

Wolverine Gazette

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From the Principal's Desk



Welcome to a new and exciting school year at Ault Academy!

I am happy to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! We are looking forward to a productive year to ensure our students can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from all entities of TCYFS including parents/guardians. As we embark on this new school year, let us remember to always be kind and courteous to each other as we never know what someone is dealing with personally.

This year has started out very challenging due to staff shortage but teachers are giving up their planning time to make sure we are covered! Thank you to all those

who "stepped up to the plate" without hesitation and made sure everything is running smoothly. Hopefully, we'll have additional staff soon!

As teachers and staff, we share the responsibility for our students' success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We have a new teacher, Tonya Daniel! Tonya comes to us with years of experience working with our youths! Tonya worked as the admission coordinator before taking on the new role as the history teacher. When I asked her what was her favorite subject, she excitedly stated, "HISTORY!" Tonya has a bachelor's degree and is in the process of working on her Masters! Thank you Ms. Tonya for joining us here at Ault Academy!

We are preparing for our DJJ Education Audit and I'm excited to say that we're ready! I've always believed in the saying, "if you stay ready, then you don't have to get ready!" Ault Academy may be small in size but we're BIG on student achievement. Our main goal

is to make sure all students that are in our care at least 80% a semester show growth. We know the state requires students to take the GMAS assessment and teachers go to great length to make sure they are prepared. We keep a lot of data here at Ault Academy to determine students' growth. Teachers meet monthly to discuss students' data. We come together and discuss students that are doing really well as well as those who are not doing so well. We come up with strategies and interventions to make sure students get what they need to be successful.

As the Principal of Ault Academy, I've set a few goals of my own to accomplish and they are: shaping a vision of academic success for all students, working closely with teachers to improve instruction and increase student achievement, creating a safe environment and climate hospitable to education, creating teacher leadership in others, and continuing to review all students/teachers data throughout the year.

Dr. Janice Brewer

African American Studies w/ Ms. Camille

In a dynamic journey through time, students in the African American Studies class have begun to delve into the rich tapestry of history, tracing the roots of African American culture, struggles, and achievements. From the pre-Transatlantic Trade era to the Modern Era, these young scholars will embark on a transformative educational expedition.

The class first explored the vibrant cultures and civilizations of Africa prior to the dawn of the Transatlantic Trade. Discovering the diversity of languages, traditions, and social structures across the African continent, students gained insight into the foundations of African heritage that would later shape the African American experience.

Transitioning into the period of the Transatlantic Trade, students examined the harrowing journey of millions of Africans forced into slavery. This phase witnessed the systematic dehumanization of Africans, as they were torn from their homes, families, and identities. The class explored the unimaginable challenges these individuals

faced during the Middle Passage and upon arrival in the Americas, highlighting their enduring resilience and resistance.

The class then shifted its focus to the brave individuals who began to challenge the oppressive system of slavery. We explored the emergence of abolitionist movements, as well as the development of African American communities, institutions, and cultural expressions. Students dissected pivotal events such as the Underground Railroad and the Nat Turner Rebellion, gaining an understanding of the growing tension between the North and the South.

Throughout this exploration, students not only absorbed historical knowledge but also gained various perspectives on African American lives through various resources. Four book reports will form a significant part of their academic journey. The first book report is due on September 1, 2023, followed by the second on October 5, 2023. Emphasizing a well-rounded approach, students were required to select two fiction and two

nonfiction books, allowing them to engage with multiple perspectives of the black experience in America. Students are able to choose books of their choice from our library. So far, I've had students to pick up *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, a biography on Sugar Ray Leonard, and a biography on Langston Hughes.

As the class nears the midpoint of the semester, a comprehensive midterm examination awaits, testing their comprehension of the intricate events and experiences covered. Finally, the culmination of their efforts will be assessed in the form of a final examination.

The African American Studies class has already embarked on a transformative journey, igniting a deeper understanding of the struggles and triumphs that have shaped the African American experience. With the upcoming assessments and opportunities for exploration, these dedicated students are poised to emerge not only as informed scholars but as advocates for a more inclusive and equitable future.

