
Serving the Smyrna-Clayton-Kenton Communities for 138 Years.

Smyrna School District

March 2023 Annual Report



Top: From left to right: Abdul Qawi Moseley, Violet Rouse, Chloe Milanes, playing with blocks in the library at Smyrna Elementary School in the library; Bottom Left: Jailynn Vickery-Estrada from Sunnyside Elementary reading in the library; Bottom Right: From left to right: Jehezkel Waring, Nash Soterion, and Trey Pierce from North Smyrna Elementary



Our Schools



Clayton Elementary School



North Smyrna Elementary



Smyrna Elementary School



Sunnyside Elementary School



Clayton Intermediate School



John Bassett Moore Intermediate School



Smyrna Middle School



Smyrna High School

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A Message From the Superintendent

July 18th, 2022, was my first day with the Smyrna School District, and since that time, I continually meet with administrators, teachers, students and parents, elected leaders, and community members to gain further understanding about the District.

When I asked, “What makes the Smyrna School District special?”, the answer was always *family*. I quickly determined the District employs an outstanding team of dedicated professionals who understand the importance of relationships with the families and communities we serve. Additionally, I found a tight-knit community that believes deeply in and support strongly in the schools within the District.

Our focus in the District is the *whole child*. Educating the whole child means deliberate attention to academics and social-emotional learning while offering solid athletics and extra-curricular programs for each child. Success will take working in partnership, so every student is prepared to become responsible and productive citizens when they graduate from Smyrna High School.

During my walkthroughs in schools and conversations with stakeholders, our students are receiving sound preparation for their education. However, we have work to accomplish, especially regarding unfinished learning.

The District has a firm foundation on which to build. We must honor the past to move towards the future as we work in collaboration with our communities, our educators, and our students and families so we can proudly say a Smyrna graduate is a productive citizen for our world and theirs.



Superintendent, Dr. Susan P. Brown

Our School District provides exceptional opportunities and education for all members of the community. Focusing our daily work on the *Five Commitments to Stakeholders*, we create a reputation for committing to excellence, where people want to live, work, and send their children to school.

Thank you for taking the time to read through the Smyrna School District’s *Annual Report*. I am grateful to be here, and I look forward to seeing the accomplishments of our students for years to come.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Susan P. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Susan P. Brown, Ed. D., CSBA
Superintendent of Schools
@SmyrnaSupt on Twitter

5 Commitments to Stakeholders

Commitment

*Desired State**



Equitable Instruction Program for Each Child Taught and Supported by a High Quality Educator

Students and teachers access high-quality, standards-based, on-demand content which is inclusive, diverse, and age-appropriate to personalize learning experiences for all. Instructional technology and other resources complement the classroom environment as a necessary instructional tool, so children are college and career ready. Teachers and other educators are valued members of the organization and job retention is nearly 100%



Safe and Secure Schools for Each Person

Each school maintains a safe and secure building and environment ensuring each child and adult is psychologically and physically safe, which increases the morale and attendance rates of employees and children. Social-emotional well-being is addressed through instruction, counseling, and outside partnerships. There are no code of conduct violations in our schools.



Strong Connection to Family and Community

Families and community stakeholders are welcome partners who articulate to others the high-quality education children receive in the District. This shared investment in a child's well-being and academic performance contributes to the community's quality of life.



Excellent Customer Service

A comprehensive communication and marketing plan is utilized to provide community access to the school district. All stakeholders are valued and treated with civility. The district strives to resolve stakeholder concerns quickly and efficiently with transparency, dignity, and respect.



Fiscal Stewardship

The school district is accountable and transparent utilizing taxpayer funds. The return on investment is defined by student success – productive and law-abiding citizens, prepared for college and career, and being happy and healthy.

*The Desired States are preliminary concepts, which may be altered in response to experience, new information, and feedback from stakeholders.

District Mission & Goals

Mission

The mission of the Smyrna School District is to ensure that the students of the community are prepared as effectively and as efficiently as possible to become responsible and productive citizens possessing the knowledge, the problem-solving skills, and the positive attitudes necessary to successfully adapt to and function in an ever-changing environment.



Diane Butcher from North Smyrna Elementary

Goals

1. Provide a safe, drug-free, positive school climate that allows students to succeed.
2. Standardize the curriculum, instruction, assessment, and staff development, using test data and current research, in order to match the state standards so that all learners will demonstrate competency over challenging subjects.
3. Maintain a strong relationship with parents as partners in the educational process of their children.
4. Promote community support for the flexibility and adaptability to the school's changing needs in the area of population growth.
5. Utilize the tools of technology by staff and students on a daily basis throughout the Smyrna School District.
6. Promote the consensus values of the community as responsibility, compassion, integrity, perseverance, and respect.

District Core Values

Compassion

A deep feeling for and understanding of others without regard to race, age, creed, or social standing. This includes kindness, generosity, forgiveness, caring, friendship, love, and sharing toward all people.

Integrity

A steady and faithful observance of a code of moral values. This includes honesty in word and deed and a sense of right and wrong.

Perseverance

The inner strength to remain constant to a purpose, idea, or task in the face of obstacles. This includes dedication, consistency, and having a positive attitude.

