



ROBERTSON COUNTY SCHOOLS TOGETHER FOR EDUCATION

Celebrating Student Success, Together



Photo: CMS vs Sycamore



THE MONTH AHEAD

9/1/2025	Labor Day (schools closed)
9/5/2025	Q1 Progress Reports
9/8/2025	School Board Meeting
9/15/2025	PD Day No students

From the Desk Of . . .

DR. DANNY L. WEEKS | DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Thank you for your support as we have started the school year. August has flown by, and it has been a joy to see and hear about the wonderful things happening across our schools. We are excited about the alignment of goals and expectations as we continue to grow opportunities for our students and our community.

A special thank you to our staff for keeping up the great work and for continuing to make a difference in the lives of students each day! We are all blessed beyond measure.



BACK TO SCHOOL!

Robertson County Schools sets out on a brand new education adventure for the 2025-2026 school year. As summer winds down, there's a special kind of anticipation in the air. Backpacks are packed, new shoes are laced, and students across Robertson County are looking forward to the familiar halls and relationships of school life. Whether it's the experience of new classroom adventures or the joy of seeing friends after the break, the first days of school are ones of excitement.



Community Spotlight

Partners in Education

As we kicked off a new school year, our schools were surrounded by the generosity and encouragement of our community partners:

- Jo Byrns High School – Huge thanks to Adams United Methodist Church and Adams Church of Christ for donating so many school supplies to our students. We are so appreciative of your support!
- White House Heritage High School & Robert F. Woodall Elementary – Thank you to David and Daisy from State Farm in White House, TN for the warm Krispy Kreme treats, and to Mike Gaines State Farm for more donut goodness. You made back-to-school mornings extra sweet!
- Greenbrier Elementary – We are grateful to Agape Church for the love and support you consistently show to our faculty and staff.
- Greenbrier Middle School – Thank you to Greenbrier Police Department, Greenbrier Fire Department, GMS Cheer, and GMS Dance for welcoming our students back with smiles and school spirit.

We're thankful for every act of kindness and partnership that helps our students and staff start the year strong.



WHHHS - Mike Gaines State Farm



RFWES - Mike Gaines State Farm



GMS - Greenbrier PD, Greenbrier Fire



GES - Agape Church



Jo Byrns Red Devils

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Industry Partnership Fuels Student Success in Welding

For the third year in a row **Unarco Pallet Rack & Engineered Systems** in Springfield has donated all the equipment required for the students to take Dual Enrollment Welding I with **Tennessee College Of Applied Tech Nashville** at Springfield High School.

These are high school students that are taking an early step toward a career and Welding certification. This course is offered to students across the district through the district partnership with TCAT. Unarco provides the equipment needed to make the student successful in learning and it is theirs to keep after the program. The partnership between they SHS TCAT Welding program and Unarco shows a great investment from industry into Robertson County Schools' students. Thank you Unarco for your continued support!



Heritage FFA Grill Master Champions!

2025 BEEF BBQ COMPETITION WILSON COUNTY FAIR

White House Heritage High School's team brought home top honors at the 2025 Tennessee FFA Grill Masters Beef Barbecue Competition, held Monday, August 18th, at the Wilson County Fairgrounds.

Competing against others, the White House Heritage team earned the title of Grill Master Champions. Their winning steaks impressed the judges and showcased their skill in beef preparation, a requirement of the competition hosted by the Tennessee Beef Industry Council in partnership with the Tennessee FFA Foundation.

Thanks to sponsorship from Co-op, the team won a new smoker and a \$150 prize for the White House Heritage FFA chapter!



“
I really value three big
things: growth,
leadership, and
friendship.
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- Laura Dean



Photos courtesy of WKRN News 2 Youtube

WKRN Community Playmaker Award

INNOVATION ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEER COACH

Laura Dean is a cheer coach and was awarded as this August's Community Playmaker! College Hunks Hauling Junk and Moving are celebrating local sports leaders and coaches.

