

Smyrna School District

March 2022 Annual Report



Thomas D. Clayton School (1922)



Clayton Elementary School (1930), originally "Clayton School", built in 1873



John Bassett Moore School (1920)

Serving the Smyrna-Clayton-Kenton Communities for 137 Years.

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A Message from the Superintendent



The 2021–22 school year began under the persistent specter of the global pandemic that forever altered the trajectory of every nation, community and individual. Nevertheless, in a way that continues to represent the determination of our community, the Smyrna School District re-opened its doors in September to all students and staff who wished to return to in-person instruction. We also partnered with the Greater Smyrna–Clayton Boys and Girls Club to provide “wraparound” services to families, free of charge, so that in the mornings and evenings, both before and after school, students could receive adult supervision, nutritious meals and academic enrichment. Over 360 of our students have participated this year, and we are thankful for everyone’s involvement. Additionally, even as we have all experienced supply chain interruptions and labor shortages that have threatened to “upend” our best-laid plans, we persevered with your continued patience and to date, we have had to “pivot” just one day to virtual instruction as a result of persistent operational challenges. Field trips, school clubs/activities and all interscholastic athletics contests have resumed this year with favorable results across the board. Even when illness, shortages or a waning of human resources have negatively impacted student transportation, we—the District and our community—have come together to problem-solve in the most creative of ways. We even held a district fall festival in October to celebrate our return to in-person instruction, and at the time of this writing, we are on the eve of our annual “We Can” week-long celebration after being forced to cancel it in 2020 and 2021. Spring is in the air, as the saying goes, and with the warmer weather comes a renewed spirit of hope and resilience that will help us all to replenish our reserves in the face of national and international challenges that often drain each of us. We are dedicated as a whole community to doing what is best for our children, as we prepare them to lead us all through the next generation of countless opportunities. Thank you, Smyrna–Clayton–Kenton Community, for your steadfast support, your understanding and your commitment to our students. We remain “Smyrna–Clayton–Kenton Strong” because of you.

Patrik Williams
Superintendent

Our Schools



Clayton Elementary School



North Smyrna Elementary School



Smyrna Elementary School



Sunnyside Elementary School



Clayton Intermediate School



John Bassett Moore Intermediate School



Smyrna Middle School



Smyrna High School

Smyrna School District

Mission

The mission of the Smyrna School District is to ensure that the students of the community are prepared as effectively and as efficiently as possible to become responsible and productive citizens possessing the knowledge, the problem-solving skills, and the positive attitudes necessary to successfully adapt to and function in an ever changing environment.

Goals

1. Provide a safe, drug-free, positive school climate that allows students to succeed.
2. Standardize the curriculum, instruction, assessment, and staff development, using test data and current research, in order to match the state standards so that all learners will demonstrate competency over challenging subjects.
3. Maintain a strong relationship with parents as partners in the educational process of their children.
4. Promote community support for the flexibility and adaptability to the school's changing needs in the area of population growth.
5. Utilize the tools of technology by staff and students on a daily basis throughout the Smyrna School District.
6. Promote the consensus values of the community as responsibility, compassion, integrity, perseverance, and respect.

Smyrna School District

District Core Values

Compassion

A deep feeling for and understanding of others without regard to race, age, creed, or social standing. This includes kindness, generosity, forgiveness, caring, friendship, love and sharing toward all people.

Integrity

A steady and faithful observance of a code of moral values. This includes honesty in word and deed and a sense of right and wrong.

Perseverance

The inner strength to remain constant to a purpose, idea, or task in the face of obstacles. This includes dedication, consistency and having a positive attitude.

Respect

A high regard for oneself and others. This would include self-worth, pride, physical well being, contentment, peace, humor, appreciation for differences and individuality, fairness, respect, and tolerance. This may include faith in God.

Responsibility

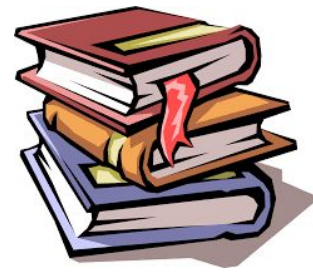
Being reliable and following through on commitments. This includes being responsible for your actions as a family member, teacher, student and citizen. You can demonstrate your responsibility through service to others and self control.



