

**THE ELITE SCHOLARS ACADEMY  
CHARTER SCHOOL***...we strive for excellence in all things.***Upcoming  
Events!****Alumni  
Governance  
Council  
Meeting**  
**March 27th****Spring Break/  
Intercession**  
**March 31st-  
April 11th****CRCT**  
**April 17th-24th****EOCT**  
**April 28th-May  
2nd****FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN**

Dear Knights,

We have begun the last quarter of the 2013-2014 school year with great enthusiasm.

I would like to congratulate our 8th grade students. The state-wide 8th grade writing results were recently released, and our 8th graders had a 99% pass rate and a 26% exceed rate.

I would also like to remind our students and parents that the CRCT for middle school is scheduled for April 17th-24th. The EOCT for high school courses is scheduled for April 28th-May 2nd.

Following the EOCT are the AP exams.

I ask parents to place these dates on your calendars as a reminder for your students, and to encourage them to do their best. Please make sure students are present, on time, well rested, and well fed.

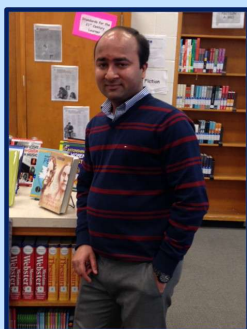
Our scores for the 2012-2013 school year were impressive, but we would like to make greater gains in 2013-2014.

Thanks for your support.

Regards,  
Dr. Shonda Shaw  
Principal



**Go Royal Knights!**

**Star Teacher****Mr. Dudeja****Star Student****Gabrielle Abraham**

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Spelling Bee

Winner: Daijah Wyche, 7th

Alternate: Autumn Rose, 6th



### Full Immersion Spanish Field Trip

-Thurs. May 1st, 7th grade

-Fri. May 2nd, 6th grade

-Mon. May 5th, 8th grade

\*Cost is \$30 per student

\*See Ms. Martinez for details



### Teacher of the Quarter

Ms. Hansen



### Senior Countdown:

40 days till Graduation-  
June 6, 2014

### 8th Grade Countdown:

39 days till moving on  
ceremony-

June 5, 2014

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



**Gabrielle Abraham**, 12th grade, was chosen as a winner in the national EverFi student blog contest! Everfi.com, is an online platform for financial literacy.

Not only will Gabrielle receive \$250 from EverFi, but the school will also receive \$500 in funds. It is extremely well deserved by Gabrielle.

Kudos to her!

### CONGRATULATIONS

Our school participated in a math competition organized by Kennesaw State University. Over 50 schools participate in this competition each year, and it is one of the top math competitions around.

21 students from ESA participated in the first round of the competition. **Quang Kieu**, 10th grade, was the top scorer for ESA. Quang was only four points away from making it to the second round. Quang received a certificate for his achievement.

Way to go!!



**Marcario Butler**, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, had the opportunity to participate in the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame ceremony in Buckhead.

The Junior Achievement Fellows Program provides students with the opportunity to participate in innovative activities and competitions. This program allows students to gain real world business experience by conceptualizing, capitalizing, and managing their own small business. This event featured over 1,000 entrepreneurs and CEO's of major corporations.

Marcario was a host and greeter for the event. Marcario was also featured in the Atlanta Business Chronicle as one of the top ten Young Business Leaders in Atlanta.

# SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

## Middle School

Arriel Barganier, 6th \*3rd place

David Egbuna, 6th \*1st place

Autumn Rose, 6th \*1st place

Thurman Belton, 7th \*2nd place

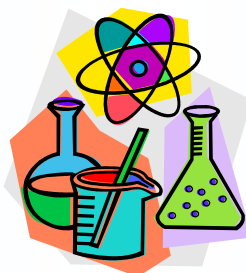
Jaiden Boyce, 7th \*2nd place

Anetra Hosey, 7th \*2nd place

Gabrielle Loppe, 7th \*2nd place

Chloe Vincent, 7th \* 1st place

Daijah Wyche, 7th \*2nd place



## High School

Tariq Bonner, 9th \*1st place

Aqua Richards, 10th \*1st place

Amauche Uzoigwe, 10th \*3rd place

# SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR WINNERS

## Middle School

Joshua Boyce, 6th \*1st place

Jaiden Boyce, 7th \*1st place

Anthony Luna, 7th \*3rd places

Chloe Vincent, 7th \*3rd place

## High School

Andrew Manso-Perez, 10th \*2nd place

Joy Milner, 10th \*3rd place

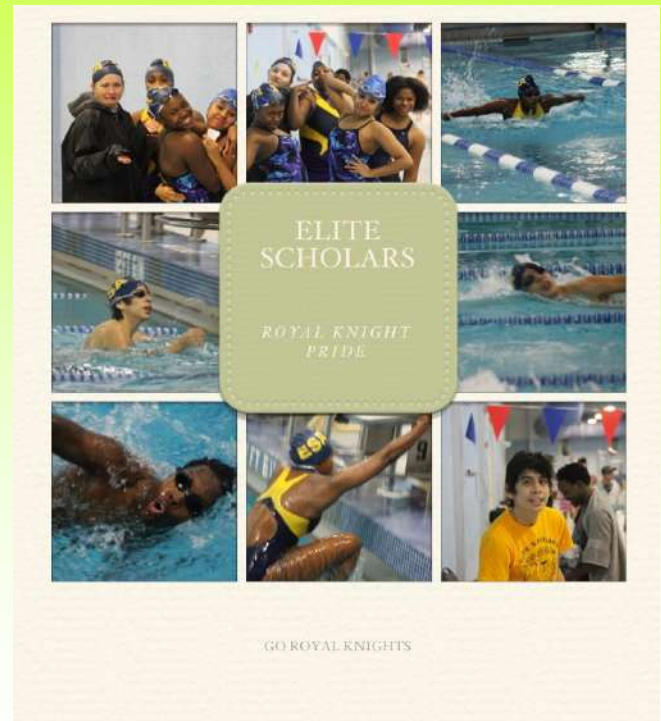
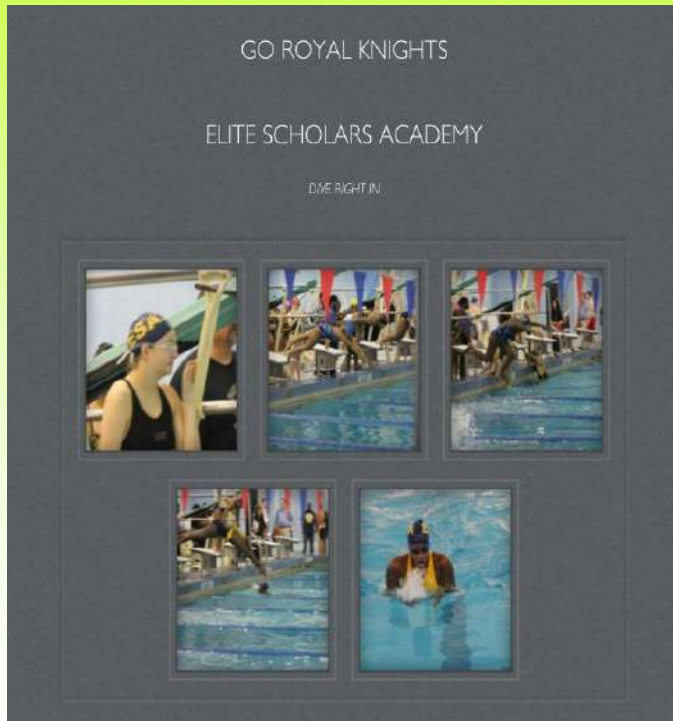
Amauche Uzoigwe, 10th \*1st place



\*These students are moving on to the state Science and Social Studies fairs.



# ESA Swim Team



# HOSA Blood Drive



# Celebrate Black History Month



Media Center book displays



8th Grade Projects

## Sports Corner



## Counselors' Corner

### Greetings Parents and Students:

The Counseling Department would like to keep you informed of the Parent Universities that the Elite Scholars Academy Counseling Department has held throughout the year. We want to thank you for participating and being a vital part of the success of your student here at Elite!