Respect

A high regard for oneself and others. This would include self-worth, pride, physical well-being, contentment, peace, humor, appreciation for differences and individuality, fairness, respect, and tolerance. This may include faith in God.

Responsibility

Being reliable and following through on commitments. This includes being responsible for your actions as a family member, teacher, student and citizen. You can demonstrate your responsibility through service to others and self control.

District at a Glance



6,067 STUDENTS ENROLLED



8 SCHOOLS



1,112 INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS



1:13 STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO



138 YEARS AS A DISTRICT



675 EDUCATIONAL STAFF



EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL
\$15,275



18 AP SCHOLARS
5 HONORS SCHOLARS
6 DISTINCTION SCHOLARS



STUDENTS TRANSPORTED TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY:
4,440



94% OF SENIORS GRADUATED IN 2022



77% OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HIGHER EDUCATION



4% OF SENIORS ENLISTED IN THE MILITARY IN 2022

Finance

Ms. Christina Hudson

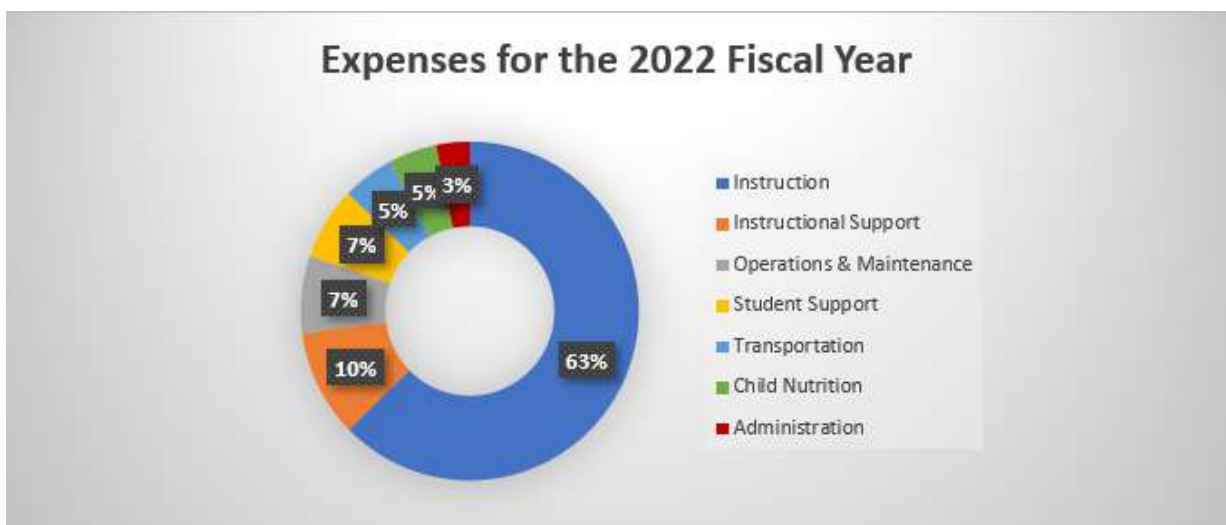
Director of Finance

Financial Philosophy

The Smyrna School District recognizes that meticulous planning and organization of its financial affairs is critical to the efficient long-term operation of the district. The Smyrna School District maintains a fiscally conservative policy. District budgetary estimates and financial projections are based on a moderately conservative approach to funds projections with a balanced budget each fiscal year funded exclusively from current-year revenues. These policies afford the Smyrna School District the ability to remain consistent, stable, and financially secure in the short term and well into the future.

Community Involvement

For over 30 years, the district has had a citizen's financial advisory committee to provide community expertise and feedback to the district. The committee provides a layer of transparency to district finances and reviews major financial matters such as the operating budget and tax rates.



Curriculum & Instruction

Mrs. Kelly Holt

Director of Curriculum

Mr. Ryan Buchanan

Supervisor of Instruction

Dr. Kate Marvel

Supervisor of Instruction

Mr. David Morrison

Supervisor of Instruction



Vision

Smyrna students will have inclusive access to an inspired and exceptional education so that all may realize their academic promises and personal dreams.

Mission

The Office of Curriculum and Instruction will make thoughtful, evidence-based decisions in an effort to provide leadership, resources, instructional strategies, and individualized support to educators in their pursuit of continuous, personalized, professional growth.



Students and parents putting programming skills to work at Clayton Elementary School's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Information night hosted by the Office of Curriculum and Instruction (February 2023)

The Office of Curriculum and Instruction (OCI) works with all educators and administrators within the Smyrna School District to improve the educational experience of all our students. OCI is responsible for the adoption and implementation of all curriculum throughout the district and ensuring that daily instruction reflects research-based best practices. In order to best serve Smyrna's students and teachers, the team must be fully-informed and up-to-date with current classroom practices. To accomplish this, the team schedules regular visits to district classrooms, which inform professional development decisions that are targeted to each building, grade level, and teacher. OCI conducts more than 60 unique opportunities for professional learning yearly; totaling over 200 hours of training, in addition to site-based coaching visits to individual schools and classrooms. While professional development is very unique and targeted to the needs of the teacher, many of the sessions have addressed the implementation of newly-adopted high-quality instructional materials in both English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Special Services

Ms. Courtney Casperson

Supervisor of Special Services

Dr. Marcia Mayhew

Supervisor of Special Services

Mrs. Jennifer Morris

Supervisor of Special Services



From left to right: Dana Fountain, Angela Sampson, Jennifer Beamer, and Pamela Denney-Griffiths at Winter Harvest 2022

Vision

The Smyrna Special Services Team will provide students access to a dynamic education within the Smyrna School District that inspires and promotes each student's academic promise.