6,167 Students Enrolled



8 Schools



1,112 Instructional Hours



137 Years as a District



1:14 Student to Teacher Ratio



638 Educational Staff



Expenditure per pupil
\$13, 922



23 AP Scholars
8 Honors Scholars
4 Distinction Scholars



Students transported to school each day
5,738



98% of Seniors graduated in 2021



76% of students enrolled in higher education in 2021



1500+ community members attended first annual Smyrna School District Fall Fest

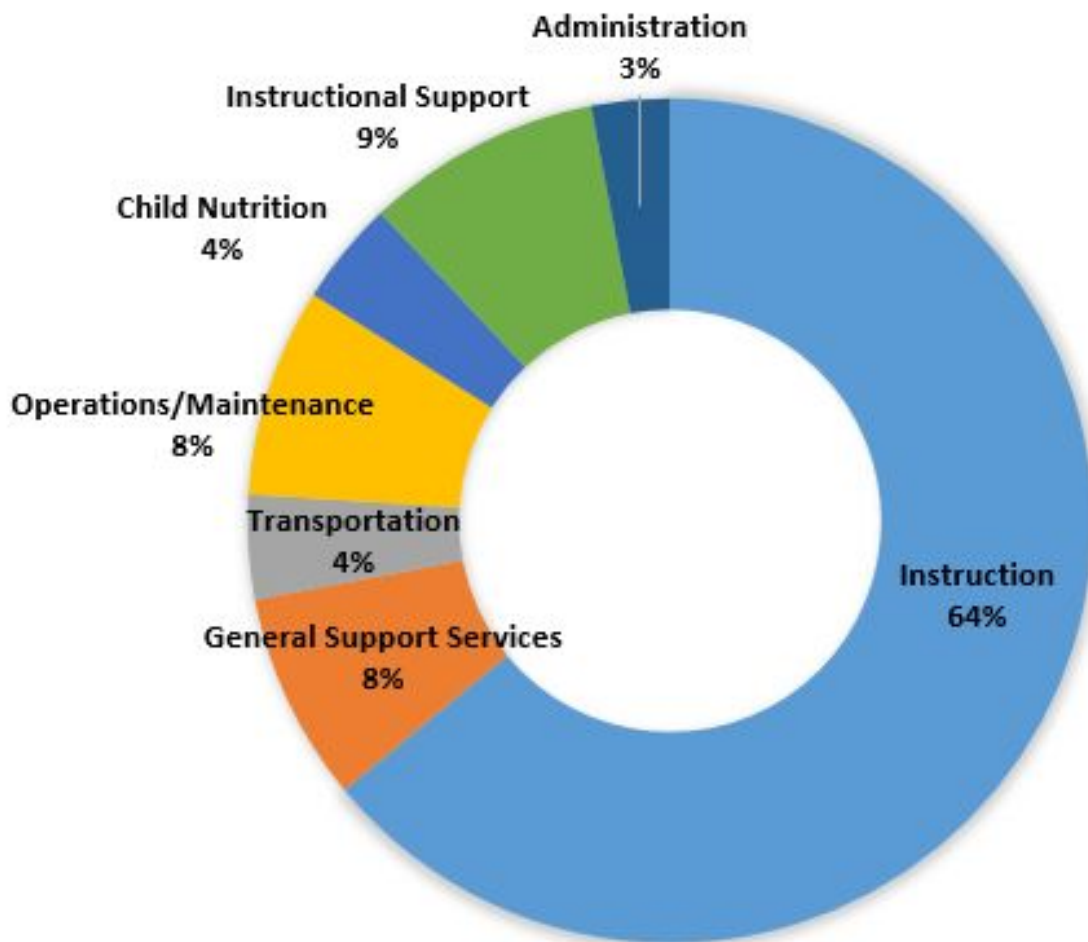
District At a Glance

Mrs. Christina Hudson, Director of Finance

Financial Philosophy

The Smyrna School District recognizes that meticulous planning and organization of its financial affairs is critical to the efficient long-term operation of the district. The Smyrna School District maintains a fiscally conservative policy. District budgetary estimates and financial projections are based on a moderately conservative approach to funds projections with a balanced budget each fiscal year funded exclusively from current-year revenues. These policies afford the Smyrna School District the ability to remain consistent, stable, and financially secure in the short-term and well into our future.

Expenses for the 2020 Fiscal Year



Community Involvement

For over 30 years, the district has had a citizen's financial advisory committee to provide community expertise and feedback to the district. The committee provides a layer of transparency to district finances and reviews major financial matters such as the operating budget and tax rates.

Mrs. Kelly Holt, Director of Curriculum
Mr. Ryan Buchanan, Supervisor of Instruction
Dr. Kate Marvel, Supervisor of Instruction
Mr. David Morrison, Supervisor of Instruction

Curriculum & Instruction

- Vision** *Smyrna students will have inclusive access to an inspired and exceptional education so that all may realize their academic promise and personal dreams.*
- Mission** *The Office of Curriculum and Instruction will make thoughtful, evidence-based decisions in an effort to provide leadership, resources, instructional strategies, and individualized support to educators in their pursuit of continuous, personalized, professional growth.*

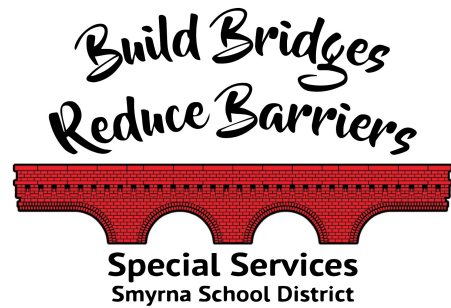
The Office of Curriculum and Instruction works with all educators and administrators within the Smyrna School District to improve the education of our students. The Office of Curriculum and Instruction is responsible for the adoption and implementation of all curriculum throughout the district. Additionally, the team ensures that daily instruction reflects research-based best practice. In order to best serve Smyrna’s students and teachers, the team must be fully-informed and up-to-date in current classroom practices. To accomplish this, the team schedules regular visits to district classrooms; on average, the Office of Curriculum and Instruction visits more than 2,000 classrooms annually. These visits have led to meaningful professional development that is targeted to each building, grade-level, and teacher. The Office of Curriculum and Instruction conducts more than 60 unique opportunities for professional learning yearly; totaling over 200 hours of training, in addition to site-based coaching visits to individual schools and classrooms. While professional development is very unique and targeted to the needs of the teacher, many of the sessions have addressed the implementation of newly-adopted high quality instructional materials in both English Language Arts and Mathematics.



Dr. Rachael Rudinoff, Director of Special Services
Ms. Courtney Casperson, Supervisor of Special Services
Dr. Marcia Mayhew, Supervisor of Special Services
Mrs. Jennifer Morris, Supervisor of Special Services

Vision: *The Smyrna Special Services Team will provide students access to a dynamic education within the Smyrna School District that inspires and promotes each student's academic promise.*

Mission: *The Smyrna Special Services Team engages in collaboration and problem solving with staff, students, and families to develop meaningful, comprehensive plans to support students' success.*



Special Services

The Special Services Office facilitates services for students in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Approximately 60 staff members support students and their families. We help school teams review data to develop meaningful plans that support students' attendance and academic progress. The Special Services Office monitors students' progress to ensure that they are receiving appropriate accommodations and specialized instruction within the least restrictive environment. Our team also provides direct services to students to support their developmental and social/emotional needs (e.g., specialized reading and math instruction, individual and group counseling, social skills development, mentoring, speech-language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, behavior support, and transition services). Our Community Resources team has provided support to families through food and school supplies. Our focus continues to be reducing barriers that prevent students from fully engaging in their educational experience.



