

SHS NEWS

October 2023

A note from Dr. Leviner:

Summerville Families:

Thank You very much for the warm welcome that I have received since arriving to SHS! I have enjoyed meeting parents and community members and hearing your thoughts and feedback as we progress into the school year.

I encourage you to stay informed through our School Facebook Page & School Webpage.

We hope you find this Newsletter helpful. We plan to do a monthly newsletter.

 M. Swinn

Upcoming events:

- ☐ 10/2-10/6 - Homecoming Week
- ☐ 10/4 - Homecoming Parade
- ☐ 10/5 - School Picture Day
- ☐ 10/19 - End of the 1st Quarter
- ☐ 10/20 - No school! Staff Day

I would like to....

Send my student to after school tutoring

Tutoring is every Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 on the A Hall after school. Transportation is not provided at this time.

Schedule my student's IGP for next year

Reach out to your student's Guidance Counselor!

Pay a fee, apply for free or reduced lunch

You can pay all fees on our school website!

Access my student's Schoology acct

Reach out to your student's teacher. They can give you an access code that will connect ALL of your student's classes, clubs, and school announcements.

Help my student join a club

Visit the club page on the school website:

<https://shs.ddtwo.org/extracurriculars/clubs-organizations>

Important Senior info:

OCT. 24	Senior Class Meeting in the Auditorium at 10:30 am
OCT. 26	Senior Portrait makeups during the school day at SHS
OCT. 31	Senior Class Orders 9:00am-2:00 pm in the Media Center OR online!
MAY 22	Grad Practice at 7:30 AM at SHS
MAY 25	GRADUATION! 2:00PM at the N. Charleston Coliseum



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SHS HOCO  2023

Date	Dress up Theme	Event	Other Info
Monday 10/2	WHAT'S YOUR TYPE?	Class Warfare 	Big Gym 3rd Block \$2
Tuesday 10/3	Rhyme w/o Reason Duo/Trio	THE HOMECOMING GAMES & Candidate Introductions	Big GYM 2nd block \$2
Wednesday 10/4	GENERATIONS DAY 9 th -babies 10 th -elementary 11 th - Middle Aged 12 th Senior Citizens	Seniors only Bingo 	Café 1 st Block \$2
Thursday 10/5	Barbie & Ken Dress Your Best	SUMO Wrestling 	Big GYM 4 th Block \$3
Friday 10/6	Gold Out	HOCO PEP RALLY 	Big Gym 1 st / 2 nd Block \$3
Saturday 10/7	A NIGHT AT SEA 	HOMECOMING DANCE SHS STUDENTS ONLY 7-10 PM SHS Café	All tickets sold online only seniors may bring a guest

BUS TRANSPORTATION
Student IDs Required
beginning Oct 2nd

Beginning Monday, October 2nd, students utilizing DD2 Bus Transportation MUST have a school issued physical ID (no photos of IDs on phones will be accepted) in order to access bus transportation.

Students can order through their Clever on their student device a replacement ID at a cost of \$5.00

Please download and register for the Traversa App for access to route times

School Picture Day Schedule **- October 5th:**

Announcements will not be made for students to leave class for photos.

School pictures are not mandatory.

Students without photos taken will not be in the portrait section of the yearbook

Last Name	Appointment Time
A – B and all PM Voc students	10 am
C – D	10:15
E – F	10:30
G – H	10:45
I – J	11:00
K – L	11:15
M	11:30
N – O	11:45
P – Q	12:00 pm
R	1:15
S	1:30
T	1:45
U – V and all AM Voc students	2:00
W	2:15
X, Y, Z	2:30
Any student who did not take a photo	2:45