Mission

The Smyrna Special Services Team engages in collaboration and problem-solving with staff, students, and families, to develop meaningful, comprehensive plans to support students' success.

The Special Services Office facilitates services for students in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Approximately 60 staff members support students and their families and assist with school teams' data review to develop meaningful, individualized plans that support students' overall success.

The Special Services Office monitors students' progress to ensure that they receive appropriate accommodations and specialized instruction within the least restrictive environment. Our team also provides direct services to students to support their developmental and social-emotional needs (e.g., individual and group counseling, social skills development, mentoring, physical speech-language, and/or occupational therapies, behavior support, and transition services).

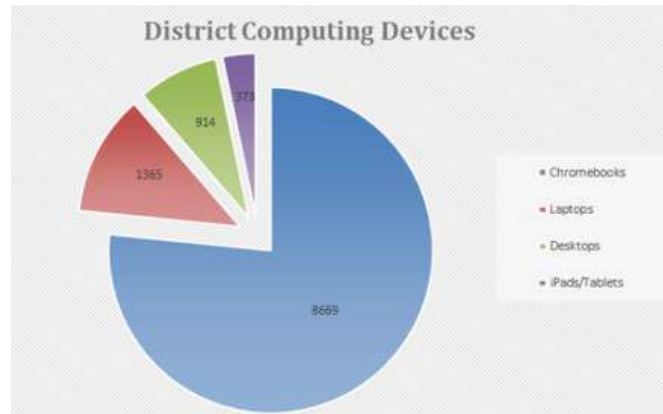
Our Community Resources team provides support to families through food, personal care, clothing, and school supplies. Our focus continues to be reducing barriers that prevent students from fully engaging in their educational experience.

Technology

Mr. Shandy Wannamaker
Supervisor of Technology



Total Computing Devices Supported: 11,321



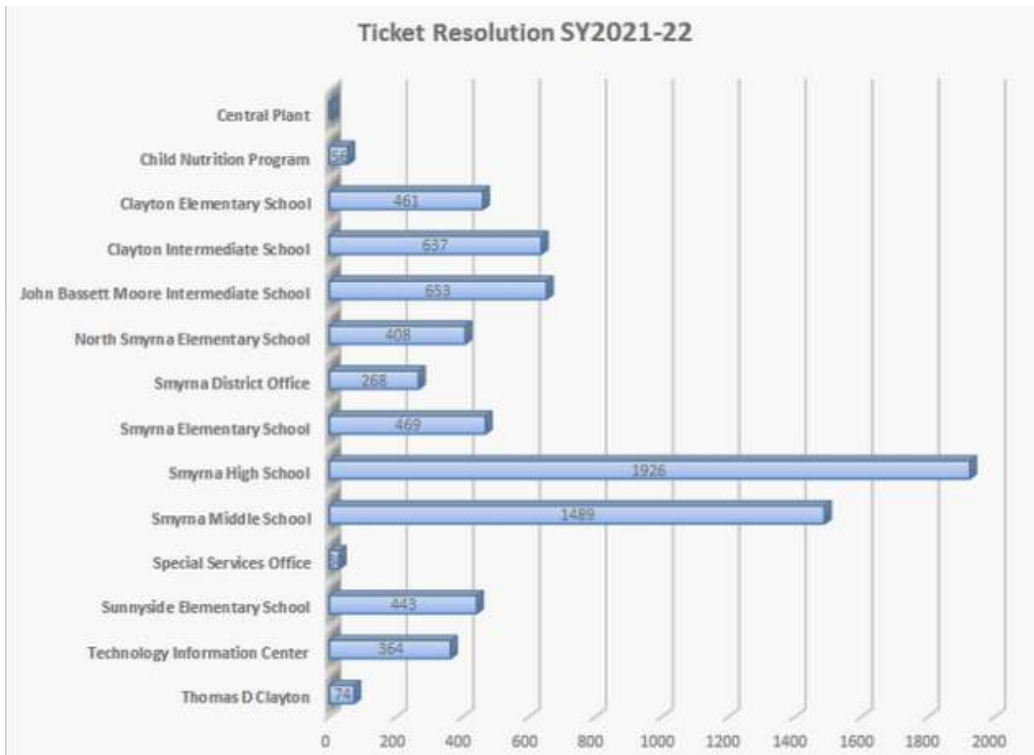
Mission:

To provide technical leadership in support of teaching, learning, and the goals of the district and offer excellent service to both staff and students while ensuring the integrity of educational solutions, information security, and continuous improvement through technology.