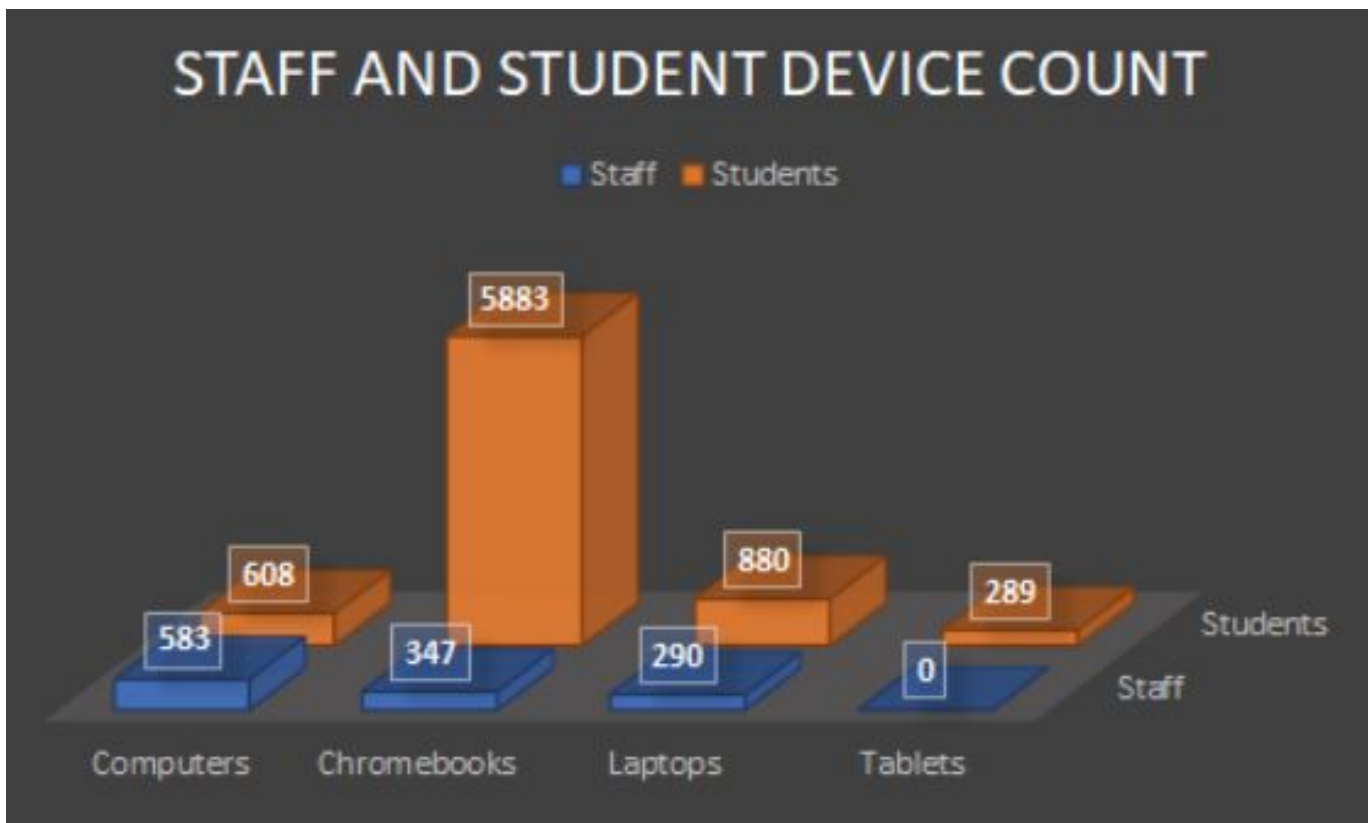
Mr. Shandy Wannamaker, Supervisor of Technology

Mission: *To provide technical leadership in support of teaching, learning and the goals of the district; and, offer excellent service to both staff and students while ensuring the integrity of educational solutions, information security, and continuous improvement through technology.*