OCTOBER @ SHS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 - B Day 3rd/4th – Pep Rally HOCO 4:30pm – Girls Tennis vs. FDHS (HOME) <i>(postponed from 9/26)</i> 6:30pm – Band Booster Club Mtg (Band Room) 7:00pm – Boys Volleyball vs. May River (Away)	3 - A Day 1st/2nd – HOCO Event 4:00pm – Girls Golf vs. West Ashley (HOME – Miler) Release @ 3:00pm 5:00pm/6:30pm – JV & Varsity Volleyball vs. Stall (Away)	4 - B Day Elementary Early Release 6:00pm – Homecoming Parade 7:00pm – Boys Volleyball vs. FDHS (HOME/Gym)	5 - A Day SCHOOL PICTURE DAY ILT – Voter Registration (Media) 3rd/4th – HOCO Event 4:00pm – Girls Golf vs. Berkeley & Pinewood (HOME – Miler) 4:30pm – Girls Tennis vs. West Ashley (HOME) 5:00pm/6:30pm – JV & Varsity Volleyball vs. West Ashley (HOME/Gym) 6:00pm – B Team Football vs. Buthane-Bowman (HOME) 7:30pm – JV Team Football vs. Oceanside (HOME)	6 - B Day 1st/2nd – Pep Rally 7:30pm – Football vs. Stall – Homecoming (HOME) – Cross Country Wendy's Away Invite – Varsity Only (Charlotte) TBD – Girls Golf 5A Regional Tournament (TBD)	7 7:00pm-10:00pm – Homecoming Dance (Cafe) TBD – Rally at the Ridge Cheer Competition (ARHS) 9:00am – Cross Country Wendy's Invitational (Charlotte) TBD – Swim Team Region Meet (TBD)
8 TBD – Summerville Italian Festival (Hutchinson Square)	9 - A Day 4:30pm – Girls Tennis vs. ARHS (HOME) – Release @ 3:00pm – 5:00pm/6:30pm – JV & Varsity Volleyball vs. ARHS (HOME/Gym) 6:00pm – School Board Mtg (DO)	10 - B Day 5:00pm – SIC Mtg (Media) 7:00pm – Boys Volleyball vs. ARHS (HOME/Gym)	11 - A Day Blood Drive in Media Center 4:30pm – Girls Tennis vs. FDHS (Away) 5:00pm/6:30pm – JV & Varsity Volleyball vs. FDHS (Away)	12 - B Day 6:00pm – B Team Football vs. West Ashley (HOME) 7:30pm – JV Team Football vs. West Ashley (HOME) 6:00pm – Boys Volleyball vs. ARHS/Cane Bay' (Away @ Cane Bay)	13 - A Day 9:45am-10:15am – NJROTC Navy Bday Celebration (Cafe) 7:30pm – Football vs. West Ashley – Televised – MyTV CHS (Away)	14 7:30am – Cross Country Coaches' Classic – Varsity 7 (Newberry) TBD – Swim Team Girls State Meet (Columbia)
15	16 - B Day Civics 1st Qtr Post-Test TBD – Swim Team Boys State Meet (Columbia) ALL DAY – Lower State @ CC of South Carolina in Sumter	17 - A Day Constitution Day TBD – Girls Golf Lower State Tournament (TBD)	18 - B Day	19 - A Day End of 1st Quarter 10:00am-12:00pm – College Application Day (Media) 6:00pm – B Team Football vs. ARHS (HOME) 7:30pm – JV Team Football vs. ARHS (HOME)	20 Teacher Work Day No School for Students 7:30pm – Football vs. ARHS (Away)	21 8:00am – Cross Country CC's at Fort Jackson (Columbia)
22	23 - B Day 6:00pm – School Board Mtg (DO) ALL DAY State Tournament @Mid Carolina CC	24 - A Day Steel Band SNAP Fundraiser ends ALL DAY State Tournament @Mid Carolina CC 10:30am – Senior Class Mtg (Band) 6:30pm – 8th Grade IGP Night: 6:30 pm (Band)	25 - B Day AM – PSAT / Pre-ACT (10th Grade) TBD – Cross Country Region Competition (Wanamaker Park)	26 - A Day SENIOR GRAD & UNDERCLASSROOM PORTRAIT MAKE UP DAY 8:00am-11:00am – Accuplacer Test (Media) 6:00pm – B Team Football vs. FDHS (Away) 7:30pm – JV Team Football vs. FDHS (Away) 6:30pm – Early College Parent Interest Mtg (Band)	27 - B Day Early College Application Window Opens @ 7:00am Civics 2nd Qtr Pre-Test 7:30pm – Football vs. FDHS – Senior Night (HOME) ALL	28 11:00 am-5:00 pm – PTSA Auction (Cafe) 6PM – Miss Green Wave Pageant (Band) TBD – Patriot Cheer Classic Regional Cheer Competition (FDHS) TBD – SHS Dance Co Performs (Coastal Carolina Fair)
29	30 - A Day AM – W/IN Testing Window Begins (Senior Retakes / 1st time Seniors)	31 - B Day 1st/2nd – Senior Halloween (Miler-Gym) 9:00am-2:00pm – Senior Class Orders (Media)				

