



Fall 2022-23

SCHS hosts CTAE Career and College Day attended by 700+ students and 56 Business and Industry Reps

November 18 was the day before Thanksgiving Break, and in keeping with the grateful spirit of the season, we are grateful for all the support received by local business and industry representatives along with our college admissions personnel who were able to attend our event. Representatives of every pathway toward a career were in attendance. Healthcare, education, manufacturing, entrepreneurship, finance, and agriculture were all heartily represented, giving students in grades 8-12 an up close and personal opportunity to interact and engage. This event had several years of attendance prior to 2020 and we are thankful to be able to put it on once again. Students, teachers, and participants all provided positive feedback and plans are already being made for next year.

SCHS students gain valuable insight to the worlds of business and industry by participating in the CTAE Career and College Fair event held Nov.18. Below: Standridge provided students with employment outlook and potential paths for related careers.



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CTAE Highlights

Early Childhood Education

Social Circle High School is fortunate to have one of the most highly esteemed Early Childhood Educators in the state of Georgia. Mrs. Janice Garrett possesses a treasure trove of knowledge and experience in teaching secondary students the *ins and outs* of becoming a teacher. Much like their own secondary teachers, her students take part in learning that help them be better educators, including “ethical practices”, “digital learning”, and “foundational literacy.” The best, most experiential learning, however, comes almost every morning at 9:30 am when their pre-school students begin arriving. Each Mon-Thurs, the students in ECE are the pre-school teachers for fifteen children aged 3-4. (Cont. p.3)



2022-23 marks the first school year that SCHS students have been able to participate in Work-Based Learning (WBL) in both the afternoon and morning. As of now, we have a marginally small number of students taking part in the morning sessions of WBL, but for those students, the opportunity to put in some work hours in the morning has been rewarding.

We spoke to two students currently working an AM shift at Standridge Color Corp. who have expressed some positive feedback in being able to do work, earn money and class credit, all while leaving them available to participate in after school activities. Meet Will Atha and Paul Kendall, both baseball players for SCHS. More than that, these two seniors are both high achieving academically and work before school each day for what amounts to a part-time job.

When asked about the their participation at Standridge Color Corp. the two students shared similar sentiments about the positive influence the work was having and not just on their income. "Working at Standridge has given me a jumpstart toward achieving my career goals" said Atha when reflecting on what this opportunity means to him. He further said that he enjoys the work and has found the option of working in the morning a benefit to his already busy schedule. Kendall echoed his workmates' sentiment adding that the work was 'low stress'. Kendall is a forklift operator as of this past November. Having turned 18 years of age he is eligible for more than just lining up at the voting booth. Attaining forklift certification is a big step for all young adults looking to increase their human capital and demand for the labor they can provide. This skill has taken him into the inventory side of Standridge's operation where he is responsible for off loading deliveries.

Mrs. Julie Brand, WBL Coordinator for SCHS, pointed out that these two students are prime examples of why we as a school district are offering our businesses in the community and our students the morning flex option when it comes to scheduling work. The benefit to students is immense, but it can be a relief to businesses as well looking to attract and grow its quality workforce. WBL is a win for all involved.

Mrs. Brand went on to say, "Will and Paul are just two of the eleven students Social Circle High School currently has working internships through Standridge Color Company. We are so excited to see both the technical skills and soft skills students are learning on the job- these things simply can't be taught as effectively in the classroom. Thank you to Standridge and others for supporting our students during and beyond their high school years in this work."

If you are interested in finding out more about WBL and opportunities that may be available to you through CTAE programs, please visit our our webpage on the SCHS website or reach out to Mrs. Julie Brand, now located in the Media Center, for information.



Seniors pictured above: Will Atha and Paul Kendall.

WBL has been a success for many of our students looking to "jumpstart" their careers and now students can participate morning or afternoon.



Early Childhood Education cont.- This pre-school operates as a business and affords Mrs.Garrett, as the



supervisor, the chance to introduce her students to experiences that are relevant and meaningful and the essence of real-world involvement. When asked about the experiences her students are exposed to in her class, Mrs.Garrett said, "I am always impressed by the professionalism with which our

high schoolers approach their role as educators to the preschoolers who join us each day." Mrs.Garrett has a background in running daycares as a business and it is this experience which has allowed her to share her expertise with her high school students in Social Circle over the last few years.

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Several of Mrs.Garrett's current students had feedback regarding their current coursework through the Early Childhood Education pathway. Kesleigh Lowe, a current ECE III student and preschool teacher also assists at the primary school in a classroom two mornings a week. "I am planning to major in Early Childhood Education and would like to become a 4th grade teacher. Teaching in the SCHS preschool has helped me better understand children, how they think, and why they act certain ways at certain times. I have learned how to plan lessons, manage a preschool program, and to always be organized." Kiley Hester, who is currently an ECE II student, had the following to say about her experiences thus far: "Dealing with kids helps you see what ages you would like to work with in the future. You also see how much patience is required to work with young children. In teaching preschool, you definitely have to be organized and manage your time well."

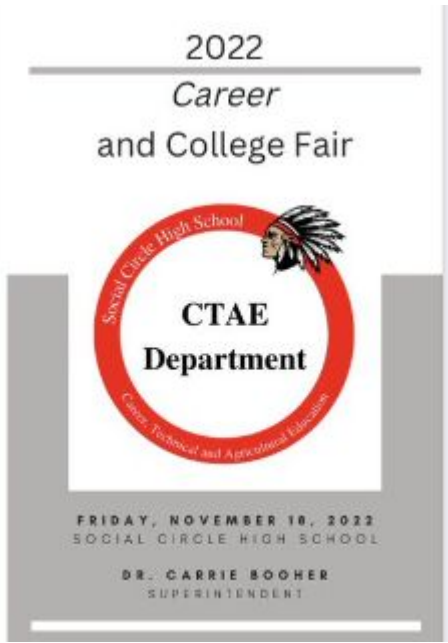
Pictured above: (top) Kesleigh Lowe, 11th grade; (bottom) Kiley Hester, 11th grade working with students at this year's Santa's Workshop.



Pictured Left: Members of Mrs.Garrett's Early Childhood Education class participated in the Homecoming parade this past October representing Future Georgia Educators (FGE).



SCHS Career and College Fair - Pics





JROTC - Raiders and Air Rifle



The SCHS JROTC program continues to impress with all that it does. The Raiders competitive team led by SSgt.T.Dignan finished 2nd in the state this year and competed in Nationals placing 7th overall (pictured above)

Continuing their 2022-23 competitive season, the Air Rifle Team, led by Co.B.Chick, has had multiple home matches this season and will continue to “aim to be the best” through the end of their season in March. (Pictured left)



Upcoming Events

- Toy Drive sponsored by FGE and FFA through Dec.16.
- Santa’s Workshop for youngsters age 3-7 will be Dec.10.
- We are planning to bring the SCMS 8th grade students to us this March in advance of finalizing 2023-24 schedules. Step-up day will be followed by a CTAE curriculum night as well. Stay tuned for info.

2022-23 CTAE Calendar

Event	Grades	Dates
Toy Drive (FFA/FGE)	HS	Nov-Dec
Santa’s Workshop (FGE)	HS	Dec. 10th
Christmas Holidays	ALL	Dec 16 – Jan 1
CTAE Month	All	Feb 1-Feb 28
8th grade Step-up Day	8th grade	Mar 1-2
CTAE Curriculum Night	All	March 2

SCCS CTAE - Who We Are

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