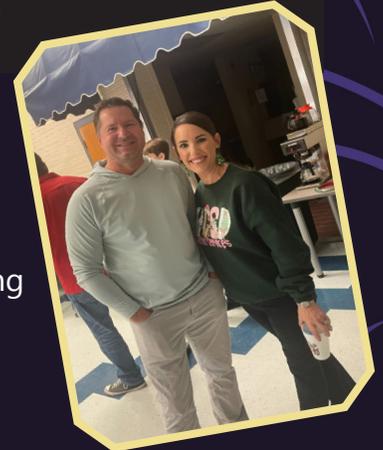
Operation Santa continues to reflect the power of compassion and community, reminding us that together, we can make a meaningful difference for our students and families—especially during the



# Operation Santa Sponsors:



The International City Optimist Club  
Houston County School District – Central  
Office Employees  
Houston County School District – Purchasing  
and Warehouse Employees  
Houston County School District- Student  
Services Program Specialist  
Parrish Construction Group  
Velocity Baseball 12U  
Inspire Pilates  
Law Roofing and Claims  
Braswell Dentistry  
Buzzell Plumbing, Heating and Air  
Fellowship Bible Baptist Church  
Central Baptist Church  
The Scott family of Warner Robins, Ga.  
The Holmes family of Warner Robins, Ga.  
Louis Walker of Centerville, Ga.



Additional donors generously contributed  
and requested to remain anonymous.



# LSSC NEWS

## Middle Georgia GRLS Transition Fair

On December 11, families joined us for an informative session on resources and post-high school options for students with special needs who are transitioning out of school. The event featured numerous vendors who were ready to provide guidance, share valuable information, and answer questions to support students and their families as they plan for the future.



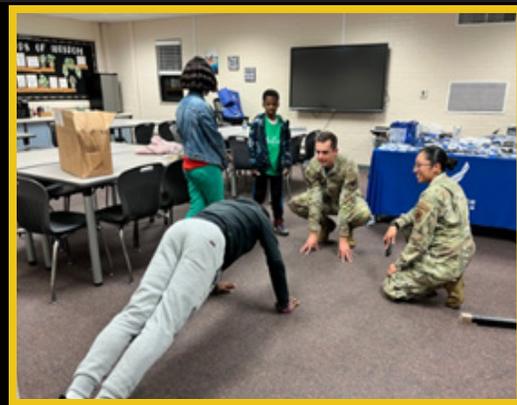
## First Aid Workshop

On December 8, Eagle Scout Christain Carmichael led an engaging first aid workshop for students in grades 6–8, teaching essential skills to help them stay prepared for emergency situations. Students gained practical knowledge and confidence to respond effectively when it matters most.



## Enlistment Event

Students exploring a future in the armed forces attended a special Enlistment Event on December 4, where they learned about military career opportunities. The event featured an informative presentation on enlistment options, followed by one-on-one conversations with recruiters to discuss pathways available after high school.



## Reading on my Mind - Christmas Event

On December 6, families in the ALICE community enjoyed a festive celebration featuring free toys, books, and photos with Santa, made possible by the generosity of Reading on My Mind, Inc. and Books-A-Million. It was a day filled with joy, cherished memories, and holiday fun for all!





# Christmas Fun for All at the Lindsey Student Support Center!

Throughout December, the LSSC was full of holiday fun experiences. Special Education students enjoyed a truly magical CBI field trip to Santa's LSSC Workshop, where holiday cheer filled every moment. Each student received a festive bag filled with goodies, including a coloring book, crayons, and candy. With the guidance of their teachers, students took part in joyful holiday activities such as crafting, cookie decorating, and capturing a special photo with Santa. This annual tradition is one of our favorites, bringing smiles, excitement, and the true spirit of the season throughout the hallways.

Families also came together to join in the holiday fun! Many decorated festive Christmas cookies and gingerbread houses, creating sweet treats and lasting memories. We love seeing the joy and connection these family events bring to our community!



# School Nutrition Program News

**On November 20, students and families across the county gathered for our beloved Thanksgiving lunch, filling cafeterias with the warm aroma of turkey and dressing. Many schools welcomed parents and loved ones, fostering a strong sense of community as everyone shared a meal together.**

**In December, the festive spirit continued with Christmas Dessert Day on December 11. Cafeterias transformed into winter wonderlands, featuring creative displays and treats like snow-kissed cakes, reindeer brownies, and brightly decorated cookies. Staff joined the fun in festive attire, and some schools even invited students to help decorate desserts.**

**From meaningful meals to imaginative holiday sweets, our school nutrition team is dedicated to nourishing students and creating memorable experiences throughout the season.**



# Transition Academy News

The Warner Robins Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star made the holiday season truly unforgettable by adopting the Transition Academy students and staff for Christmas. They demonstrated remarkable generosity by providing Christmas presents to every student. The students will remember the excitement and joy that filled the campus during this event. We are deeply thankful for their kindness, thoughtfulness, and continued commitment to our students and staff.



# The Transition Academy Students Shine Bright!

Transition Academy students demonstrated outstanding leadership, responsibility, and community engagement during two events held in December. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, students supported the Santa Event at the Lindsey Student Support Center by assisting elementary-aged children with holiday crafts and reading activities, helping to create a welcoming and joyful experience for families.

On December 11, Transition Academy students played an integral role in the success of the Transition Fair. Students assisted with a wide range of responsibilities, including traffic flow, guest greeting, hallway support, sensory room assistance, food truck coordination, and staffing a vendor table. Their professionalism, teamwork, and enthusiasm reflected the program's focus on independence, community involvement, and real-world skill development.



# SCOLIOSIS SCREENING

Georgia law requires annual scoliosis screening for public school students in at least two grades during early adolescence. Scoliosis is defined as a spinal curve greater than 10 degrees and may be indicated by uneven shoulders, protruding shoulder blades, uneven waist folds, or unequal arm hang. Students showing signs are reported to the Health Department, which contacts parents for follow-up, helping prevent future spinal and posture-related problems through early detection.

In partnership with the Health Department, school nurses will screen all 6th and 8th grade boys and girls from February 2nd-13th. More than 3,700 students will be screened this year, with the program's success supported by teamwork among school nurses, health technicians, and middle school staff.

 **2025-2026 Scoliosis Screening Schedule**  
**February 2 – 13, 2026**  
Middle Schools: Grades 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Middle School	Date	Time
Thomson Middle	February 2, 2026 (Monday)	8:30 a.m.
Northside Middle	February 3, 2026 (Tuesday)	8:30 a.m.
Warner Robins Middle	February 4, 2026 (Wednesday)	8:30 a.m.
Feagin Mill Middle	February 5, 2026 (Thursday)	8:30 a.m.
Mossy Creek Middle	February 9, 2026 (Monday)	8:30 a.m.
Bonaire Middle	February 10, 2026 (Tuesday)	8:30 a.m.
Huntington Middle	February 11, 2026 (Wednesday)	8:30 a.m.
HC WIN Academy	February 12, 2026 (Thursday)	8:30 a.m.
Perry Middle	February 13, 2026 (Friday)	8:30 a.m.