SOUTH CAROLINA ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS FOR COURSE CREDIT

IT'S STATE LAW!



SC LAW MANDATES MINIMUM STUDENT "SEAT TIME" IN CLASSES TO RECEIVE HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT.

STUDENTS MAY ONLY MISS:

- 3 DAYS IN A 45 DAY CLASS
- 5 DAYS IN A 90 DAY CLASS
- 10 DAYS IN A 180 DAY CLASS

CREDIT DENIAL AND RETENTION

EXCESSIVE ABSENCES (EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED) MAY RESULT IN CREDIT DENIAL AND CAN AFFECT A STUDENT'S PROMOTION OR RETENTION STATUS.

If your child misses more than maximum allowed days in a course, the parent/guardian will be notified by the school. The student will then have the opportunity to apply for Seat Time Recovery. On a case-by-case basis student applications will be reviewed and options for STR will be provided. There is no charge for Seat Time Recovery.



FAILURE DUE TO ABSENCES (FA)

IF THE STUDENT DOES NOT MAKE UP SEAT TIME AS OUTLINED IN THE SEAT TIME RECOVERY APPLICATION OR HAS EXCESSIVE ABSENCES IN A CLASS, AN FA (FAILURE DUE TO ABSENCES) WILL BE POSTED ON THE TRANSCRIPT FOR THAT CLASS, AND A GRADE OF (50) WILL BE AVERAGED INTO THE STUDENT'S GPA.

SEAT TIME RECOVERY

Students can complete "seat time recovery" to make up required hours and assignments. Sessions will be determined on a case-by-case basis. ex: before/after school, Saturday, or virtually.

EXCEPTIONS TO IN CLASS ATTENDANCE

1) Field Trips 2) College Visits (3 per year) 3) Extracurricular Activities, to include school sponsored athletics, clubs, and arts programs



WE UNDERSTAND THINGS COME UP

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO MISS SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD LONGER THAN 3 DAYS DUE TO ILLNESS, THEN THE STUDENT'S COMPLETION OF ONLINE COURSEWORK IN SCHOLOGY MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR SEAT TIME REQUIREMENTS BASED ON NEED. THIS WILL BE GRANTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

SOUTH CAROLINA ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance	Students	Phone Extension	Email
Donna Pratt	Attendance 9-12 Grade S-Z	51032	dpratt@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Anita Murphy	Attendance 9-12 Truancy	51039	amurphy@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Cindy Lee	Attendance 9-12 Grade A-R	51031	clee@dorchester2.k12.sc.us

Requirements to be Counted Present for the School Day

Students must attend school for 50% of the instructional day to be counted present.

Explanation/Clarification

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) states that a school year consists of 180 days of instruction. Depending on whether your student attends elementary, middle or high school, the length of the instructional day varies. In calculating the length of the school day, a student must be present for a minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total instructional day to count as one of the 180 days required by the SCDE. This includes "Early Release" days. An "Early Release" day is not a full instructional day, therefore, on "Early Release" days the student would need to be present for the entire time to be counted present for the day.

Lawful/Excused Absences

- ♦ The absence is caused by the student's own illness and whose attendance in school would endanger his/her health or the health of others.
- ♦ The absence is due to an illness or death in the student's immediate family.
- ♦ The absence is due to a recognized religious holiday of the student's faith.
- ♦ The absence is due to school activities that are approved in advance by the principal.