Vision

- Provide leadership and awareness on the impact, resource utilization, and feasibility of technology implementations.*
- Build and maintain a robust and reliable network infrastructure that embraces any educational device.*
- Respond in a thorough and timely manner to customer needs, changing technologies, and the challenges of compliance with local, state, and federal law.*
- Collaborate with staff in securing district data through technological solutions and the utilization of industry best practices.*
- Provide a stable, secure cyber environment for monitoring and protection of students and staff.*

Technology



Technology Highlights for the SY 2021-2022

- First full year of student One-to-One initiative. Each student was provided a Chromebook for both at-home and classroom use.
- Implemented a digital content filtering solution called GoGuardian. This service helps protect students against harmful and inappropriate material while browsing the internet.
- Year one of the teacher One-to-One initiative was implemented. All teachers received a laptop to increase instructional mobility and flexibility.
- Our district website underwent re-branding and renovation to improve ease of use and appearance.
- Updated the network infrastructure by replacing all network switches at all schools. This increased network speeds and allows the Technology department to proactively troubleshoot network irregularities.
- The wireless management administrative console was migrated to the cloud. This provided greater flexibility in the configuration of wireless network policies.

Child Nutrition

Mrs. Kristen Kahl

Supervisor of Child Nutrition

Vision

Safeguarding that every student has access to nutritious meals at school, ensuring their optimal health and well-being.

Mission

Meet the nutritional needs of the Smyrna School District students while providing attractive, diverse, and nutritious food.



Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a USDA-funded grant for North Smyrna Elementary. The grant allows Child Nutrition Staff to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to students three days per week. The Child Nutrition Program received \$31,125.00 for SY 2021/2022.

The Child Nutrition Program was granted a waiver for SY 2021/2022 due to the pandemic to serve meals to students under the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). This Program is a USDA-based program that allowed us to serve meals at no cost. Under SSO, we were able to serve students meals who were still attending school virtually as well as open an SSO site for the Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP) at the Boys and Girls Club of Smyrna. We served ECAP students breakfast and snack meals daily. In addition, at each school, we were able to serve meals under the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for students staying after school each day.

In the summer of 2022, the Child Nutrition Program provided breakfast and lunch meals to students attending Summer Academy, the 12-Month Program, and Summer Camp. Classes were held at Smyrna Middle School from July 6, 2022, through August 9, 2022. We also provided free meal service via the Child Nutrition Bus and were serving meals daily outside of JBM Intermediate and Commerce Square, 101 Talon Court in Smyrna.

Meals served from September 2021 thru August 2022

Breakfast Meals	325,928
Lunch Meals	666,991
Virtual Breakfast & Lunch Meals	4,776
ECAP For Boys & Girls Club of Smyrna	2,101
CACFP Meals	73,951
TOTAL MEALS	1,073,747

Building and Grounds

Mr. Nick Marvel

Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

2022/2023 Highlights

- Ensured safe and clean schools for students and faculty by working closely with building administration.
- Updated old, dilapidated John Bassett Moore Intermediate tennis courts into two new basketball courts with the new playing surfaces and concrete walkways to and from the school.
- Completed site work and installation of an inclusive playground for our students and updated the main playground with some new equipment at Smyrna Elementary.
- Constructed two new outdoor classrooms at John Bassett Moore Intermediate and Smyrna Elementary.
- Added new personnel to our existing team in an effort to keep up with growing school populations and needs and keep all schools clean and looking their best.
- Installed new LED lights in all of our gymnasiums and nearly all of our exteriors to help reduce overall energy consumption and worked with other local agencies to utilize their rebate programs. Thus far this year, we have received approximately \$12,000 in rebates.
- Monthly preventive maintenance and safety checks are conducted on district fleet vehicles, backup generators, and eye washing stations, ensuring all are safe for operation for students and staff.
- The district continues to utilize an electronic work order system to make sure issues are handled in a timely and efficient manner. Building requests range from maintaining appropriate temperatures in buildings to fixing doors or locks and keeping the lawns cut and parking lots clear and safe. On average, the team clears over 120 tickets monthly.



Vision

To promote community support for the flexibility and adaptability to the school's changing needs in the area of population growth.

Mission

The mission of the Smyrna School District Building & Grounds Team is to support the overall values of the District while maximizing a safe, healthy, clean, pleasant, and functional learning environment.

Philosophy

The Building & Grounds staff is committed to a "One Team" effort to work together to keep our schools safe, clean, and attractive, both inside and out.

Climate and Safety

Dr. Jessica Weller

Supervisor of School Safety and Climate



Students participating in a Restorative Circle, which builds community, and gives everyone a voice in the classroom.

Vision

To promote a physically and psychologically safe environment for ALL who enter our schools, by ensuring social and emotional well-being through relationship building, positive classroom environments, and physically safe buildings.

Mission

We are dedicated to teaching the whole child. We believe in the social and emotional well-being of every student. We are invested in trauma-informed, restorative practices, and student equity to create a culture of care. Our Culture will achieve responsible and productive citizens for our community.