“From GES Academic Coach to Innovation Academy’s Cheer Coach, our very own Mrs. Lauren Dean makes a commitment each day to stand up for students in Robertson County.

Growth is one of her main focuses, not only in the classroom but on the cheerleading floor as well.

Congratulations Mrs. Dean for being WKRN’s Community Playmaker.”

- Greenbrier Elementary School Facebook

VIDEO LINK: WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=7J1P4-5G6RQ





ROBERTSON COUNTY SCHOOLS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!



Name: Barret

School: WAT

I play golf with my dad. I have only played one game. We played nine holes. I didn't keep score. I was with my Dad and one of his friends. When I grow up I want to be a monster truck driver. It will be called American Smasher. It is going to be like a regular monster truck but with an American flag on it and maybe a monster truck smashing it.

Favorite Book: Magic Tree House

Favorite Subject: P.E.

Future Career: Monster Truck Driver



Name: Sarah

School: CMS

I like my teachers the most about CMS! I do Drama club and I also plan on trying out for the basketball team. I love to read and play with my seven dogs. When I grow up I want to do something with horses, maybe a trainer?! I am most excited about making new friends this school year and our Drama production in the spring!

Favorite Book: Phantom Stallion

Favorite Subject: Math

Future Career: Horse Trainer



Name: Brandon

School: ERHS

What I enjoy most about school is that there is always something going on. From a trip to city hall to drop off a hundred Toys for Tots, to a scavenger hunt for other students with me going around to six or seven classrooms, and even just sitting down and learning about the Albany Plan of Union, I'll always find something to do here!

Favorite Book: The Bible

Favorite Subject: Mathematics

Future Career: Judge

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U.S. Secretary of Education
Linda McMahon



Meeting with Secretary of Education

AUGUST 13

Robertson County Schools Director of Schools Dr. Danny Weeks was one of just three Tennessee school district directors recently selected to join U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon during her “Returning Education to the States Tour,” visit to Knoxville on Wednesday, Aug. 13. His invitation to take part in the event and roundtable discussion underscored the importance of Robertson County’s role in Tennessee’s efforts to strengthen literacy.

Secretary McMahon visited Knoxville as part of her tour, which will eventually include all 50 states, and is a direct action to carry out President Trump’s promise to return education control and decision-making back to individual states. She began the day at a Knoxville elementary school, where she also met with local education leaders. Later, she toured the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, meeting with President Randy Boyd, Chancellor Donde Plowman, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, and other educators to learn about the Tennessee Reading Research Center and literacy initiatives across the state. Dr. Weeks participated in this event and was able to share initiatives that have been implemented in Robertson County Schools.

McMahon commented on her visit and pointed out one of the reasons the state was part of her tour kickoff. “Tennessee is setting a powerful example in education by making bold investments in early literacy,” she said. “.....It was a pleasure to continue my Returning Education to the States tour in the Volunteer State and see the good work they are doing firsthand.”

Governor Bill Lee offered his thoughts as well, saying, “Like Tennessee, Secretary McMahon understands that every child has unique needs, and I’m grateful for her commitment to return education to the states and strengthen literacy outcomes. Tennessee’s successful K-3rd grade literacy strategy has helped our students lead the nation in reading proficiency gains, and I look forward to continuing these strong results in partnership with the Trump Administration.”

Robertson County Schools is proud to have been chosen to participate in such an important event.





CHRIS TUCKER, PRINCIPAL OF SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
Tennessee Education Association

8/20/25

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATIONS IN K-12 EDUCATION

TN JOINT

TENNESSEE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

Tennessee Education Association Invites Dr. Tucker to Speak Before House & Senate Committees

AUGUST 20, 2025

Dr. Chris Tucker, principal of Springfield High School in Robertson County, recently addressed members of the Tennessee legislature's Advisory Committee on Innovations in K-12 Education. Entering his fourth year as principal, Dr. Tucker leads the largest and most diverse school in Robertson County, with over 100 staff members and 83 teachers.

