



#happynewyear

January 2019...

January 1, 2019 New Year's Day

2nd Last Day of Winter Break

3rd School Reopens

8th Second Qtr. Writing Prompt

17th MLK Oratory Competition,
Beta Club Trip

18th End of 2nd Quarter

21st MLK Holiday, No School

23rd Benchmark Testing

29th NAEP Testing (8th Grade only)

Early Dismissal Day

30th 2nd Qtr. Honor Roll Program

31st Eighth Grade Field Trip



January Character Trait
Wisdom



Middle School
Basketball Games

January 9 @ CCHS

January 10 @ CCHS

January 14 @ CCHS

January 16 @ Holly Hill

January 23rd @ Branchville

January 28 @ HKT

January 30 @ CCHS

All games are at 6:00 p.m.

SMK8 Beta Club

St. Matthews K- 8 Beta Club members visited the Calhoun Convalescent Center on December 4, 2018 to provide community service to the patients. The members were able to interact with the patients and bring them joy for the holiday season. They engaged in playing games/ activities (such as **Bingo, Wii games,** and **Checkers**) with the patients. The Beta Club members enjoyed the experience of being productive citizens by giving a helping hand and putting a smile on the faces of others.



News from the Art Department.....

Congratulations to London Jeffery for winning the Calhoun County School District Holiday Greeting Card Contest for St. Matthews K 8 School. London is a fourth grader in Mrs. Caldwell's homeroom. We are so proud of you London!

Classroom Happenings...



Kindergarten

Kindergarteners are beginning to blend sounds to READ words! We call them CVC words! We are practicing sight words and getting better at writing sentences, too! If you are the parent of a kindergarten student, help them celebrate all they are learning!



First Grade

The first grade has started the New Year resolving to excel in their academics and meet their AR goals. They are learning about sea animals and adding doubles plus one. The students continue to advance in the skills provided through their IXL Math and Reading Eggs experiences. They are excited about all the learning experiences that's in store for the coming months.

Second Grade

Our math lessons have challenged us to master regrouping. Second graders are learning to work step by step to regroup addition and subtraction 2 and 3 digit numbers. Students are working hard to meet their Accelerated Reading goals for this 9 weeks and are looking forward to the reward. We will begin our Social Studies Unit by naming and locating the 7 continents and the 4 oceans of our world. In Science, our Second Graders will become meteorologist by studying the various types of weather.

"If you can't fly, then run,
If you can't run, then walk,
If you can't walk, then crawl,
but whatever you do,
you have to keep moving
forward."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Third Grade

This month the third graders will be working on completing their first independent expository text-dependent analysis writings. Students can continue their learning at home by writing paragraphs explaining how they do their favorite things, i.e. making a sandwich, doing a dance, or playing a game. To further expand on their learning, students can explain to a parent or friend what tricks they may use to learn their multiplication facts or how animals might survive during climate changes.

Fourth Grade

Happy New Year! The year is half way over and every second counts. Here are some websites for your child to practice daily; studyisland.com, IXL.com and extra math.org. Our students are continuing their work on Expository writing. Be sure that your child reads at least 30 minutes daily. Education matters!



SMK8 Celebrates

National Technology Day

From the wheel to smartphones, technology has been changing the world! January 6 is National Technology Day and the day to recognize technology achievements in today's world and the future. In our daily lives, we can't take a step without coming into contact with a form of technology. From agriculture, healthcare and fitness to entertainment, food service and security, we use technology to keep us organized, connected, healthy and safe. Could you imagine a day without technology? SMK8 students were given a technology challenge from our tech coach Ms. Middleton. Prizes will be awarded to the top 10 participants.

Fifth Grade

A Dream Big Enough for All

Martin Luther King clearly spoke his dream, equality for all. Our fifth grade team has a dream that all students in 5th Grade will achieve success at the highest level. It will happen through commitment, discipline, and hard-work. In Math, our students are adding and subtracting Mixed Numbers. In ELA our students will be transitioning our focus from literary text to informational text. We will begin by examining different text structures. In Social Studies we will be leaving the West and traveling to the Industrial Revolution Era. Our Science classes are covering different types of forces. Together we can achieve his dream as a nation, and together we can achieve our dream for our students.



Sixth Grade

The 6th grade team has kicked off the New Year on the right foot and are hard at work! In ELA students are reviewing second nine weeks skills and standards. In Social Studies they are exploring the Roman Empire. In Science, students are investigating Energy and its various forms. Do you know that we use Energy in everything that we do? Ask you 6th grader to explain how! In Math, students are computing the area of regular and irregular figures. Please encourage your 6th grader to login to Study Island and Achieve 3000 as we prepare for SC PASS.

***The science of today is the
technology of tomorrow.***

Edward Teller