

The mission of Hampton County School District 2 is to provide a rigorous, personalized environment of academic excellence that prepares Each child, Each Day and in Every classroom to be **college/career** and **citizen ready** with no excuses.

HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 GATOR HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

August 5, 2019



Julia Lee, Principal



Arrival time for students begin at 7:30 a.m.

- ✓ All students (car and bus riders) must enter the front gate to the school and follow the path to the cafeteria.
- ✓ After completing breakfast, which ends at 7:50 a.m., students will report directly to their designated homeroom.
- ✓ Staff members will be positioned in front of the school to inform students of their designated class.
- ✓ Instructional day begins at 8:00 a.m., students are considered late if they arrive after 8:00 a.m.

There are some relocation of classes and staff will be positioned to ensure students reach their correct homeroom....

- 1st grade has moved to the Kindergarten wing; the kindergarteners are still located there.
- 2nd and 3rd graders are located on what was 1st and 2nd grade wing last year.
- 4th and 5th graders are located on 3rd grade wing and Mr. Dunbar's office.
- Pre-K, Special Education, and Related Arts have remained the same place.

Note: Parents, you can walk your child for the first 3 days, after that we ask you allow them to venture on their own for independency. Thanks.

Thank You to our Back to School Bash Donors!

Faith Ministry, Scotia, SC

Rev. Bernard Taylor, Pastor

Goodwill Baptist Church, Estill, SC

Rev. Rufus Moore, Pastor

King Branch Baptist Church, Garnett, SC

Rev. James Brantley, Pastor

Meeks Family Dentistry, Hardeeville, SC

Dr. Karen Meeks

Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, Garnett, SC

Rev. E. J. German, Pastor

New Gospel Mission, Estill, SC

Elder Sam Brown, Pastor

Priority Home Health, Walterboro, SC

Mrs. Laura Johnson

First Thankful Baptist Church, Estill, SC

Rev. Anthony Moore, Pastor

Sweetrose Baptist Church, Estill, SC

Rev. Darryl Brown, Pastor

Varnville Miracle Revival Center, Varnville, SC

Rev. Loretta Darien, Pastor



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| August 12, 2019 | First Day of School for Teachers |
| August 15, 2019 | BACK TO SCHOOL BASH/Orientation from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm |
| August 19, 2019 | First Day of School for Students |
| August 22 – September 5, 2019 | STAR 360 Testing |
| September 6, 2019 | Grandparent's Day |





Estill Middle School – Shronda Taylor, Principal

Back to School Procedures



Morning Arrival Procedures

- ✓ To ensure the safety of all, students **are not** to arrive before 7:45 a.m. Staff duty will begin at 7:45 a.m., therefore there will be no one to supervise students **before** 7:45 a.m.
- ✓ Car riders are to be dropped off in the designated car rider drop off area beginning at 7:45 a.m. Cars are not allowed in the bus line. This is a safety hazard.
- ✓ Bus riders will be dropped off in front of the main entrance of Estill High School.
- ✓ Students are to report to the cafeteria between 7:45 a.m. - 8:07 a.m. The doors of the middle school building will open at 8:07 a.m. for students.
- ✓ Students that arrive after 8:10 a.m. must have a pass from the front office. To obtain a pass to class, the student **must** be signed in by their parent.
- ✓ Homeroom begins at 8:10 a.m.

Afternoon Dismissal Procedures

- ✓ Car riders will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m. They will walk on the sidewalk from the EMS campus to the designated car rider area in front of the EHS building. For the safety of all, staff members will be there to monitor.
- ✓ All changes to bus transportation must be approved by Marcus Livingston, Director of Transportation by telephone (625-5022) before 2:30 p.m.
- ✓ All students must be picked up by 3:40 p.m. There is no one to monitor or supervise students after this time.

Early Pick-Up or Late Drop Off

To ensure the safety of all of our students, please follow our early sign-out and late drop off procedures:

- ✓ Students will be released to authorized person(s) listed on the Student's Information Card only.
- ✓ Authorized person(s) must report to the school's front office to present their photo ID before the student is released from class.

August 19, 2019 is a regular school day. Please be on time. We look forward to all of our EMS gators!

Tdap

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) wants to assure that all children and teens have received recommended vaccines to prevent disease. DHEC reminds parents and guardians that South Carolina law **requires that all students entering 7th grade receive one (1) dose of Tdap vaccine.** The Tdap vaccine protects preteens and teens from three serious diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).



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| Back to School Orientation | Thursday, August 15, 2019 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. *Please note the change of date. |
| Teachers Return to School | Monday, August 12, 2019 |
| Students Return to School | Monday, August 19, 2019 |
| STAR 360 Fall Administration Dates | August 21 – September 5, 2019 |
| Town of Estill Fall Festival | September 29, 2019 – October 5, 2019 |

Roberts Presents Public Speaking Message to Wells Fargo!



Shavon Roberts, a rising 12th grader at Estill High, attended the Clemson Emerging scholars program July 8-26, 2019. During her stay she was asked to deliver a proposal to Wells Fargo Financial Services. The topic of her presentation was, “What does the Emerging Scholars Program mean to you and how does Wells Fargo help affect growth within the program?” She discussed that it is not just a program for African-Americans and the many benefits afforded to each child involved. Her second topic of discussion was held among her Emerging



Scholar peers and advisors. The topic focused on civil injustices for African Americans. Her final presentation was a group presentation in collaboration with other students from Estill High School about identifying a specific problem in the community discovering a solution.

Friendly Reminders

First Day of School Procedures

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| 7:45 a.m. | All students report to the gymnasium |
| 8:10 - 8:30 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 8:35 - 9:00 a.m. | Students report to homeroom |
| 9:05 - 10:00 a.m. | Opening Ceremony (Gymnasium) |

IDs and textbooks will be issued beginning Tuesday August 20, 2019.

Arrival and Dismissal Information

Bus riders will be dropped off at the main cafeteria entrance. Car riders are to be dropped off in the designated car rider area. Students are not to be dropped off in the staff parking lot.

Daily Dismissal: All students will be dismissed at the sound of the bell.



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| August 8, 2019 | Staff Retreat & Willies Jefferies Classic 5:00 p.m. (Purchase tickets from players and coaches) |
| August 12, 2019 | Teacher's First Day & Region Jamboree 5:00 p.m. Williston High |
| August 13, 2019 | 9 th Grade Orientation 5:30-8:00 p.m. |
| August 15, 2019 | 10 th -12 th Grade Orientation 5:30-8:00 p.m. |
| August 16, 2019 | Scrimmage at Bowman High School |
| August 19, 2019 | Student's First Day/Gator Pride Day |
| August 20, 2019 | PBIS Kickoff |
| August 23, 2019 | Open House/First home football team |
| August 21-29, 2019 | STAR 360 Testing |