Unlawful/Unexcused Absences

- ♦ The absence of the student without the knowledge of his/her parent/legal guardian.
 - ♦ The absence of the student without acceptable cause with the knowledge of his/her parent/legal guardian.
 - ♦ Absences not approved by the principal.
- ### Suspension(s)
- ♦ Suspension(s) are not to be counted as an unlawful/unexcused absence for truancy purposes.

Required Excuses

Within three (3) days after returning to school, the student must submit a written excuse explaining his/her absence. If applicable, the student may also submit an excuse from the doctor. If a student does not submit an excuse, his/her absence will be considered unlawful/unexcused.

The excuse should include the following information:

Student's Name
Date the excuse was written
Date(s) of the absence(s)
Reason for the absence(s)
Signature of the parent/legal guardian
Telephone number



Seat Time Requirements for High School Classes

Students must meet academic and attendance requirements in order to receive credit in high school courses. Absences are accrued per course. Excessive absences may result in credit denial and can affect a student's promotion or retention status. Students with excessive absences, whether excused, unexcused or a combination thereof, are subject to failure due to absences. Students with excessive absences may make up work in addition to taking advantage of Seat Time Recovery (STR). Students may be denied credit for:

- * Any absence in excess of 10 days for a course meeting 180 days (meets daily year-long),
- * Any absence in excess of 5 days for a course meeting 90 days (semester block or year-long A/B), or
- * Any absence in excess of 3 days for a course meeting 45 days (meets daily for a quarter).

Students may make-up missed class time by participating in Seat Time Recovery (STR). Students are expected to complete assignments during this time. If STR is not completed, then a grade of FA (Failure due to Absences) is assigned regardless of the grade in the course. It will carry no earned points; however, it will be factored into the student's GPA as a 50. The student may need to retake the course to attempt and receive credit.

By law, all absences must be made up within 30 days of the course ending before credit can be given. Administration cannot complete required paperwork for obtaining a driver's license unless the student is in compliance with the South Carolina Truancy Law. One (1) hour of STR = 1 class absence. STR requires prior registration and Administrator approval. Hours cannot be banked and transportation will not be provided. STR opportunities may be provided before school, after school, Saturdays, or virtually.

Waiver Options

Field Trips - School sponsored field trips with documented attendance will satisfy the days instructional requirements.

College Visits - Juniors & Seniors are allowed up to three (3) college visits per semester. For credit, students must bring written proof of their visit to the institution on the college's letterhead the day they return to school. Failure to do so will count as an Unexcused Absence and will count against your allotted absences per semester.

Extracurricular Activities - School sponsored extracurricular activities, to include athletics, fine arts, and school sponsored clubs that require a student to be out of class during a normal instructional day will count in an equivalent manner as a field trip.

Check the school's website for the STR schedule.