The Smyrna School District School Climate and Safety Department works with all stakeholders to ensure a safe and positive environment for all who enter our schools. We continue to prioritize social-emotional learning as well as restorative and trauma-informed practices within our schools to offer a whole-child learning approach to every student. Safety Specialists provide consistent monitoring, training, and support to all of our schools by building relationships with staff and students, completing regular safety assessments, and updating requirements as needed. Some of the training our department provides include ALICE (active shooter response), First Aid/CPR, Stop the Bleed, De-escalation, Restorative Practices, annual safety training, and Trauma-Informed classrooms. The Department continues to lead the District's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee. This committee works to achieve its goal of providing a diverse and equitable environment so all who enter our schools feel a sense of safety and belonging. The District's Code of Conduct was updated with the help of staff from across the District that offers progressive discipline with the goal to build healthy communities, increase social learning, decreasing anti-social behavior, repairing harm, and restoring relationships. The department planned and successfully held the District's second Fall Fest in October 2022, bringing the community together for family fun and connection. We continuously uphold our safety standards while creating innovative ways to keep all who enter our buildings safe and supported.

Clayton Elementary

Mrs. Heather Moyer

Principal

Mr. Mike Daws

Associate Principal



From left to right: Cora Gosch, Andy VanArsdall, Salina Sargent, Kaiyli Sudler, Alexis LeBlach

Vision

Building relationships where students feel loved, respected, and inspired to reach their full potential.

Mission

We are committed to a student-centered curriculum, positive and nurturing relationships, and a dedication to ensuring student success.

Our very own school song sums it up perfectly: “Here we are at Clayton...it’s a place where good things are made of.” Every day we open our doors and strive to make those personal and lasting connections, create an amazing learning atmosphere, and mold the love of learning in our amazing students.

Clayton Elementary School continues to be one of Smyrna School District’s premier elementary schools. CES offers a dynamic, Common Core State Standards-based curriculum to each of our 478 students in grades KN-4. We have created an amazing culture of learning through our continued use of high-quality instructional materials provided by Bridges for math, American Reading Company (ARC) for reading, and our new science curriculum provided by TWIG. Utilizing a “blended learning” approach, our students are able to have choice and ownership of their learning adventure. As we strive to strengthen our students academically, we are also very aware of their social and emotional needs as well. Our guidance counselor and staff support our students’ SEL needs through Morning Circles, SEL lessons, group activities, and Closing Circles. We believe in supporting the entire child to help them become a successful Clayton Eagle. We are so proud of the perseverance and “Smyrna Strong” attitude that our staff and students display on a daily basis.

Clayton Elementary continues to thrive and support the traditional events that make CES so special. Our Halloween Parade through the town of Clayton was a huge success, our turnout for our Veterans Celebration was amazing, and this year’s holiday performance of a “Christmas Carol” was truly Broadway-worthy...just to name a few. Providing these opportunities and experiences for our students to learn, grow, and perform is at the forefront of our building Mission and Vision

North Smyrna Elementary

Dr. Amber Augustus

Principal

Mrs. Amanda Noll

Associate Principal

Dr. Tiyana Mullen

Associate Principal



From left to right: Chaka Christmas and Michael Harris from Early Childhood

Vision

Inspire, Nurture, and Celebrate Every Child, Every Day.

Mission

Our staff, students, families, and community work together to provide an inclusive, safe, nurturing environment that puts students' needs first.



From left to right: Ryan Dunion, Isabella Caselles, and Annistyn Noll on the playground

North Smyrna Elementary School is committed to excellence and strives to inspire, nurture, and celebrate every child, every day. Serving over 618 scholars from Early Childhood through 3rd grade, the experienced, top-notch staff at NSE is dedicated to providing every student with enriching educational experiences centered on academic engagement, inclusiveness, and social-emotional learning. The instructional offerings promote a robust and rigorous curriculum that encourages critical thinking, blending learning, and social discourse, while the value placed on acceptance and inclusion is built on relationships and an all-in mentality that students can! NSE efforts in community outreach are served through the North Kindness Project and engaging family nights throughout the year.

Early Childhood and Spanish Immersion continue to flourish. Early Childhood has 11 classrooms, serving both half-day and full-day programs, along with an established itinerant service serving the greater community. Over 170 scholars are on their way to being completely bilingual and bi-literate through the immersive, advanced experience in the District's Spanish Immersion program. ¡El español es increíble! North Smyrna Eagles SOAR!

Smyrna Elementary

Mrs. Cynthia McNatt

Principal

Mrs. Leslie Gregory

Associate Principal



From left to right: Abdul Qawi Moseley, Violet Rouse, Chloe Milanes, playing with blocks in the library.

Vision

Smyrna Elementary mindfully creates a collaborative, respectful, unified partnership with our school families and continuously offers challenging academic experiences and enriching social activities to ensure comprehensive student success. SES strives to send each and every student home -- each day -- eagerly awaiting to return the next.

Mission

To inspire every student to persevere, every day, to achieve their maximum potential and realize their personal dreams.

