

Carver Road Middle Newsletter

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Parent Engagement Corner

Parents,

It is hard to believe it is almost the end of 2018! We often think of health, finances or our career when making New Year's Resolutions. This year, consider making parent engagement part of your resolutions. Boost your engagement by participating in decisions relating to the education of your child, volunteering at school and attending parent workshops aimed at increasing student achievement.

As always, please feel free to contact us any time if you need support or information on how to improve your child's academic performance in school. You can reach us at jada.ingram@gscs.org and/or rebecca.murray@gscs.org.

Estimados padres:

Este es un documento importante de la escuela de su hijo. Si ustedes necesitan que traduzcamos esta información, por favor, llamen a Lisa Bates al (770) 229-3710 ext. 10327.

Did You Miss...?

In November, we held the Helping Parents Take Flight parent workshop. We discussed how to use literacy to help meet the school goals listed in the School-Parent Compact, how to make literacy relevant to your child, literacy strategies to help your child, fall parent survey results, ways parents can be engaged, how to monitor children's progress and how to work with educators to improve student performance. Parents were given an opportunity to give input on the use of parent engagement funds and staff training topics.

We partnered with Southern Crescent Technical College to provide resources to families.

If you missed the workshop but would like the information presented, you may watch a video clip at

<https://scholarships.uncf.org/Program/Details/1e6735b6-3cb8-44ee-bca7-ee106e1fd6ff> or please contact us at jada.ingram@gscs.org and/or rebecca.murray@gscs.org.

Annual Report Card

In Georgia, the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) prepares Georgia's State, Local and School Annual Report Card.

Below is the link to the district and school state report card:

[https://schoolgrades.georgia.gov/school-search?f\[0\]=field_district:138](https://schoolgrades.georgia.gov/school-search?f[0]=field_district:138)

Academic Tips and Websites

Know the Expectations. Students shouldn't have any surprises when it comes to how and what they will be graded on. By middle school and high school, most teachers will provide a course outline or syllabus, which can serve as a guide for the semester. If expectations aren't clear, don't wait until a bad report card comes in the mail. Your student should feel comfortable approaching teachers with questions about grading and assignments at any time. If this is not the case, it may be time for you as a parent to step in.

- IXL – www.ixl.com
- Study Island – www.studyisland.com
- USA Test Prep - www.usatestprep.com
- Compass Learning – www.thelearningodyssey.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR-IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

December 1

Winter Spectacular

This event is for parents and children in grades K-12.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Cowan Road Middle School at 1185 Cowan Road, Griffin, GA

You can RSVP at

<https://tinyurl.com/WinterSpectacularFamilyEvent>

Families will be engaged in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies activities that will promote academic achievement. Refreshments, transportation (ages 4 – adult) and childcare for potty trained children (ages 2 – 3) will be provided

Dec 21-
January 4

Christmas Break

Continue Student Learning Over Winter Break

Even during the winter holidays, learning opportunities for your student are everywhere.

- **Go to a museum.** The best way to get your student excited about learning is to bring them to a museum where they can learn more about their interests. If they are interested in sea creatures, take them to an aquarium. They will be excited to learn more about topics that they are interested in and excited that you are trying to do something specifically geared towards them. At home you can create a crossword puzzle or word search based on things that you and your child saw.
- **Play a game.** There are a lot of educational games out there today that are also fun. Plan a family game night each week during the winter break and if you have the time keep it going through the year. Play games such as Scrabble to learn new words or Trivial Pursuit to learn new facts.
- **Keep a winter break diary.** Have your child keep a winter break diary where they write down all of the things that they did during their winter break. This will help them keep up their writing skills.
- **Read a book, then watch the movie.** Both you and your child could read a book that has a movie made about it. Have your child explain the book with you before you watch the movie and then tell you the differences after you watch the movie. This will help your child with speaking, finding the similarities and differences between things, and listening.

How to Monitor your Child's Progress

2018 Georgia Student Growth Model (GSGM) Student Reports are now available to parents in the SLDS Parent Portal.

To access the SLDS Parent Portal Guide, visit http://www.gadoe.org/Technology-Services/SLDS/Documents/SLDS_Parent_Portal_Guide.pdf

Here's a video about accessing the growth reports: <https://youtu.be/DTTaihijcSU>

Information on how to read your child's Georgia Student Growth Reports is available at the following link:
English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGZnRjUnrTA>

Information on how to read your child's Georgia Student Growth Reports
Spanish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djLcpc3XBw0>

What is the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI)?

CCRPI is Georgia's annual tool for measuring how well its schools, districts, and the state itself are preparing students for the next educational level. It provides a comprehensive roadmap to help educators, parents, and community members promote and improve college and career readiness for all students.

The CCRPI includes five main components each scored on a scale of 0 to 100: Achievement, Progress, Closing Gaps, Readiness, and Graduation Rate (high school only). These components, encompassing multiple indicators, are combined for a total CCRPI score on a scale of 0 to 100. The CCRPI also reports other information, such as the performance of student subgroups, school climate and financial efficiency status.

The state index is intended to help parents and the public better understand how schools are performing compared to others in the district and state. The CCRPI also reports other information such as the performance of student subgroups, school climate and financial efficiency status.

To view detailed score reports for the state and every school public school district in Georgia, visit the GaDOE CCRPI at <http://www.gadoe.org/CCRPI/Pages/default.aspx>.

Our school's CCRPI score is 72.7.

The Family's Guide to Georgia's College and Career Ready Performance Index can be located at <https://tinyurl.com/FamilyGuideToCCRPI>.

English Learners (EL) Families

English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) parent family night will be hosted for K - 12th grade English Learner families to discuss ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies to increase support of student achievement in the home. This workshop will include information on the World Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Assessment, what is Title I and parent rights, how to monitor a child's progress, how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children, how to be involved in the education of your child, assisting your child to attain English proficiency, and how to communicate with the school. Refreshments and childcare for potty trained children ages 2 and 3 thru age 10 will be available.

For more information, contact Lisa Bates at 770-229-3710 ext. 10327 or lisa.bates@gscs.org.

December 13, 2018
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Spalding High School
433 Wilson Road
Room 205