HELPFUL CONTACTS

2023 – 2024 Counselor Assignments & Phone Extensions

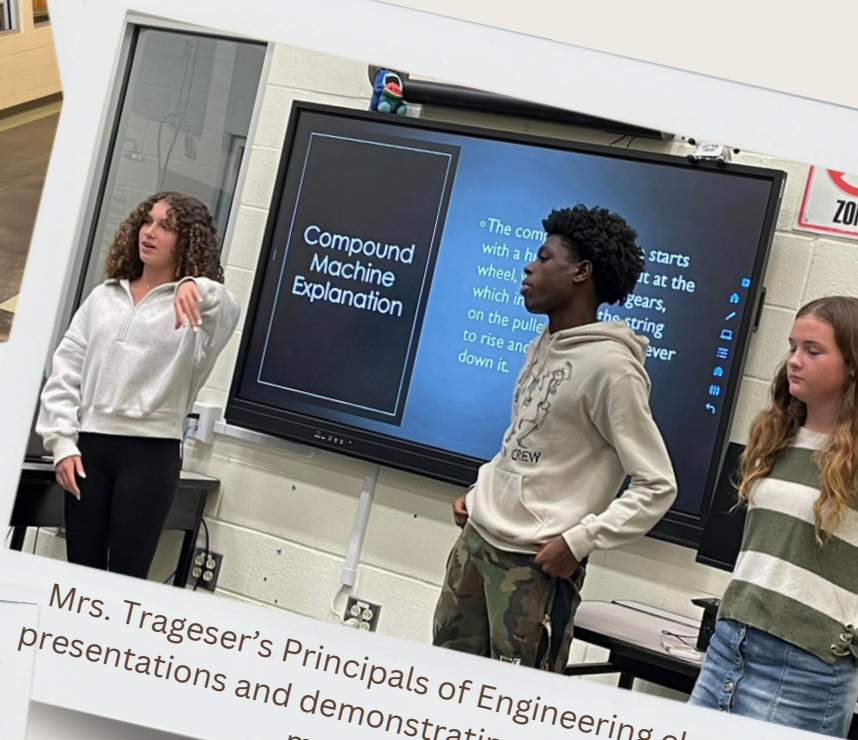
Name	Caseload Grade	Alpha Group	Phone Extension	Email
Jessica Wood	9 th Grade	A – G	51029	jewood@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Ben Miller	9 th Grade	H - P	51072	bmiller@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Jenelle Howard	9 th Grade	Q – Z	51071	jenhoward@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Tyler Wynne	9 th Grade/9R	2 nd year P & I/1 st year Special Populations	51027	twynne@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Pat Toliver	10 th – 12 th Grade	A – B	51023	ptoliver@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Kevin Deeter	10 th – 12 th Grade	C – E	51189	kdeeter@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Mara Kiehl	10 th – 12 th Grade	F – Hi	51028	mkiehl@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Michael Keim	10 th – 12 th Grade	Ho – L & Early College	51026	mkeim@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Ashley Knowles	10 th - 12 th Grade	M – Pe	51037	aknowles@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Sarah Stewart	10 th – 12 th Grade	Ph – Sp	51024	sarstewart@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Leslie Davis	10 th – 12 th Grade	St – Z	51025	lesdavis@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Tiffany Ravenel	10 th – 12 th Grade	3 rd & 4 th year P & I; Special Populations	51070	travenel@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Darryl Tucker	Multiple Grades	Career Development; Military Liaison	51073	dtucker@dorchester2.k12.sc.us

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Admin	Students	Email
Michelle Leviner	Principal	mleviner@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
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Jonathan Rushin	A-C (10th-12th)	jorushin@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
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Jennifer Plane	Assist All Bus Concerns	jplane@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
John Speer	Assist All Truancy	jspeer@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Matt Legare	Athletic Director	mlegare@dorchester2.k12.sc.us



Mrs. Donoghue's Media Tech 1 students practicing their interviewing and camera work



Mrs. Trageser's Principals of Engineering class giving presentations and demonstrating how their compound machines operate



Class Presidents at Dr. Robbins' Student Liaison Meeting



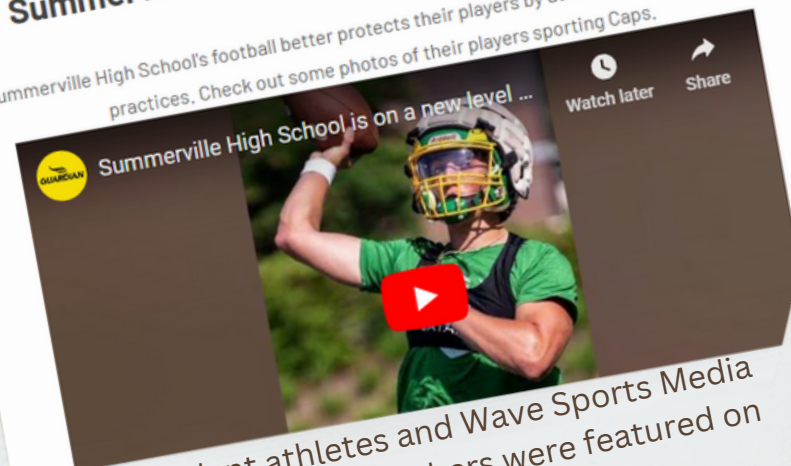
Mr. Pelletier's Mechatronics 2 students working on their welding skills



Summerville's Latin Club sent 3 students to Atlanta this July for the National Junior Classical League Convention!