The collaborative team at Smyrna Elementary School strives each and every day to send students home eagerly awaiting to return. To achieve this, Smyrna Elementary School provides a wide variety of programs aimed to meet the diverse academic, social, and emotional needs of our students. The teaching faculty and support staff continue to engage in meaningful training and utilize current, research-based programs and strategies in all core content areas. To support both staff and students, Smyrna Elementary School boasts both a building Reading Specialist and Math Specialist. In an effort to assist students with their social/emotional growth as well, Smyrna Elementary's dually-certified school counselor offers support in a variety of ways to students, staff, and families. Smyrna Elementary focuses on the whole student--not overemphasizing one aspect of students' growth and development--but working collaboratively as a caring, compassionate, committed community of learners. Seamlessly blending academic learning activities--both in and out of the classroom and school--with community service-based experiences helps students explore a wide array of interests. Smyrna Elementary School is a place where fun, learning, and excitement coexist with responsibility, respect, compassion, integrity, and perseverance to foster a desire for lifelong learning for all constituents and stakeholders.

Sunnyside Elementary

Mr. Michael P. Grant

Principal

Mrs. Irene Buscemi

Associate Principal



Jailynn Vickery-Estrada reading in the library

Vision

To create a safe and comfortable learning environment in which students and staff practice respect for one another while being the best they can be.

Mission

To create a positive atmosphere in which students strive to be a good person, do the right thing and follow the golden rule.



From left to right: Chase Plews, Ayden Lee, Skylar Commodore playing their recorders

Sunnyside Elementary School is a family-friendly environment where our school community comes together to create an atmosphere that focuses on all of the Smyrna School District's core values of respect, responsibility, perseverance, integrity, and compassion. We pride ourselves by blending academic learning and building strong relationships with our students, parents, and our community. All of our 546 students whom attend Sunnyside are empowered to grow academically, socially, physically, and emotionally. At Sunnyside, we believe that working towards a common goal and doing our personal best through a growth mindset allows us to achieve success. We strive to develop a positive learning environment for our students and to inspire them to value themselves, learning, and hard work. The support we receive from our families and stakeholders allows our children to blossom and grow.

Our active PTO allows our students many enriching opportunities. Students at Sunnyside have participated in family friendly events such as penny wars, dodgeball, family movie nights, social dances and Reading & Math Night. Our students and families also have helped the community by donating food to local food banks, including our own at Smyrna Middle School, donating books to Mom's House and various items to local animal shelters. Students at Sunnyside have also participated in service projects such as raising money for Ronald McDonald House of Delaware. Our focus is on working for and with each other and we believe that by working together, we are stronger together.

Clayton Intermediate

Mr. Erik Wilson

Principal

Mrs. Melissa Buchanan

Associate Principal



6th Grade Students in the Annual Dodgeball Tournament

Vision

Fostering listeners, learners, and leaders in every way, every day.



The Cheerleading Club earning their poms



Mr. McClain and the Basketball Club

Clayton Intermediate School strives to meet every student where they are and to help them achieve 5th and 6th grade level expectations. The teachers at CIS have created communities in their classrooms where students feel welcomed, so they know they have a place at CIS. Then, teachers aim to deliver high quality instruction that utilizes high quality instructional materials so that all students receive grade level material. Lastly, we embed a multi-tiered system of support for our students so that all students are receiving their “just right” interventions in Reading, Writing, Math & Social Emotional Learning. We want all students to feel success, so our school strives to offer students a well-rounded education with a diverse related arts curriculum during the school day and many organizations and clubs after school.

CIS will continue to be a place for learning, inspiring, and encouraging both teachers and students every day. CIS embeds a Multi-Tiered System of Support for our students so that they are receiving “just right” interventions in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Social Emotional Learning. We use a variety of curriculum and specialized programming to help our students. Our math teachers implement the thinking and practices of Universal Design for Learning. This allows teachers to create lessons that are designed to remove barriers to learning and provide multiple ways for students to represent their understanding. Students are taking ownership of their math learning!

John Bassett Moore Intermediate

Mr. Leon Clarke

Principal

Mrs. Amy Mumley

Associate Principal

Mrs. Heather Mullen

Associate Principal



From left to right: Ke'lani Brooks, Jayden Hutson, and Adalay Massey at their Ecosystems Fair Exhibit

Vision

JBM's family first school community will foster a safe, supportive learning environment where students can cultivate excellence in academics and leadership.

Mission

JBM's family first learning environment will challenge students to be critical and analytical thinkers and leaders. Inclusive classrooms will be well-structured, student-centered, and present opportunities for collaboration.

John Bassett Moore Intermediate School embraces a Family First motto welcoming and educating over 700 Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade students. With this Family First mindset, we start each day by reminding our students that as part of our JBM Family, we love them and expect them to be respectful, responsible, safe and kind.

The JBM staff is committed to leading inclusive, student-centered classrooms that present opportunities for critical thinking and peer collaboration. We embrace the Responsive Classroom model, focusing on developing strong classroom communities where students feel safe and confident taking academic risks. We provide a variety of classroom settings including a Comprehensive Learning Program, a Core program, Team Approach to Mastery classrooms, and Spanish Immersion.

JBM hosted our First Annual Back to School Block Party allowing our staff, students and families to celebrate together. STEP, Band, Chorus, Drama and Girls on the Run are offered to enrich the educational experience. Student Council and PTO organize activities including Spirit Days, a Haunted Hallway, Holiday Hoopla, Candy Grams, Rock Your Socks, a Dodgeball Tournament, and a Basketball Tournament.

