



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome from the Principal,

Welcome ALL of our students to the 2020-2021 school year which promises to be like no other!

We are a small Academic/Career themed school that continues to produce graduates each year. As a result of that, all of our surrounding feeder high schools (Durant, Plant City & Strawberry Crest) continue to be the highest graduation cluster in the county.

Our formula for success is simple: get to know the students, engage them personally and academically, build their self-esteem and challenge them daily. The last 3 consecutive years, we continue to improve on the number of graduates from the year prior. We graduated 127 students as part of the class of 2020! This is our highest number yet. Not all students are successful at Simmons but those that are willing to change their ways and embrace our expectations and culture, they are guaranteed that they will experience unprecedented success.

Speaking of unprecedented, the pandemic threw so many challenges to the group of students that face extreme challenges every day. And yet, we will find a way to continue our graduation success. The admin team, teachers and staff, are vested in seeing you succeed. I challenge ALL students to adjust and adapt to our expectations and school's culture. Any student that fails to change their unsuccessful ways (lack of interest, excessive absences, laziness, etc.) will only change zip codes but continue to be unsuccessful.

This reminds me of the baby elephants' fable. It seems that baby elephants were traditionally trained by tying one of their front legs to a stake in the ground. Because the elephants are small, only a thin rope is required. They'll struggle and pull at first, but eventually they realize that they can't break the rope and they'll give up.

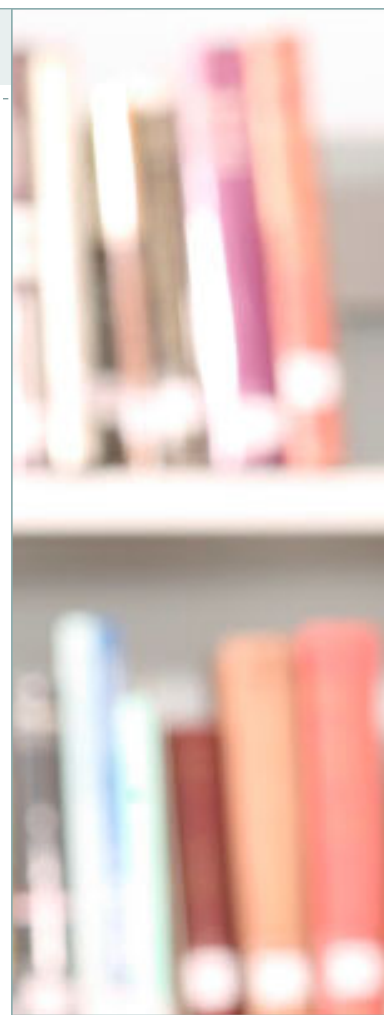
Elephants grow fast, of course. Before long, those cute babies are lumbering giants. But here's the thing: That same thin rope is all that's needed to keep them secured. They think the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free. There is a clear moral for the rest of us. In school (not to mention in life), all sorts of invisible mental ropes--flimsy and easily broken--may well be holding us back from achieving success.

We reach a conclusion at one time, based on a specific set of conditions and failures, then we forget to revisit our decisions when things change. Our individual failure and belief that things can be different, results in missed opportunities, self-imposed blockers and wasted potential.

You still have time and we have the system in place to help you to get your high school diploma. Don't be like the elephants.

Respectfully,

Your Principal, Mr. C.



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ATTENDANCE, TARDY POLICY, SIGN IN/ SIGN OUT PROCEDURES:

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE TO SCHOOL, ON-TIME, AND PREPARED TO LEARN. STUDENTS WHO NEED TO LEAVE CAMPUS MUST BE SIGNED OUT IN THE MAIN OFFICE AND PARENTS MUST PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION TO SIGN OUT STUDENTS. STUDENT DRIVERS WHO ARRIVE TARDY MAY HAVE THEIR DRIVING PRIVELEGES SUSPENDED.

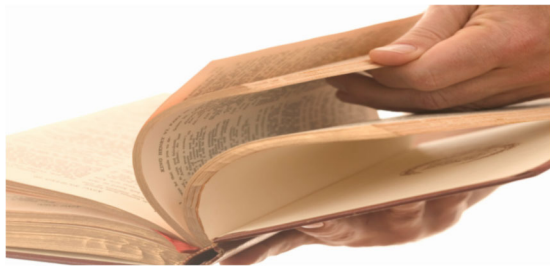
“Someday is NOW and that Somebody is YOU!!”