In his remarks, Dr. Tucker emphasized two major themes: the challenge of time for school administrators and the importance of targeted teacher support. He explained that principals balance countless responsibilities—from ensuring classrooms run smoothly to handling daily operations—while also striving to provide meaningful instructional leadership. “Time is of the essence,” Tucker said, noting the difficulty of prioritizing coaching and feedback for teachers who need it most.

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Dr. Chris Tucker
Principal of SHS





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TENNESSEE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION



REPRESENTATIVE MARK COCHRAN (R)
Englewood - District 23

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TENNESSEE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

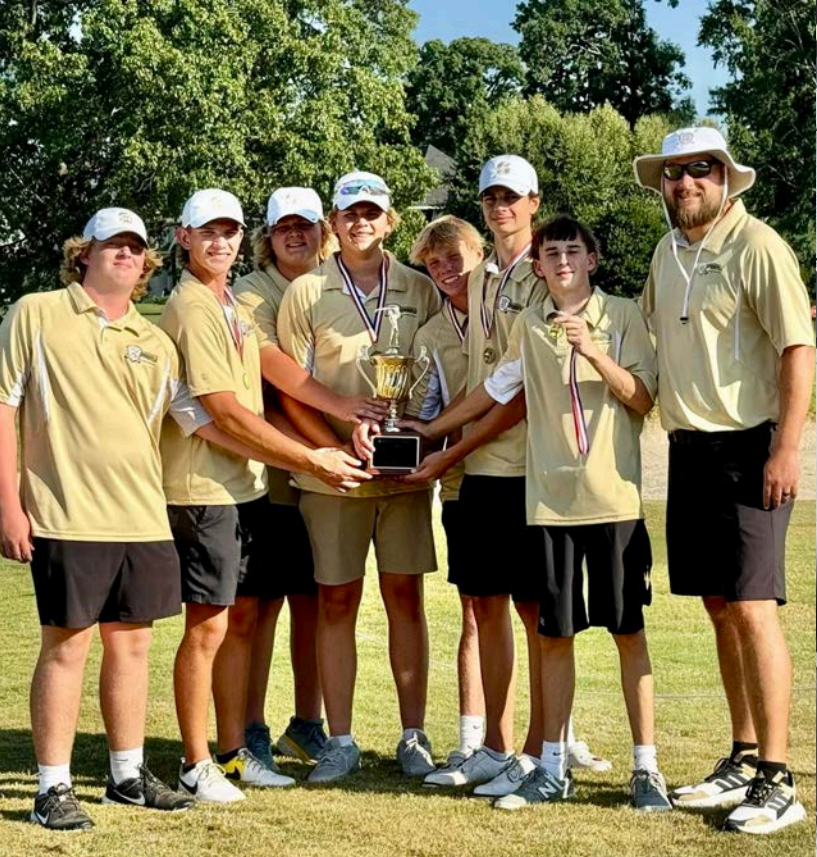
Drawing on his experience as a former football coach, Dr. Tucker compared teacher development to supporting players at different stages of readiness. He highlighted the need to devote more attention to early-career teachers, many of whom are working under permits or waivers, to ensure they receive the coaching and encouragement necessary to succeed.

Dr. Tucker also raised concerns about Tennessee's teacher evaluation system, particularly the heavy focus on numerical scores. With more than 100 measurable indicators in a single high school lesson, he noted the challenges of applying a uniform rubric across diverse teaching roles such as special education, fine arts, and career and technical education. "Numbers matter," he said, "but we also need context to breathe life into those numbers."

While acknowledging progress, Dr. Tucker stressed that the system should place greater value on constructive feedback and professional growth, rather than an overemphasis on ratings. "If we can find a way to strike that balance," he said, "I think we're going to move in the right direction."

Closing his remarks, Dr. Tucker reaffirmed his commitment as an instructional leader to growing and supporting teachers so they can, in turn, best serve students. "There is no third, fourth, or fifth string in education," he said. "We must continue to invest in every educator to move the needle for our students."





Fall Sports Are Back!