Smyrna Middle

Mrs. Stephanie Smeltzer

Principal

Mrs. Whitney Irwin

Associate Principal

Dr. Christine Seitz

Associate Principal

Mr. Jason Passero

Associate Principal



SMS BPA Students and Advisors

Vision

Develop successful students as future productive citizens by providing academic and extra-curricular opportunities in an inclusive environment.

Through collaboration between families and SMS staff, students will: be provided with equitable opportunities that are academically challenging, commit to excellence and perseverance, have a safe learning environment, develop positive interpersonal skills, and maintain success, productivity and purpose through their middle school experience.

Smyrna Middle School serves 1,043 seventh and eighth-grade students in the Smyrna School District. Students are on a ninety-minute block schedule having eight different classes. Students are on one of four teams which determines their primary hall for core classes and team activities. These teams participate in weekly SEL activities throughout the school year. Students have the opportunity to take not only their core courses but PE, Health, Home Ec, Inclusion in our Community, Band, Chorus, Ag Science, STEM, Creative Writing, Art, Spanish, Sign Language, Brain Games, Computer Tech, Public Speaking, Geography, Sports History, Family Consumer Science, Yearbook and Wellness.

Smyrna Middle school offers a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities for students including twelve clubs and/or honor societies and twelve competitive athletic programs covering all three seasons.

Our academic programs ask students to challenge their thinking and analyze materials as they learn. Using Restorative Practices and considering Trauma Informed Care, we are working as a staff to promote wellness among our students. We have weekly SEL lessons for all students and homework help hours. We also provide students with opportunities to seek the support of our counselors to advocate for themselves in their learning. It is our goal to provide a safe learning environment where students can achieve academic success.



SMS National Junior Honor Society Inductions

Smyrna High

Making Connections & Building Dreams

Mrs. Stacy Cook

Principal

Mr. Paul Damask

Associate Principal

Mr. Clarence Davis

Associate Principal

Mrs. Dainelle Hampton-Morton

Associate Principal

Ms. Miranda Lee

Associate Principal

Mrs. Kristi Thorn

Associate Principal



Group of students participating in Senior Sunrise

Vision

To provide our students with the skills needed to reach their full potential in a competitive and ever-changing world.

Mission

Smyrna High School is devoted to providing a safe and student-centered school family by creating opportunities for all students to be Champions within the classroom, campus, and community by making connections and building dreams for all students.

The Smyrna High School motto is "Making Connections & Building Dreams." It is the goal of our staff to provide an educational environment that enables all of our 1800+ students to connect the content of their classes and involvement in school activities to their personal dreams for the future. We provide many different educational settings for our students, including Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, Honors, College Preparatory, Team-taught classes, and small-group settings. These settings enable us to meet the needs of a variety of learners with many different levels of support. Some highlights from the past year are:

- SHS offered 17 Advanced Placement courses in the 2021-2022 school year. In May 2022, 176 students took a total of 305 exams, and 47% passed with a score of 3 or better. Eighteen students were recognized as AP Scholars. Of those students, 5 earned the distinction of AP Scholar with Honor (receiving an average score of at least 3.25 on exams taken & scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams), and 6 were recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction (receiving an average score of at least 3.5 on all exams taken & scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more of these exams).
- SHS has continued its partnerships with Delaware State University, Delaware Technical Community College, University of Delaware, and Wilmington University to offer 17 dual enrollment courses, taught by SHS faculty on our campus or by University of Delaware faculty in an asynchronous format. These opportunities to earn both high school and college credit are offered at no cost to students.
- We continue to expand and update our existing Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs. Our CTE pathways offer students the opportunity to earn articulated credits at local universities through completion of the pathway courses, in addition to the dual enrollment opportunities in the K-12 Teacher Academy, Early Childhood Education Teacher Academy, and Allied Health pathways. During the 2022-2023 school year, we added a dual enrollment course in our Business, Finance, and Marketing Department for students enrolled in any of the business pathways. We continue to add dual enrollment opportunities for our students completing CTE pathways, including the addition of a second dual enrollment course available to business pathway students for the 2023-2024 school year.

Smyrna High - Career Pathways

Pathways

All Delaware high school students are required to complete a "career pathway" to graduate. A career pathway means three credits of sequential courses designed to develop knowledge and skills in a particular career area. Smyrna High School offers over 20 different career pathway options that are divided into 7 schools of study (or areas of study). For more information about the pathways and the courses within each pathway, please refer to the Course Catalog on the SHS Website.



Students Madelynn Rigney and Julian Charlescar in the Culinary Pathway



The School of Agricultural and Natural Resources

Animal Science & Management
 Natural Resource Management (Environmental)
 Plant Science
 Agricultural Power & Engineering (Welding)
 Agricultural Structures & Engineering (Construction)



The School of Business, Finance, and Marketing

Academy of Business Information Management (BIM)
 Academy of Finance (AOF)
 Accounting
 Computer Science
 Marketing Today



The School of Education

Early Childhood Teacher Academy
 K-12 Teacher Academy



The School of Leadership Studies

Aerospace Science and Leadership (JROTC)
 Jobs for Delaware Graduates



The School of Performing and Visual Arts

Instrumental Music
 Theatre Arts
 Visual Arts
 Vocal Music
 Digital Communication Technology



The School of STEM

Allied Health
 Culinary & Hospitality Management
 Professional Academic
 Engineering (Project Lead the Way)



The School of Life-Centered Career Studies

Vocational Studies

Smyrna Middle Athletics

Mission:

To train, educate, and motivate student-athletes within the Smyrna School District to reach their highest potential in athletic competition and life.

