

The Pulse



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As we enter the last month of the 2017-2018 school year, I have no doubt that everyone is thinking about summer. I know the students are, and let's be honest--the faculty and staff are as well. It's been a great year full of academic and athletic achievements. Instead of reflecting on this past year, I thought I would share a bit about our future based on the fruit of our preparation for accreditation renewal. After looking over the data (e.g., parent/student surveys, test scores, etc.) gathered for the accreditation team, we have a number of strengths I would argue sets us apart from other schools in our area. But no school is perfect. There are areas that could be improved. Based on this data and the community's feedback, there have been steps taken this year and plans for the future to address these areas. Here are just a few:

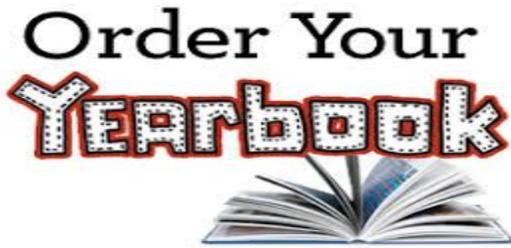
- Our revised high school curriculum goes into effect this upcoming academic year. The math sequence has been updated to better prepare our students for standardized tests and their college career. Students will also be required to take an ACT prep course during their sophomore year and take the test at least once before their junior year.
- We will work toward increasing academic opportunities and direct instruction for all students. The schedule will now be an eight period day rather than just seven. This schedule provides more possibilities for academic advancement or remediation if needed. We will also increase direct instruction time for our elementary students.
- We will improve the retention of our upper elementary students by developing a vision for the middle school and educating our stakeholders on the responsibilities of middle school life.
- We will increase our technological abilities by improving network reliability, upgrading internet speed, purchasing new computers for faculty and students, creating a new computer lab, and partnering with Acellus, an online web-learning system that will increase academic opportunities for all students, elementary through high school.
- Finally, we will work toward a five-year strategic plan in collaboration with all school stakeholders (e.g., teachers, parents, students) and provide our community with an annual report, disclosing our school's financial performance.

Have a great summer,

Jeremiah Russell, Ph.D.
Principal

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National Senior Beta State Convention:

Sophie Lin 1st Place Division I Language Arts

Sophie Lin 2nd Place Digital Art

Jacque Beyerle 2nd Place Homemade Jewelry

Vanessa Contreras 3rd Place Division II Spanish

Isabella Gray 3rd Place Division I Spanish

Seanna Johnson, Angel Nguyen, and Stephanie Oblena 5th Place Banner

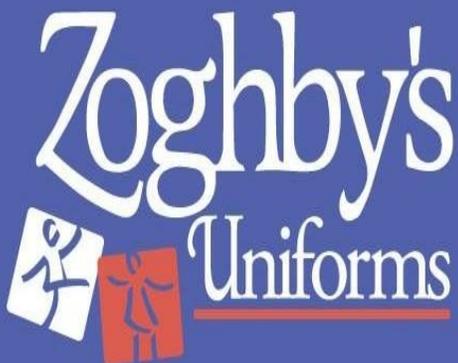
National Senior Beta Convention June 16 through 21, Savannah, Georgia.



Congratulations to our Girls Varsity Soccer Team for placing 2nd in the Calhoun County Soccer Tournament!! Well done Ladies!Æ

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This April, Mrs. Baker's 2nd grade class teamed with two high school math classes to build their Geobots. You may be asking yourself, what is a Geobot? A Geobot is a robot-like figure constructed from recycled products that are in the shape of solid figures. Each Geobot must meet certain requirements, such as stand a minimum of 3 ft. tall and be free standing. Once the Geobots are completed, the high school students help review geometry skills with the 2nd grader students. Each year, this project calls for much excitement and tons of teamwork.



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May 9th, Wednesday 8:00-12:00

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