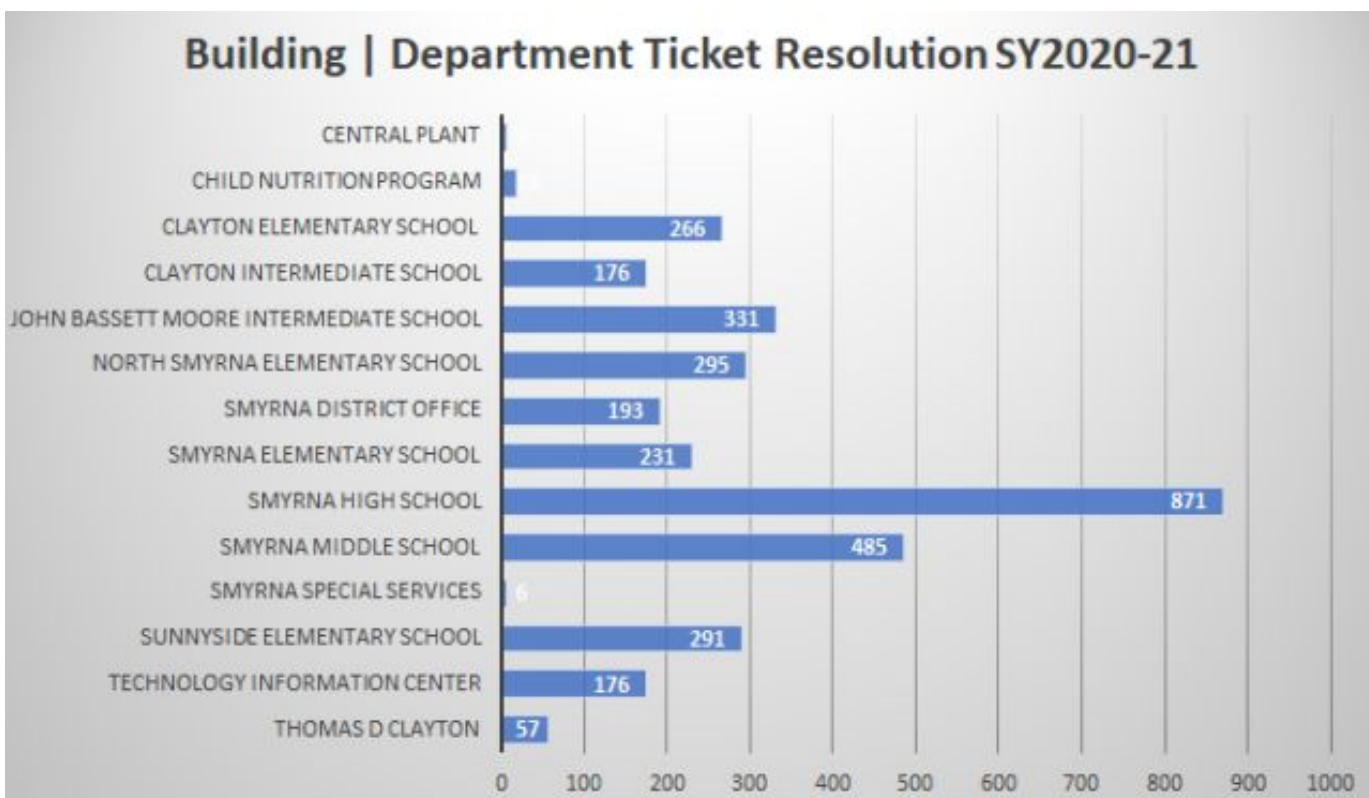
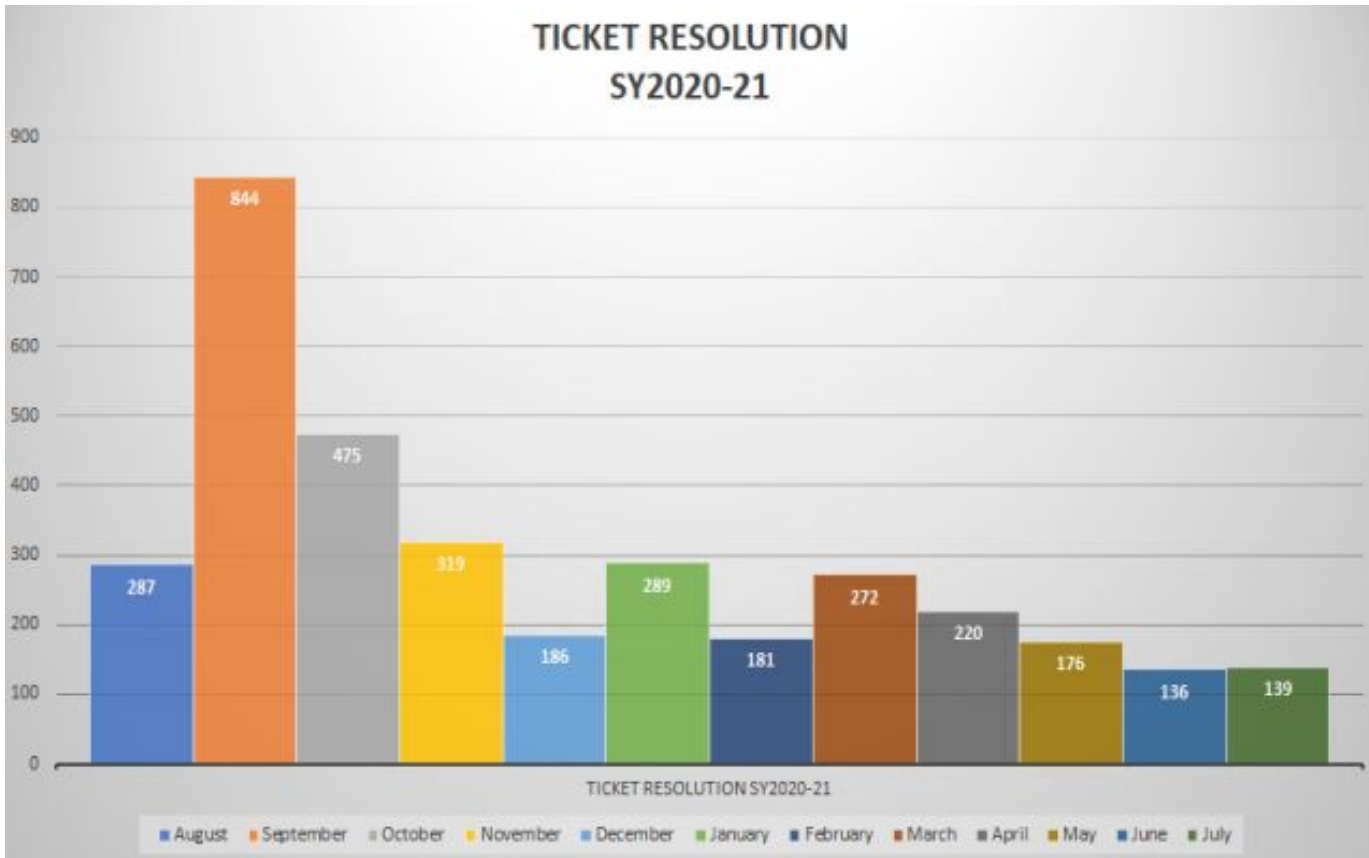
Vision:

- *Provide leadership and awareness on the impact, resource utilization, and feasibility of technology implementations.*
- *Build and maintain a robust and reliable network infrastructure that embraces any educational device.*
- *Respond in a thorough and timely manner to customer needs, changing technologies, and the challenges of compliance with local, state and federal law*
- *Collaborate with staff in securing district data through technological solutions and the utilization of industry best practices.*
- *Provide a stable, secure cyber environment for monitoring and protection of students and staff.*