Smyrna Middle School teams have had an extremely successful year with Girl's Soccer, Boy's and Girl's Track & Field, Boy's Cross Country, Volleyball, Boy's Basketball, and Wrestling all finishing the year undefeated.

- Middle School Athletic Participation
 - Spring 2022 (7 Sports)
 - Females 98
 - Males 85
 - Total 183
 - Fall 2022 (7 Sports)
 - Females 79
 - Males 85
 - Total 164
 - Winter 2022/2023 (4 Sports)
 - Females 31
 - Males 64
 - Total 95
 - Total Participation
 - Females 208
 - Males 234
 - Total 442



SMS Boy's and Girl's Cross Country



SMS Volleyball



SMS Wrestling



SMS Boy's and Girl's Track & Field



SMS Boy's Basketball

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Smyrna High School Athletic program continues to have a successful within the Henlopen Conference and at the DIAA State level with recognition in the following programs over the last year:

- Spring 2022 saw the inaugural season for Boy's Volleyball, joining 16 other schools across the state. For 2023 there are anticipated 30 teams with the hopes of DIAA recognizing the sport with a state championship.
- Our 2022 Track & Field program had a very successful season with our Boy's team winning the Henlopen Conference Meet, the Unified Track & Field Team, and Girl's Track & Field Team both finishing 2nd at the DIAA Championship Meet.
- Girl's Volleyball brought home the 2022 Henlopen Conference Championship
- The Smyrna Football Team won the 3A District 2 Championship as well as brought home the DIAA 3A State Championship in dominating fashion over Dover.
- The Smyrna Field Hockey team made history with the first DIAA State Championship in an exciting overtime victory over Cape Henlopen.

The Class of 2022 had 18 student-athletes commit to further their academic career along with their athletic careers at the collegiate level.



SMS Girl's Volleyball Henlopen Conference Champions 2022

- High School Athletic Participation
 - Spring 2022 (12 Sports)
 - Females 156
 - Males 166
 - Total 322
 - Fall 2022 (8 Sports)
 - Females 111
 - Males 177
 - Total 288
 - Winter 2022/2023 (6 Sports)
 - Females 72
 - Males 95
 - Total 167
 - Total Participation
 - Females 339
 - Males 438
 - Total 777



SHS Field Hockey State Champions 2022



SHS Football State Champions 2022 at Legislative Hall

Smyrna Community Connection

Summer Camps

In July 2022, the district offered 25 weeklong, half-day summer camps extending learning and fun exploration in the areas of academics, visual and performing arts, STEM, and athletics at Smyrna Middle School. Over 250 Kindergarten through Grade 6 students participated with 15 middle school and high school students volunteering as camp advisors.



Summer Camp 2022 at Smyrna Middle School



Fall Fest

Smyrna School District welcomed back our school families for our annual Fall Fest. We celebrated the Smyrna School District community with music, food, and fall-inspired fun activities for all.



North Smyrna Elementary's Tic Tac Toe at Fall Fest 2022

Food Pantry at Smyrna Middle

The Harry K. Foundation, Food Bank of Delaware, and Smyrna School District are continuously partnering together and supporting the food pantry at Smyrna Middle School. This pantry is for families with a student/students in the Smyrna School District. The food pantry provides food items supplied by the Food Bank of Delaware and local donations, and personal hygiene items that the students in the district have requested be donated.



Harry K. Foundation Food Pantry at Smyrna Middle School

Smyrna Community Connection

Spotlight Night

In February of 2023, Smyrna High School hosted over 500 8th-grade students and family members to Spotlight Night. It was an informative evening to discover 20+ career pathways, guided tours of facilities, and information on academic and extracurricular programs.



Spotlight Night slideshow (February 2023)

Winter Harvest

The Smyrna School District Special Services Office was pleased to be able to bring back the annual Winter Harvest sharing event. The event had a successful turnout with 264 students and family members attending. The Special Services Office is proud to bring joy and sharing back to the community. Thank you to all who made donations and volunteered their time. Your impact has been great and the benefits of your good works can be seen in the young people of our community.



Coats handed out at Winter Harvest



Smyrna School District Bookmobile

Bookmobile

The Smyrna School District Bookmobile completed its rounds in the Summer of 2022, giving away numerous books to readers of all ages at district-sponsored events and making regular stops at the following locations:

- Smyrna Swim Club
- Boys & Girls Club
- Holly Hill Estates
- Big Oak Park
- Municipal Park
- Commerce Square
- Talon Court
- McClane Gardens
- Smyrna Police Department



Mrs. Kelly greeting families and distributing books from the Smyrna Bookmobile at the Inaugural Multilingual Learner Welcome Back event (August 2022).

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