Science w/ Mrs. Shemeka & Mr. Chris

Hello, I'm Mrs. Shemeka and I will be teaching Science this school year. I have Mr. Chris who will be working with me teaching Environmental Science, Biology, and Green Power.

Math w/ Mrs. Jennifer

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Ault Academy. High school students in Mrs. Jennifer's math classes have been settling in to the routine of school, reviewing material from prior grades, and rapidly learning new content to keep up with the pacing required of the block schedule. The state of Georgia rolled out new math standards in all grade levels starting this school year. Over the course of last year, Mrs. Jennifer attended several days of training on the new standards and worked with teachers across West Georgia to organize the curriculum. Information about the new standards is available at the Georgia DOE

website (gadoe.org). All students are developing reasoning skills and building confidence while adhering to the Mathematical Practice standards. Additionally, they are learning how to model and discuss their thinking using the Mathematical Modeling standards. Specific topics for each class include Probability for Advanced Algebra (formerly Algebra 2), Arithmetic Sequences for Algebra, and Percent Increase and Decrease for Financial Algebra. Financial Algebra students are in class with Financial Literacy students, so we have blended their curricula so that all students are also learning about Income, Expense, and

Budgeting. Mrs. Jennifer has been teaching in Troup County for 21 years. She spent the first 13 years teaching English Language Arts, and this is her 8th year teaching High School Math at Ault Academy. Three years ago she discovered Pam Harris, math teacher educator, and began transforming how she thinks about and teaches math. She is excited that the state of Georgia has embraced similar approaches to teaching math and is excited about the opportunity to continue her own learning while teaching Georgia's new K-12 Math Standards to the mathematicians in her classes.

History w/ Ms. Tonya

My name is Tonya Daniel and I will be teaching US History, Economics and Jobs for GA this semester. Although I'm not new to Twin Cedars, I am new to the Ault Academy team. I've been with Twin Cedars for 28 years and spent 15 of those years as the Admissions Coordinator. I am excited to be switching gears and moving into the

education field. I look forward to being able to share my love for history with your child in my classroom, and I know we are all going to have a great year. We began the school year by covering Colonial American Settlements, the French and Indian War, and we are now moving into the American Revolution. Economics will

be a computer based e2020 course this year, and in Jobs for GA we've explored the different resume styles, completing job applications, and matching jobs skills and personal characteristics with different career paths.

Exceptional Education w/ Mrs. Betty

In Ms. Betty's Social/Study Skills class, the students are learning how to develop effective study and critical thinking skills. These skills will help the students in school and out of school.

The students are also focusing on making goals. The students are learning the importance of setting goals and how to achieve the goals that they are and will be setting. The students are learning how to set

SMART goals. These are skills that they will use throughout their life.

At A Glance



First Family Liaison Meeting of the 2023-2024 school year @ ASC Building.

Thanks Ms. Mandi Pike Title I Family & Engagement Coordinator

THANK
YOU
FROM
ALL
OF US



From Former Principal Mrs. Etta Billingslea



Pictured Left: Ms. Brittney featuring Georgia State Superintendent, Richard Woods. Picture was taken at the Back to School themed Early Bird Breakfast sponsored by the LaGrange- Troup

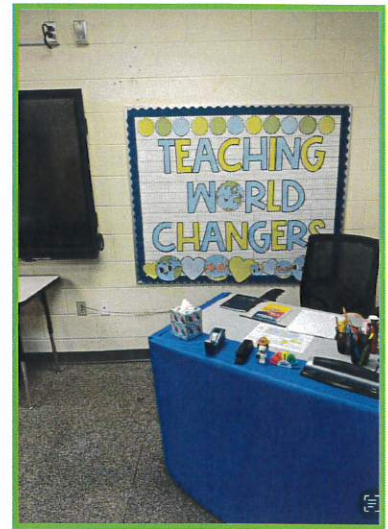


Above: End of the Month Assembly. Guest Speaker Ms. Belinda Godfrey Fashion & Digital Marketing Teacher @ THINC.