Total Computing Devices Supported = 10,380



Mr. Shandy Wannamaker, Supervisor of Technology



Technology

Mrs. Kristen Kahl, Supervisor of Child Nutrition

Vision *Safeguarding that every student has access to nutritious meals at school, ensuring their optimal health and well-being.*

Mission *Meet the nutritional needs of the Smyrna School District students while providing attractive, diverse and nutritious food.*

Philosophy *The Child Nutrition Program is committed to a continuous student-centered, quality improvement process that will result in exceptional nutritional services.*

MEALS SERVED 9/2020 - 8/2021		
	Hybrid & Curbside @ Schools	Mobile Service via Buses
Breakfast	349,347	128,419
Lunch	399,000	127,955
TOTAL	748,347	256,374

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a USDA funded grant for North Smyrna Elementary. The grant allows Child Nutrition Staff to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to students three days per week. The Child Nutrition Program received \$22,399.00 for SY 2020/2021.

The Child Nutrition Program was granted a waiver for SY 2020/2021 due to the pandemic to serve meals to students under the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This Program is a USDA-based program that allows us to serve meals to the community and in school at no cost. We served breakfast and lunch in the hybrid setting each week. Every Wednesday, Child Nutrition served curbside and went mobile serving one week of breakfast and lunch meals at each school site for one hour as well as 10 mobile sites throughout the Smyrna/Clayton/Kenton area. We were able to outreach further within the District limits due to the bus drivers teaming up with Child Nutrition.



Mr. Nick Marvel, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds

Vision *To promote community support for the flexibility and adaptability to the school's changing needs in the area of population growth.*

Mission *The mission of the Smyrna School District Building & Grounds Team is to support the overall values of the District, while maximizing a safe, healthy, clean, pleasant and functional learning environment.*

Philosophy *The Buildings & Grounds staff is committed to a "One Team" effort to work together to keep our schools safe, clean, and attractive, both inside and out.*



Buildings & Grounds

2021/22 Highlights

- Through collaboration with building leadership, schools are clean and safe for students and faculty.
- Ample supply and efficient distribution of PPE for each school building and Transportation.
- Newly installed rooftop unit on the Agriculture wing at Smyrna High School, with another to be installed in April 2022 in the Guidance Office.
- Maintenance meticulously installed multiple pieces of new equipment and created a new room for our newly created Culinary Arts program at SHS.
- Custodial teams have worked extremely hard to keep all of our schools clean and inviting while adding a few new members to the team throughout the year, allowing us to serve the needs of the district more effectively as our district grows.
- As part of our advanced preventative maintenance schedule, the district is currently undergoing a district-wide chilled water study to help better serve our schools as well the HVAC systems that service them daily.
- Installation of various LED lighting upgrades to each school, ensuring dependability as well as the energy and cost saving benefits of LED.
- Continued utilization of the electronic work order system to ensure issues are handled in the most timely and efficient manner possible. Requests range maintaining appropriate temperatures in buildings, to faulty door hardware, to grounds maintenance.
- Preventive maintenance/safety checks are conducted on a monthly basis to district fleet vehicles, backup generators, and eye washing stations ensuring all are safe for operation for students and staff.



Dr. Jessica Weller, Supervisor of School Safety & Climate

Mission: *We are dedicated to teaching the whole child. We believe in the social and emotional well-being of every student. We are invested in trauma-informed, restorative practices, and student equity to create a culture of care. Our culture will achieve responsible and productive citizens for our community.*

Vision: *To promote a physically and psychologically safe environment for ALL who enter our schools, by ensuring social and emotional well-being through relationship building, positive classroom environments, and physically safe buildings.*



The Smyrna School District School Climate and Safety Department continues to implement social and emotional learning as well as restorative and trauma informed practices within our schools to offer a whole child learning approach to every student. The School Climate and Safety Department added two new Safety Specialists during the 21-22 school to ensure safety standards are met throughout the district. The Safety Specialists provide consistent safety and support to all of our schools by building relationships with the staff and students, completing safety assessments and all safety requirements needed. The School Climate and Safety Department enacted the district's first Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee during the 21-22 school year. The committee is diligently working on identifying the district's needs in training and other areas to support all who enter our schools. The department continues to provide SEL activities and lessons for all staff. The department planned and successfully held the district's first Fall Fest in October 2021, bringing the community together for family fun and connection. We are in our third year of the Take Care Delaware Program; which offers supports if needed, to students who have experienced police contact the night before the school day. The department continuously upholds our safety standards while creating innovative ways to keep all who enter our buildings safe and supported.



Mrs. Heather Moyer, Principal

Mr. Mike Daws, Associate Principal

Mission: *We are committed to a student-centered curriculum, positive and nurturing relationships, and a dedication to ensuring student success.*

Vision: *Building relationships where students feel loved, respected, and inspired to reach their full potential.*

Clayton Elementary School offers a dynamic, Common Core State Standards-based curriculum to each of our 503 (in-person and virtual) students in grades Kindergarten - 4. We have created an amazing culture of learning through our continued use of high quality instructional materials provided by Bridges for math and American Reading Company (ARC) for reading. Our teachers are so excited to have our students in front of them for the full 5 day week, and through their high quality instructional practices, they meet all of the academic, as well as social and emotional needs of their students. We are so proud of the perseverance and “Smyrna Strong” attitude that our staff and students display on a daily basis.

As things at Clayton Elementary School began to get as close to “normal” as possible, our CES Eagles took every opportunity to shine as they usually do. They had the opportunity to do an in-school Halloween parade, celebrate our Veterans during our annual Veteran’s Day Ceremony, participate in our first ever Steel Pan drumming concert, dress up for the 100th day of school, and participate in the always popular Read Across America week...just to name a few. Providing opportunities and experiences for our students to learn and grow is at the forefront of our building Mission and Vision. Of course this takes into account the social and emotional well-being of our students too. Our guidance counselor is extremely active in providing lessons on social and emotional topics as well as being a Champion for Restorative Practices.