PARKING DECALS

Student drivers must have a parking decal displayed in the vehicle they are driving and abide by rules for driving to campus. Parking Decals will be available for purchase during lunches the first week of school. Students must bring:

- ⇒ \$10 Cash
- ⇒ Driver’s License
- ⇒ Proof of Insurance
- ⇒ Registration

Bell Schedule – Early Release Monday	
Period 1	8:30 – 9:10
Home-room	9:10 – 9:14
<i>Passing</i>	9:14 – 9:19
Period 2	9:19 – 9:59
<i>Passing</i>	9:59 – 10:04
Period 3	10:04 – 10:44 (Lunch – 200 Hallway)
<i>Passing</i>	10:44 – 10:49
Period 4	10:49 – 11:29 (Lunch – 100 Hallway)
<i>Passing</i>	11:29 – 11:34
Period 5	11:34 – 12:14 (Lunch – 200 Hallway)
<i>Passing</i>	12:14 – 12:19
Period 6	12:19 – 12:59
<i>Passing</i>	12:59 – 1:04
Period 7	1:04 – 1:44
<i>Passing</i>	1:44 – 1:49
Period 8	1:49 – 2:29



First Day of School August 10, 2020
School Hours Monday: 8:30-2:29
Tuesday– Friday: 8:30-3:29

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

Period 1	8:30 – 9:18
*Attendance	9:10 – 9:18
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<i>Passing</i>	9:18 – 9:23
Period 2	9:23 – 10:11
<i>Passing</i>	10:11 – 10:16
Period 3	10:16 – 11:04 (Lunch – 200 Hallway)
<i>Passing</i>	11:04 – 11:09
Period 4	11:09 – 11:57 (Lunch – 100 Hallway)
<i>Passing</i>	11:57 – 12:02
Period 5	12:02 – 12:50 (Lunch – 200 Hallway)
<i>Passing</i>	12:50 – 12:55
Period 6	12:55 – 1:43
<i>Passing</i>	1:43 – 1:48
Period 7	1:48 – 2:36
<i>Passing</i>	2:36 – 2:41
Period 8	2:41 – 3:29

STUDENT ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Students' First Day of	Monday, Aug 10, 2020
Labor Day Holiday/Non-Student Day	Monday, Sep 7, 2020
End of 1st Grading Period	Friday, Oct 9, 2020
* Veterans Day/Non-Student Day	Wednesday, Nov 11, 2020
* Fall Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, Nov 23, 2020 - Friday, Nov 27, 2020
Students Return to School	Monday, Nov 30, 2020
End of 2nd Grading Period (End of 1st Semester)	Friday, Dec 18, 2020
Winter Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, Dec 21, 2020 - Friday, Jan 1, 2021
Non-Student Day	Monday, Jan 4, 2021
Students Return to School	Tuesday, Jan 5, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/Non-Student Day	Monday, Jan 18, 2021
Non-Student Day	Friday, Feb 12, 2021
Presidents' Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, Feb 15, 2021
Non-Student Day	Monday, Mar 8, 2021
End of 3rd Grading Period	Friday, Mar 12, 2021
Spring Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, Mar 15, 2021 - Friday, Mar 19, 2021
Non-Student Day	Monday, Mar 22, 2021
Non-Student Day	Friday, Apr 2, 2021
Non-Student Day	Monday, Apr 19, 2021
End of 4th Grading Period	Friday, May 28, 2021
Students' Last Day of	Friday, May 28, 2021

STUDENT

GOVERNMENT

Would you like to be more involved in school? Are you looking to add a club to your resume? Consider joining Student Government (SGA)!

For more info contact Mrs. Henderson at:
Alison.Henderson@SDHC.K12.FL.US

Culinary—FCCLA

Enjoy cooking and competing with our state recognized FCCLA competition team. Contact Mr. Edgeman at:
Apichat.Edgeman@sdhc.k12.fl.us

FFA

Would you like to work with animals or learn to grow your own fruits and vegetables? Reach out to Mrs. Patino for more information at: Joan-
na.patino@sdhc.k12.fl.us

FBLA

Are you great with computers or think you would enjoy a career in business? Reach out to Mr. Steffen for more information about FBLA at : da-
vid.steffen@sdhc.k12.fl.us

ELECTRONIC DEVICES—

Students are permitted to have their phone with them during the day. Phones must be turned off and out of sight during school hours with the exception of breakfast and lunch times. Phone use during classroom and labs is strictly prohibited.

UNIFORMS

UNIFORMS POLOS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS AND CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$15 IN THE MAIN OFFICE.



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EDSBY AND EDGENTY

BE SURE YOU KNOW YOUR EDSBY ACCOUNT INFORMATION. PARENTS AND STUDENTS MAY CREATE AN ACCOUNT AT [HTTPS://
MYSLOT.SDHC.K12.FL.US/
PUBLIC/LOGIN/](https://myspot.sdhc.k12.fl.us/public/login/)

TRANSPORTATION

BUS SCHEDULES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE; PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

FREQUENT QUESTIONS ANSWERED

- * Simmons students graduate with a standard high school diploma with either 18 or 24 credits.
- * Simmons has a graduation ceremony at the Florida State Fair Grounds.
- * Simmons allows students to work on curriculum in a traditional classroom or using online courses.