Left: Ault Academy Faculty NEW PBIS Shirt.



Pictures from Middle School



Please read Ms. Brittney's article for more details.



ELA w/Mrs. Mary & Ms. Adrian

I am excited about this school year. I will be teaching ELA and Journalism. I am looking forward to having your child in my class. We here at Ault Academy work hard so that each child meets standard. My goal is to ensure that each student works hard and is motivated to reach higher this year.

Middle School w/ Ms. Brittney & Mrs. Sherry

"Let the Adventure Begin!" As school started back, the first week was all about setting rules and beginning relationships. While the students were getting to know each other better, they were also getting to know their teacher, Ms. Brittney along with her paraprofessional/cottage staff Mrs. Sherry. The focus was class-building and learning expectations. The students and teachers had open discussions about themselves and completed "about me" activities.

Ms. Brittney is beginning year 8 as a Teacher. She has Bachelors of Arts in Sociology with an emphasis on Deviance. She also has a Master's of Arts in Teaching. She is a child advocate who believes that together we have the power to change the world.

Students were given a syllabus, the Essential 11 Rule Sheet, and interactive notebooks in both English and

Social Studies. They will use these resources daily. They are responsible for keeping up with and ordering their work in the notebooks. Students took pre-tests before instruction. We began English with learning about point of view and story elements using the children's movie *The Princess & the Frog*. To further knowledge of the setting of New Orleans students had food connections. Coach Jones is a native of the area and prepared Jambalaya and Red Beans & Rice for the class. Mr. Early fried Beignets. To illustrate understanding of the concepts students completed a mock trial on the movie. During the trial they determined the "legal fate" of the antagonist of the story and gave a resolution to the presented conflict. In Social Studies, students are learning how the geography, climate and environmental issues determine where and how people live in their regions.

We would like to thank all stakeholders for their continued support. If you would like to contribute to our class please feel free. For ideas of items or to donate visit our classtag wishlist <https://classtag.com/1/vO382foP>. Ault Academy is also looking for partners in education to assist with incentives for our students such as PBIS Celebrations and School Store, contact Deidre Campbell for more information dcampbell@twincedar.org or 706-302-7267.

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Ault Academy Vision Purpose Statement

Ault Academy's vision purpose statement is to provide high expectations for all learners in a safe secure learning environment. A strong emphasis is placed on a quality curriculum that emphasizes problem solving, critical thinking, responsibility, work ethic, and citizenship to enable each student to thrive and survive in society.

Congratulations to all the students who received **Student of the Month** and **Character Education** this month. The character education word for this month is adaptability and the Student of the Month is given to the student who displays above and beyond behavior in the classroom.



Go Wolverines!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
everyone born in the month
AUGUST

PBIS

On Thursday, August 24, 2023 all 28 students made PBIS. This trip would not have been possible without the kind donation from Durand Trinity Church, Durand GA. **BIG BIG** Shout Out to them for thinking enough of our little school. The students traveled to Junction Lanes for a game of bowling, had Chick-fil-A sponsored by our cafeteria and a milkshake from our sponsor.

What is PBIS? PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. It is an approach schools use to promote school safety and good behavior.

With PBIS, schools teach kids about

behavior expectations and strategies.

The focus of PBIS is prevention, not punishment.

PBIS recognizes that students can only meet behavior expectations if they know what the expectations are. Everyone learns what's considered appropriate behavior. And they use a common language to talk about it. Throughout the school day — in class, at lunch, and during recreation— students understand what's expected of them.

A PBIS board is completed each month with a hint or clue of what the PBIS celebration will be at the end of the month. The students names and number of points earned are displayed on

the board as well as the number of points they can receive to attend the celebration. Our prayer is the students continue to display positive behavior throughout this school year. Good Luck Guys Hope to See You Next Month.