Our very own school song sums it up perfectly: “Here we are at Clayton...it’s a place where good things are made of.” Every day we open our doors and strive to make those personal and lasting connections, create an amazing learning atmosphere, and mold the love of learning in our amazing students.



Dr. Amber Augustus, Principal

Mrs. Amanda Noll, Associate Principal

Mission: *Our staff, students, families, and community work together to provide an inclusive, safe, nurturing environment that puts students' needs first.*

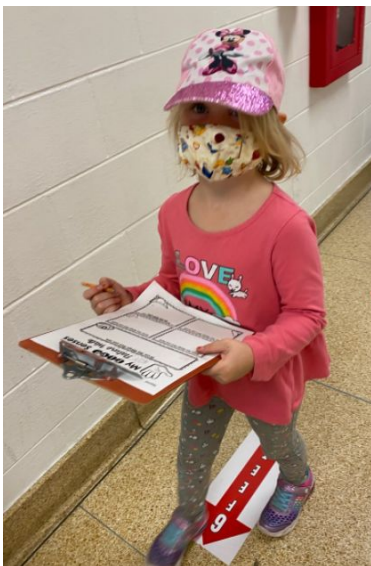
Vision: *Inspire, Nurture, and Celebrate Every Child, Every Day*

North Smyrna Elementary School is committed to excellence and strives to inspire, nurture, and celebrate every child, every day. Serving over 600 students from Early Childhood through 3rd grade, the experienced staff at NSE is dedicated to providing every student with enriching educational experiences centered in academic engagement, inclusiveness, and social-emotional learning. At NSE, the Smyrna School District Core Values of respect, responsibility, perseverance, integrity, and compassion are valued and incorporated into the daily culture. A plethora of programs are offered at NSE, which include the District's Early Childhood program, Spanish Immersion for grades K-3, the Comprehensive Learning Program for Kindergarten, and STEP Enrichment for students in 3rd grade. Additionally, North Smyrna Elementary participates in various programs and activities including: Read for the Record, Read Across America, school-wide reading challenges, family nights, Gentlemen of Distinction, Rock Your Socks, Spread the Word, and CHOP fundraisers. Not only that, the North Kindness Project is a movement that aims to spread random acts of kindness each month through various family projects. This year the North Kindness Project has already painted motivational rocks for the community, filled over 100 bags of food for Thanksgiving, collected donations for the local animal shelters, and participated in Buckets of Love. More activities are scheduled for Spring 2022.

The start of the 2021-2022 school year was celebratory and exciting. NSE welcomed back students for in person instruction five days a week! With the 1:1 technology initiative, blended learning has started to commence, providing students with an opportunity to learn both in a traditional, social setting, but also through the use of technology. This type of learning permits students to continue to build critical thinking and problem solving skills. NSE continues to utilize the Bridges Math curriculum and the American Reading Company's CORE program for Kindergarten-3rd grade. Kindergarten and First Grade students are benefiting from Heggerty, a research-based phonemic and phonological awareness program rooted in foundational reading skills, essential to reading development.



The Smyrna School District's Early Childhood Program received the 2021 Stars of Delaware award in the Fall of 2021, acknowledging the aptitude and success of the program. The Early Childhood program has established a solid itinerant service, and continues to offer developmental screenings for all children ages 3-5 in the Smyrna/Clayton/Kenton communities.



Mrs. Cynthia McNatt, Principal
Mrs. Leslie Gregory, Associate Principal



Mission: *To inspire every student to persevere, every day, to achieve their maximum potential and realize their personal dreams.*

Vision: *Smyrna Elementary mindfully creates a collaborative, respectful, unified partnership with our school families and continuously offers challenging academic experiences and enriching social activities to ensure comprehensive student success. SES strives to send each and every student home--each day--eagerly awaiting to return the next.*

The collaborative team at Smyrna Elementary School strives each and every day to send students home eagerly awaiting to return. To achieve this, Smyrna Elementary School provides a wide variety of programs aimed to meet the diverse academic, social, and emotional needs of our students. The teaching faculty and support staff continue to engage in meaningful training and utilize current, research-based programs and strategies in all core content areas. To support both staff and students, Smyrna Elementary School boasts both a building Reading Specialist and Math Specialist. In an effort to assist students with their social/emotional growth as well, Smyrna Elementary's dually-certified school counselor offers support in a variety of ways to students, staff and families. Smyrna Elementary focuses on the whole student--not overemphasizing one aspect of students' growth and development--but working collaboratively as a caring, compassionate, committed community of learners. Seamlessly blending academic learning activities--both in and out of the classroom and school--with community service-based experiences helps students explore a wide array of interests. Smyrna Elementary School is a place where fun, learning, and excitement coexists with responsibility, respect, compassion, integrity and perseverance to foster a desire of lifelong learning for all constituents and stakeholders.

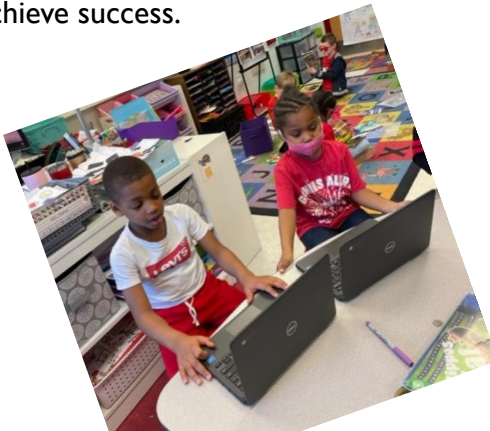
Mr. Michael P Grant, Principal

Mrs. Irene Buscemi, Associate Principal

Mission: *To create a positive atmosphere in which students strive to be a good person, do the right thing and follow the golden rule.*

Vision: *To create a safe and comfortable learning environment in which students and staff practice respect for one another while being the best that they can be.*

Sunnyside Elementary School serves 606 students from Kindergarten to 4th grades. At Sunnyside, we pride ourselves at building strong personal relationships with our students, parents, and our community. We are a family-friendly environment where our school and families come together to focus on all of the Smyrna School District's core values of respect, responsibility, perseverance, integrity, and compassion. All of our students enjoy a "whole child approach" that focuses on social, physical, and social emotional development. Working towards a common goal and striving to be our best through a growth mindset helps us achieve success.