Summerville Elevates Player Safety in Practice

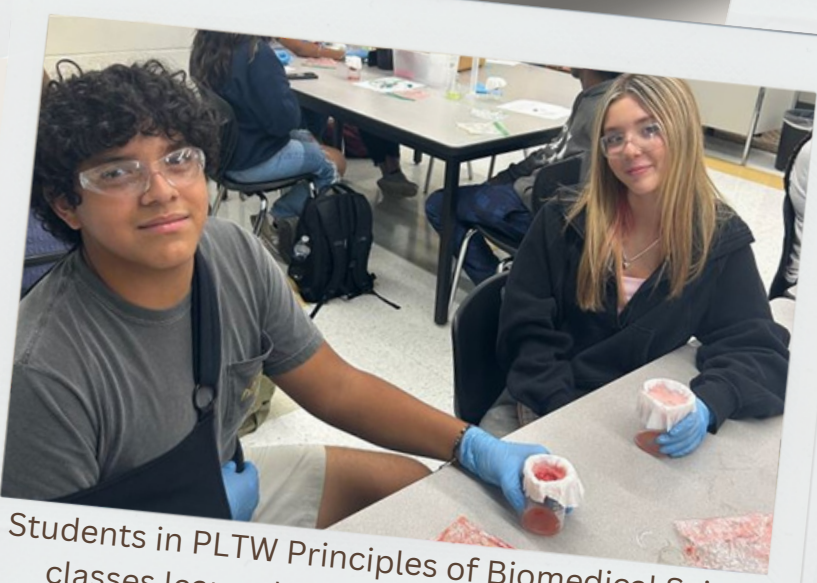
Summerville High School's football better protects their players by utilizing Guardian Caps for practices. Check out some photos of their players sporting Caps.



Student athletes and Wave Sports Media student photographers were featured on Guardian Sports' website



Coach Ayers' Employability Education classes popped popcorn for teachers, and Leadership students helped pass it out to teachers



Students in PLTW Principles of Biomedical Science classes learned the basics of DNA by building models and extracting DNA from strawberries



AP Chemistry students in the lab



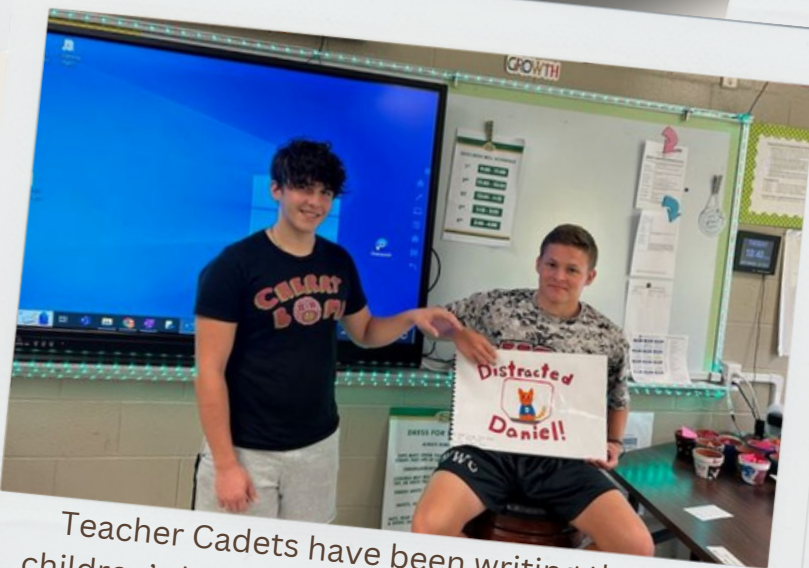
Mr. Richardson's Musical Theatre Class worked on Songwriting with Ms. Danielle Howle, a professional and local Songwriter.



Students in Personal Finance collaborated to work on real-life budget simulations



Ella Reece was named a National Merit Scholarship Semi Finalist!



Teacher Cadets have been writing their own children's books that focus on the theme of self-esteem



Olivia Brown earned a College Board National African American Recognition Award!



NJROTC Color Guard performed at the Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program