- September- PSAT/SAT/ACT/Dual Enrollment Interest Meeting (9th-12th grades)
- October- How to Spot a Bully- Online Parent University (6th-8th grade)
- November- Help My Child Fill Out College Applications! (12th grade)
- November- Bullying/Cyberbullying (6-8th grades)
- November- How to Have Those Difficult Conversations
- March- GA College 411 Info Session, Hope Updates, and Dual Enrollment Interest Meeting (9th-11th grades)
- April- Upcoming Test Prep Info Session (6th-8th grade)

Winter Quarter was very busy for Elite Scholars Academy Athletics. Regardless of the outcome, the middle school basketball team gave an awesome effort in the season's concluding games. Both middle school team's displayed hard work and dedication every game. At the conclusion of the season, Ayanda Patrick, Denetra Sneed, Aiyan Hastings, and Kerry Richardson represented Elite Scholars Academy in the Clayton County Middle School All-Star Game. Jacque' Penn and Amayia Butler were the All- Star cheerleaders selected to display their enthusiasm and energy during the game. Kudos to the middle school basketball teams and cheerleaders for a job well done.

The high school basketball teams had several games that played down to the wire. The team traveled to Social Circle, Georgia and won the game on a last second shot by Kenneth Sago.

Also, the team lost a nail bitter vs. Kipp Academy in the last minutes of the game. Regardless of the loss, the boys team put up a great effort. The girls team was very competitive as well. Their record reflected a very improved season due to their hard work. The girls teams posted late wins in January against very tough teams. At the conclusion of the season, Kenneth Sago, Kingsley Okeke, and Glen Christopher were selected to play in the county's all star game. Monterrio Woodall represented ESA in the 3 point competition. Monterrio placed second in that event.

The high school swim team finished very strong. The team grew in numbers and their presence was well respected. Several ESA swimmers placed in the county's annual swim meet competition.

Job well done to Coach Greenlee, Jenkins, Eady, Polston, Dinkins, Holland, Thompson, Edwards, and Muhammad for their time, dedication, and patience working with our student athletes.

**GO ROYAL KNIGHTS!**

# Congratulations Mock Trial

Congratulations to the Elite Scholars Academy Mock Trial team for their second place showing in the Georgia Mock Trial District Competition! These students have worked very hard, giving up two afternoons a week plus every Sunday afternoon to practice with their attorney coaches. The following shout out to the team was written by Mrs. Roberts, one of the attorney coaches who gave up her time to train the team. Her description of the team members is spot on!

**BREA WEEKS** - who missed her basketball game in support of the mock trial team. We couldn't have competed without her!!!

**CHARDONAY Campbell** - who won TWO best attorney awards, had Lt. Caine sweating on the stand and made opposing counsel so mad we thought she was going to get jumped after the match.

**GREGORY SMITH** - who won more objections than we could count and would have won an award if Chardonay wasn't so greedy.

**PEARLA MCMILLIAN** - who is always consistent, had great objections, scored lots of points and was such a team player that she gave up the closing to Rachel AND coached her through the law.

**RACHEL OMORUYI** - who KILLED it in the championship round walking away with a best attorney award and a best attorney award in the first round.

**JORDAN ANDERSON** - whose opening was on point and who won most of her objections, thereby increasing our point spread over North Clayton.

**BRITTANY BROWN** - who gave opposing counsel the business and walked away with TWO best witness awards, including one from the championship round.

**NOAH GORE** - for being a consistent LaBeouf and getting the evaluators to laugh at the Ragin Cajun

**MIRACLE PRESLEY** - for doing the go Dawgs and banging on the table...we knew you had it in you.

**ROBERT HALL** - for being time keeper...some teams didn't have time keepers and even when they did, they weren't as good as you and wanted to copy off of your time sheet.

**CHARISMA OSUAGWU** - for being a consistent Leslie Quan and knowing her facts and the description of clothing to a T.

**JAALI GRIFFIN** - for his awesome limp and grunting and for winning a best witness award.

**JOY MILNER** - for speaking in that country accent for two whole days and winning a best witness award.

**ARIZE OKEKE** - for holding the other team to their 17 seconds in closing and for making it to the courthouse in spite of many obstacles