Sunnyside implemented the "We Can Project" which helps students to be positive and use their talents to better their world. Students at Sunnyside Elementary have participated in family friendly events to engage the community like Family Movie Night, Dodgeball and Reading & Math Night. As a school, we have also participated in service projects to help our community such as raising money for Ronald McDonald House of Delaware, collecting mittens and gloves for others, "Stuff the Bus" food drive for our local food pantry, and supporting the Special Olympics.

Mr. David Paltrineri, Principal

Mrs. Melissa Buchanan, Associate Principal

Mission: *CIS is a place for learning, to inspire, to encourage, and to support teachers by providing a safe and loving environment to educate all so that both teachers and students can continue to build a foundation for lifelong learning.*

Clayton Intermediate School is the newest addition in the Smyrna School District when it opened its doors in September of 2012. CIS offers a comprehensive Common Core State Standard-based education to students in grades 5 & 6. The curriculum currently used is: Bridges in Mathematics and Illustrative Math Curriculum, American Reading Company's Core Curriculum and Study Sync ELA, Amplify Science and Next Generation Science programs and a comprehensive Social Studies program. These programs provide the materials and structure of our daily instruction. CIS offers students a well-rounded education with additional courses in music, chorus, band, physical education, art, library science, and technology.

CIS embeds a Multi-Tiered System of Support for our students so that they are receiving "just right" interventions in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Social Emotional Learning. We use a variety of curriculum and specialized programming to help our students. Our math teachers implement the thinking and practices of Universal Design for Learning. This allows teachers to create lessons that are designed to remove barriers to learning and provide multiple ways for students to represent their understanding. Students are taking ownership of their math learning!



CIS offers many organizations, clubs, and activities for students to exercise their gifts and talents. These organizations and clubs are Student Council, Art Club, Technology Club, Girls on the Run, Drama Club, STEP (Gifted and Talented), and Basketball Club. Students participated in many fun school activities including a Dodgeball Tournament, Halloween Dance, and Field Day!

Fostering listeners, learners, and leaders in every way, every day.

Mr. Steven Gott, Principal

Mrs. Amy Mumley, Associate Principal

Vision: *JBM will provide a safe, nurturing, and supportive learning environment.*

Mission: *The mission of JBM Intermediate is to provide a safe, family friendly, well-structured classroom experience where students are always supported, encouraged, and offered opportunities through meaningful lessons in the classroom and support in the community.*



At John Bassett Moore Intermediate School, students are challenged with high-level thinking in our standards-aligned reading, math, science, and social studies curriculum. Throughout the school day, students are engaged in a blended learning model using technology, enriching classroom discussions, and rigorous academic activities. Our students have made tremendous growth in reading through our teacher's and student's commitment to the IRLA program. John Bassett Moore Intermediate School has embraced the Responsive Classroom model. JBM teachers have invested time creating classroom communities, developing and teaching expectations, and involving students in energizers and classroom circles.

Throughout the year, the JBM Student Council organizes many school-wide activities which include Spirit Days, Holiday Hoopla, Candy Grams, and Rock Your Socks. JBM also offers many other school-based activities such as band, chorus, STEP, Spanish Immersion, as well as, Girls on the Run after school.



Mrs. Stephanie Smeltzer, Principal
Mrs. Whitney Irwin, Associate Principal
Dr. Christine Seitz, Associate Principal
Mr. Erik Wilson, Associate Principal

Vision *Develop successful students as future productive citizens by providing academic and extra-curricular opportunities in an inclusive environment.*



Smyrna Middle School serves 1,070 seventh and eighth grade students in the Smyrna School District. Students are on a ninety-minute block schedule having eight different classes. Students are on one of four teams which determines their primary hall for core classes and team activities. These teams participate in weekly SEL activities throughout the school year. Students have the opportunity to take not only their core courses, but PE, Health, Home Ec, Inclusion in our Community, Band, Chorus, Ag Science, STEM, Creative Writing, Art, Spanish, Sign Language, Brain Games, Computer Tech, Public Speaking, Geography, Sports History, Family Consumer Science, and Wellness.

Students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of clubs; including Special Olympics, Book Club, FFA, Drama Club, Home Ec, Chess club, STEM-TSA club, Debate Club, Ruby's Crew, SGA, Art, and National Junior Honor Society. We offer a variety of sports for the Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons, such as cross country, volleyball, football, field hockey, soccer, cheerleading, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, lacrosse, and track.

Our academic programs ask students to challenge their thinking and analyze materials as they learn. Using Restorative Practices and considering Trauma Informed Care, we are working as a staff to promote wellness with our students. We have weekly mindful Mondays with SEL lessons for all students and homework help hours. We also provide students with opportunities to seek the support of our counselors to advocate for themselves in their learning. It is our goal to provide a safe learning environment where students can achieve academic success.



Through collaboration between families and SMS staff, students will: be provided with equitable opportunities that are academically challenging, commit to excellence and perseverance, have a safe learning environment, develop positive interpersonal skills, and maintain success, productivity and purpose through their middle school experience.

