



July 22, 2021

Greetings Simmons-Pinckney Families,

I trust you are enjoying these warm summer days and staying safe and healthy as we continue to navigate the Coronavirus Pandemic. As we consider how this situation changes daily, we must be able to adapt our plans, while also remaining steadfast in our commitment to putting students at the heart of our work.

Simmons-Pinckney Middle School

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 Principal

Parents and their scholar will be given the opportunity to attend grade-level orientations during LEAP week from 9 am - 12 pm or 1:00 pm- 4 pm based on the **student's** last name. This schedule is a drop in style schedule and will help us prevent overcrowding. Please note that the CCSD Nursing Services Department will be offering COVID as well as all other routine student vaccinations, including the required Tdap vaccine for 7th graders on **August 3rd from 9 am – 3 pm**. The vaccines are free. The schedule is as follows:

	Aug. 3, 2021 Grade 8 Vaccines Available*	Aug. 4, 2021 Grade 7	Aug. 5, 2021 Grade 6
9 am - 12 pm	A-L	A-J	A-Mi
1:00 pm- 4 pm	M-Z	L-Z	Mo-Z

*Any grade level may come receive a vaccine. Family members may also receive the COVID vaccine.

LEAP Days will focus on the following:

- Vaccines
- Meeting SPMS staff and faculty
- Completing registration/residency forms
- Information sessions with faculty and staff
- Payment of fees:
 - \$30 standard fee (includes PTA fee, receive starter bookbag and supplies)
 - \$10 AVID fee – invited students
 - School Tee-shirt \$12 (Sm - Lg sizes); \$15 (XL – 3XL sizes) optional

During the information sessions, parents will get an overview of how to help their students this year, hear how to have their voice heard, meet Principal Spann, and much more. This is a **GREAT** opportunity to meet some of our Panther faculty and staff members.

LEAP Days are not mandatory, but **highly** recommended. Transportation will not be provided. Scholars must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We will follow CDC and DHEC Guidelines for safety precautions to help protect our scholars, faculty, and staff. Scholars will be placed in small groups and we recommend wearing masks when on campus.

Please **do not** attend the assigned LEAP day if you or your scholar:

- Is experiencing fever, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell, or new or worsening cough

- Is experiencing two of the following: sore throat, body/muscle aches, chills, fatigue, headaches, congestion, runny nose, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting
- Has been in a household with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or has been in a household with anyone who has been quarantined for COVID-19 in the past 14 days

Sincerely,

Stephanie Spann

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Principal

Reminders and other important information:

First day of school:

Wednesday, August 18

School uniform:

Bottoms -

- Khaki or navy blue colored 'chino' pants or shorts.
- Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be finger-tip length.

Tops -

- Grade level Simmons-Pinckney shirts with the official Simmons-Pinckney emblem or grade level collared color shirts.
 - 6th grade- gray SPMS shirts or gray collared shirt
 - 7th grade- teal SPMS shirts or light blue collared shirt
 - 8th grade – black SPMS shirts or black collared shirt

School supplies:

Starter supplies given by the school (Thank you for paying the \$30 school fee)

School day:

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Students may enter the building at 8:05 AM. No early dismissals after 3:00 PM.

Car rider drop off and pick-up:

Sumter Street entrance, all vehicles should face Ashley Ave. Please do not block Sumter Street or park in residents' driveways or the bus loading zone.