

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT



HOUSTON MEDICAL CENTER

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Houston Healthcare's COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline

(478) 352-4636
Monday-Friday
7:30am - 3:00pm

On May 12th, 2021, the Pfizer COVID vaccine was approved for use in children 12 and older. This action made it possible for more people to be vaccinated, moving the United States closer to ending the pandemic. The Houston County School District and Houston HealthCare were quick to move on this emergency approval of the vaccine for our younger students. The District and Houston HealthCare once again partnered to offer the vaccine to students in Houston County 12 and older. Houston HealthCare staff and the school nurses worked in our middle schools to administer 444 vaccines the week of May 17th-21st. An additional 229 vaccines were administered at our high schools, bringing the total number of student vaccinations administered to 1,005. The second dose of the vaccine will be available over the summer at select school locations. Students can receive their second dose at one of these select school locations, or call the Houston HealthCare Clinic to schedule an appointment. Houston County School District is proud to have worked in partnership with our hospital and health department to vaccinate our students.

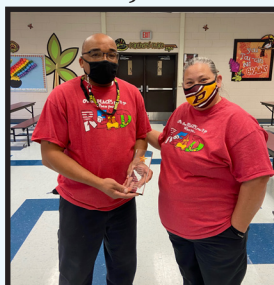
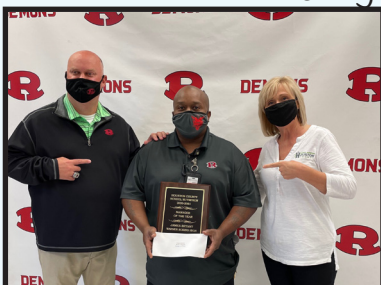


Honorees



School Nutrition is staffed with hard-working individuals who believe that our mission is important. This school year has been difficult, but our people stepped up, stayed flexible, and kept serving meals. This year we honored James Bryant and Robert Johnson. Both of these men have displayed leadership, humility, and kindness to students and staff. We are lucky to have them on our team! Congratulations, James and Robert!!

Manager of the Year!
James Bryant,
Warner Robins High
School



Employee of the Year!
Robert Johnson,
Morningside Elementary
School



Congratulations Senior Sharks



Miranda Lawhorn is a recent graduate of Perry High School where she participated in the FFA and softball programs. This was her first year with the Sharks playing both basketball and football. Her favorite Shark memory was playing in the Macon Coliseum for the State Championship. She recalls that the atmosphere of the venue was amazing. Although she would like to change the outcome, she will always remember the experience. After graduation Miranda plans to attend Georgia Southwestern and major in Exercise Science.

Leeza Brown is a recent Honor graduate of Northside High School. She has participated in both handball and football for the past 4 years. Leeza is very active in her church and serves as a church photographer. She says her favorite Shark memory was from the 2019 State Football Championship game when the Sharks scored the winning touchdown while time was winding down. The gym went totally quiet in anticipation of the final signal. When the referees threw up their hands to signal touchdown, the gym exploded with cheers. Leeza plans to attend Fort Valley State University where she will study Criminology and Computer Science. She then plans to pursue a career with the FBI.



Annabelle Putman is a recent graduate of Perry High School where she was an active member of FFA, competing in swine, steer, and heifer shows both locally and nationally. She has also competed on the poultry judging team and the floral design team. She previously played trumpet in the Perry Panther Regiment Band. Annabelle participated in the dual enrollment program and completed 40 hours of college credits. As an active member in her church, she has taught K-5th grade bible study. Annabelle has participated as a Sharks player for 6 years competing in handball, football, and basketball. Her favorite memory as a Shark was winning the 2020 State Basketball Championship in a come from behind 1 point victory in the final 7 seconds of the overtime period, winning the Sharks 8th state championship. Annabelle will be attending Abraham Baldwin College in the fall, majoring in the Ag Education Program. She hopes to teach middle or high school agriculture.

Isaiah “Zay” Castillo is a recent graduate of Perry High School. While in high school, Isaiah received awards in graphic design, technology, and robotics. He also received all adobe certifications in photography. This was Isaiah’s first year playing wheelchair football, and he regrets that he was not introduced to it sooner. Isaiah’s future is very important to him, and he values the opportunity to further his education. His plan after graduation is to attend Fort Valley State University and study Electrical Engineering. While at FVSU he also plans to study real estate and stocks. His hobbies are basketball, football and wheelchair football.



Brent Carr is a recent graduate of Houston County High School. He has been a member of the Sharks football team since 2016. One of his favorite memories was scoring his first touchdown. Brent has participated in the challenger baseball league and is a co-leader of a family night life group. He enjoys fishing, bowling, spending time with his family and listening to music. He is involved in his church and enjoys participating in group activities within the community. He is planning on participating with the HALO Group in the fall.

Aden Floyd is a recent graduate of Houston County High School. He has been a member of the Sharks team in both handball and football since the 2015 season. Some of his favorite memories include riding the bus with his teammates and playing “bull in the ring” at practices. Aden was involved in FCCLA at Houston County High School. He is actively involved in his local church and enjoys participating in community activities. He plans to be a part of the HALO group after graduation.



Special Education Teacher Induction

The program for the May New Special Education Teacher Induction meeting was led by Mrs. Monica Smith and Dr. Alicia Campbell. They presented on Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS), explaining the essential components of the data driven framework. MTSS is used to identify and predict students who may be at risk for poor learning outcomes or who experience social/emotional needs or behavioral concerns that impact learning. The participants learned how MTSS work is done through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) in Houston County to meet our goal of producing high achieving students.

Make and Take

PreK Special Education teachers and the Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs) that support the PreK classrooms met to learn strategies for encouraging communication, language and literacy on Friday, May 21 at the Ragin Center. Teachers and SLPs created a classroom communication board to model core vocabulary and content vocabulary during lessons, routines, and play. They also made an interactive notebook that included a core vocabulary board creating a way to store picture cards so that students can have visual support for talking, reading and writing about their favorite topics.





Transition Academy

THE FUTURE STARTS NOW.



Students at the Transition Academy worked extremely hard during the school year. Since they were not able to go to their traditional work sites in the community, they spent a lot of time in the kitchen. The classes made and sold delicious casseroles and desserts. This allowed them to learn how to budget and operate a small business while learning essential life skills. The students happily celebrated the end of a successful school year with a water day. The students, and even school staff, enjoyed the giant water slide! They also played corn hole, football, tossed Frisbees and enjoyed some hotdogs on the grill. Everyone had a fun and relaxing day to celebrate their hard work during the school year!



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to spotlight Trinity Rawlins, Interrelated Teacher at Houston County High. Mrs. Rawlins received her Bachelor's Degree in Interrelated Special Education from Georgia SouthWestern State University, her Master's Degree in Special Education Curriculum & Instruction, and her Specialist Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Piedmont University. This is her 11th year teaching. She went into education because she was blessed with a younger brother who has an intellectual disability. Watching him face challenges and work so hard to overcome his struggles gave her the motivation to want to be an advocate for students who faced similar circumstances. When asked what she loves about teaching, she shared that she loves having the opportunity to witness students be successful in both school and in life. She feels blessed to be able to see students push through adversity and challenges and come out on the other side as better students and people. Mrs. Rawlins and her husband, John, have two boys. Her stepson, Jack, will be a junior at Southeast Bulloch High School and her son Brannen will start kindergarten next school year at Kings Chapel Elementary School. Houston County is blessed to have Mrs. Rawlins as part of our team. She works tirelessly to equip her students with the tools they need to be successful. We also want to say congratulations, as she will be taking on the role of API at HCHS next school year.