Mrs. Stacy Cook, Principal
Mr. John Camponelli, Associate Principal
Mr. Leon Clarke, Associate Principal
Mr. Clarence Davis, Associate Principal
Ms. Julia Tulloch, Associate Principal
Mrs. Dainelle Hampton-Morton, Associate Principal

Mission: *Smyrna High School is devoted to providing a safe and student-centered school family by creating opportunities for all students to be Champions within the classroom, campus, and community by making connections and building dreams for all students.*

Vision: *To provide our students with the skills needed to reach their full potential in a competitive and ever-changing world.*

The Smyrna High School motto is "Making Connections & Building Dreams". It is the goal of our staff to provide an educational environment that enables all of our 1700+ students to connect the content of their classes and involvement in school activities to their personal dreams for the future. We provide many different educational settings for our students including Dual-enrollment, Advanced Placement, Honors, College Preparatory, Academy classes, Team-taught classes, and small-group settings. These settings enable us to meet the needs of a variety of learners with many different levels of support. Some highlights from the past year are:

- SHS offered 19 Advanced Placement courses in the 2020-2021 school year. In May 2021, 172 students took a total of 303 exams, and 49% passed with a score of 3 or better. Twenty-three students were recognized as AP Scholars. Of those students, 8 earned the distinction of *AP Scholar with Honor* (receiving an average score of at least 3.25 on exams taken & scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams), and 4 were recognized as an *AP Scholar with Distinction* (receiving an average score of at least 3.5 on all exams taken & scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more of these exams).
- SHS has continued its partnerships with Delaware State University, Delaware Technical Community College, University of Delaware and Wilmington University to offer 14 dual enrollment courses, taught by SHS faculty on our campus. These opportunities to earn both high school and college credit are offered at no cost to students.
- We continue to expand and update our existing Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs. The Culinary & Hospitality Management Pathway added the 2nd level course of the pathway this year and will offer the 3rd level course of the pathway in 2022-2023. Our CTE pathways offer students the opportunity to earn articulated credits at local universities through completion of the pathway courses, in addition to the dual enrollment opportunities in the K-12 Teacher Academy, Early Childhood Education Teacher Academy, and Allied Health pathways. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, we will offer a dual enrollment course in our Business, Finance, and Marketing Department, which will be available to students enrolled in any of the business pathways.

All Delaware high school students are required to complete a “career pathway” to graduate. A career pathway means three credits of sequential courses designed to develop knowledge and skills in a particular career area. Smyrna High School offers over 20 different career pathway options that are divided into 7 schools of study (or areas of study). For more information about the pathways and the courses within each pathway, please refer to the Course Catalog on the [SHS website](#).



The School of Agricultural and Natural Resources

- Animal Science & Management Pathway
- Natural Resource Management Pathway
- Plant Science Pathway
- Agricultural Power & Engineering Pathway
- Agricultural Structures & Engineering Pathway



The School of Business, Finance, and Marketing

- Academy of Business Information Management Pathway
- Academy of Finance Pathway
- Accounting Pathway
- Computer Science Pathway
- Digital Communication Technology
- Marketing Today Pathway



The School of Education

- Early Childhood Teacher Academy Pathway
- K-12 Teacher Academy Pathway



The School of Leadership Studies

- Aerospace Science & Leadership Pathway
- Jobs for Delaware Graduates Pathway



The School of Performing and Visual Arts

- Instrumental Music Pathway
- Theatre Arts Pathway
- Visual Arts Pathway
- Vocal Music Pathway



The School of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) & Professional Studies

- Allied Health Pathway
- Culinary & Hospitality Management Pathway
- Professional Academic Pathway
- Project Lead the Way Engineering Pathway



The School of Life-centered Career Studies

- Vocational Studies Pathway

Smyrna Middle/High-Athletics



**2021 Field Hockey
DIAA Division I Runner-Up**

Mission: To train, educate, and motivate student-athletes within the Smyrna School District to reach their highest potential in athletic competition and life.



**2021 Football
District Champions
DIAA 3A Runner-Up**



**2021 Boys Track & Field
DIAA Division I Runner-Up**

	SMS	SHS
Spring 2021	NA	218 (no sub-varsity teams)
Fall 2021	140	253
Winter 2021-22	70	166



**2021 Girls Track & Field
DIAA Division I Runner-Up**

Additional Championships & Accomplishments

- 2021 Softball Division Champions
- 2021 Boys & Girls Track & Field Conference Champions



**2021 Girls Soccer
DIAA Division I Runner-Up**



**2021 Unified Track & Field
DIAA State Champions**

Summer Feeding Program

In the summer of 2021, the Child Nutrition Program provided breakfast and lunch meals to students attending Summer Academy and the 12-Month Program. Classes were held at Smyrna Elementary School and Smyrna Middle School from July 5, 2021 through August 9, 2021. Child Nutrition also teamed up with the Delaware Literacy Program and provided backpacks to students at our weekly curbside service on August 11, 2021.



Smyrna School District Fall Fest welcomed back our school families after being affected by the Pandemic. We celebrated the Smyrna School District community with music, food, and fall-inspired fun activities for all.



Food Pantry at Smyrna Middle School

The Harry K. Foundation, Food Bank of Delaware, and Smyrna School District are continuously partnering together and supporting the food pantry at Smyrna Middle School. This food pantry is for families with a student/students in the Smyrna School District. The food pantry provides food items supplied by the Food Bank of Delaware and local donations, personal hygiene items, household products and other items that the students in the district have requested be donated.



Smyrna's Community Connection



Little Lending Libraries have been installed at all eight school buildings and the administrative complex on Monrovia Avenue. All libraries contain books to share for all levels of readers for children and families from all over the community.



The Smyrna School District Special Services Office was pleased to be able to bring back the annual Winter Harvest sharing event. The event had a successful turnout with 321 students and family members attending. The Special Services Office is proud to bring joy and sharing back to our community.

The Smyrna School District Bookmobile made a triumphant return beginning in Summer 2021, giving away over 5,000 books to readers of all ages at district-sponsored events and making regular stops at the following locations:



- Smyrna Swim Club
- Boys & Girls Club
- Holly Hill Estates
- Kenton Community Center
- Talon Court
- McClane Gardens
- Smyrna Police Department



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