Simmons graduates are required to meet the following:

- ◆ 24 or 18 credits (in specific areas— 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, and elective credits).
- ◆ Pass Reading and Math benchmarks (as required by the DOE for the State of FL)
- ◆ Earn a 2.0 minimum GPA

“Change your path, not just your zip code! Make a change in where your life will go based on the choices you make today.”

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR CURRICULUM

New supplies and clothes, longer days, and a fresh start: all the things that signal the start of a new school year! I want to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year. We are excited about the new teachers we have hired, all of the new students we have recruited, and are looking forward to another large graduating class. Our goal is to see all of our students walk across the graduation stage prepared to find success in life, whether they pursue a career, military, or college path.

We are committed to providing our students with the best opportunities to explore their potential and meet individual goals. We need our students to commit to coming to school daily, prepared to learn, and gain the skills needed to succeed. Attendance is one of the most important indicators of student achievement. Testing will tentatively begin the month of September and we are preparing students through strategic practice sessions designed to help students gain the confidence in their abilities to do well. Ensuring that students get plenty of rest and arrive to school on-time will help them perform their best on assessments. More information regarding specific test dates and who will be testing will be communicated via written notices and Parentlink messages in the upcoming weeks, so please be sure we

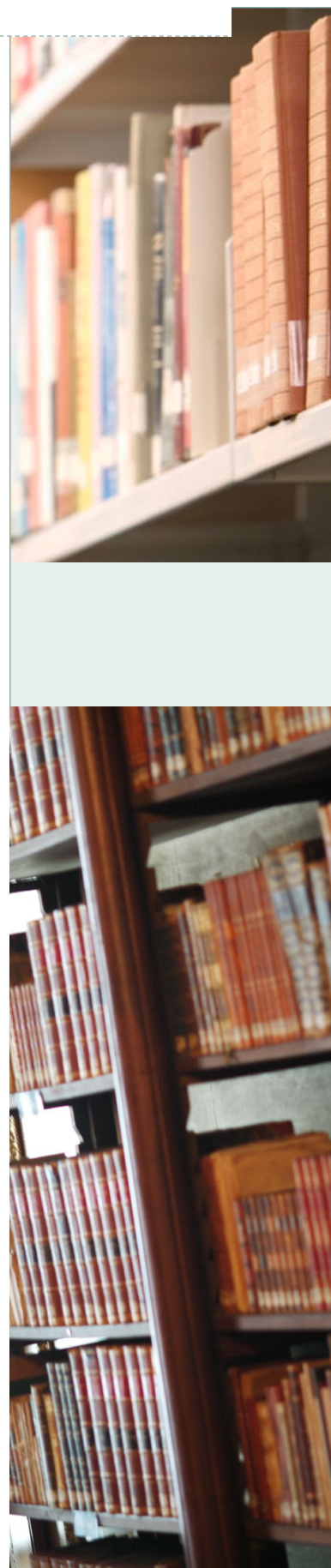
have accurate contact information with the main office.

We look forward to building a relationship with the families we serve and welcome your input relating to ways we can better meet the needs of our students and community. Please get involved with our School Advisory Committee (SAC) and share your ideas as we create our School Improvement Plan (SIP) for the upcoming school year. Our Team will meet monthly and our SAC Co-Chairs are Mr. Pineda and Mrs. Henderson.

Again, I want to share our excitement about the 2020-2021 school year and welcome you to the Simmons Family. Please feel free to contact me via email at

cara.yacinich@sdhc.k12.fl.us or by phone at 813-707-7430 ex. 224. Sincerely,

Mrs. Cara Yacinich, Assistant Principal for Curriculum



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THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS HAS BEEN TO FOCUS ON MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND SUPPORT THEM IN ACHIEVING THEIR GOALS, BY BUILDING RAPPORT AND ALLOWING STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL IN A SAFE AND CARING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

MEET AND GREET YOUR TEACHERS

We will be having Meet and Greet for new students on August 6th between 4 pm and 7pm. Students can pick up a copy of their schedule in the main office and visit classrooms to meet teachers. Teachers will provide supply lists for any necessary materials and answer any questions related to their courses.

School Wide Supply List:

- 3-Ring Binder
- Notebook Paper
- Pens, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, highlighters
- Dividers
- 3 Composition Books
- 3 Spiral Notebooks
- 3 pocket folders

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