The start of a new school year also means the return of fall athletics, and excitement is building across our schools. At the middle school level, students are suiting up for football, girls' soccer, and volleyball.

These teams are ready to showcase their hard work, talent, and teamwork as they compete in their season games.

High school athletes are also back in action, with football, volleyball, golf, and cheerleading leading the way this fall. And of course, marching bands filling the stands with music and excitement to keep school spirit alive.

Fall sports not only bring energy to our campuses but also provide opportunities for students to grow through discipline, leadership, and teamwork. We encourage everyone to come out and support our teams at a game this season, and we thank our coaches, parents, and volunteers for the time and dedication they give to prepare and organize these opportunities for our students.

Springfield HS Jackets Golf Teams





District Recognizes Six TVAAS Level 5 Schools!

Six schools in Robertson County were honored by visits from district administrators congratulating them for achieving the highest growth scores possible.

Cheatham Park Elementary, Watauga Elementary, Greenbrier Middle, Greenbrier High, Springfield High, and Innovation Academy all were recipients of cakes and balloons honoring their progress. These schools earned a level 5 for their work.

To earn this Level 5 status, a school must demonstrate that they were “most effective,” and that there’s “significant evidence that the school’s students made more growth than expected,” according to the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System, or TVAAS. State education officials describe TVAAS scores as part of the measuring process that defines, “the impact schools and teachers have on their students’ academic progress.”

Robertson County Schools is proud of the hard work these schools have demonstrated and the recognition they’ve achieved!





Robertson Co. Roots Celebrating our Alumni

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*Be consistent, hold
your head high, and
walk with grace.*

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SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2019

Elecxus Ellis

BUSINESS OWNER





This month, we are proud to feature Elecxsus Ellis, a 2019 graduate of SHS, who has turned her vision into a thriving business and a platform for giving back.



At just 20 years old, Elecxsus founded Koffee Broz in 2021 and has since grown it into a successful business and community hub. As the owner, she oversees every aspect of operations, from leading her team and managing daily responsibilities to developing new products and building community partnerships. One of her most recent initiatives includes hiring CDC students through work-based learning to work alongside her staff, providing them with valuable real-world job experience and professional skills.



Elecxsus' accomplishments extend far beyond running a business. Through Koffee Broz, she has partnered with Austin Peay State University, launched a free tutoring program to help students succeed, and committed to giving back 15% of proceeds to local schools. Her team donates MacBooks to students in need, mentors youth after hours, and creates a safe, judgment-free space where young people can learn, grow, and feel supported. In addition to offering coffee and community, Koffee Broz has expanded to provide catering for corporate events, weddings, and special occasions.

Never one to stand still, Elecxsus is also developing her second business, Girlz Vend Too, which will supply vending machines with essential products on college campuses. At the same time, she is pursuing a degree in Business Management at Austin Peay State University, applying what she learns in the classroom directly to her entrepreneurial ventures.



Looking back on her time in Robertson County Schools, Elexcus credits her education with instilling resilience, perseverance, and a strong sense of community. Growing up in a small town with limited resources and at times being underestimated taught her to push forward and inspired her commitment to creating opportunities for others.

Two teachers in particular, Mrs. Hannah Thomas and Mrs. Nancy June Damer, left a lasting mark on her life. Their kindness, encouragement, and belief in her, even when she didn't always believe in herself, showed Elexcus the power of having someone in your corner. Today, their example fuels her passion for mentoring students through Koffee Broz, where she strives to provide that same support and guidance.

For Elexcus, every step of her journey, from launching successful businesses to giving back to her community, is an accomplishment. Her advice to students who dream of following a similar path is to stay consistent, trust the process, and believe in themselves even when others don't. "Keep God first in everything you do," she says. "Success doesn't happen overnight—it comes from hard work, persistence, and staying true to your vision. When you lead with faith, confidence, and determination, there are no limits to what you can achieve."

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RCSTN
College &
Career Fair
2025**



Over 50
Colleges, Universities,
and Businesses ready
to meet students!









**SEPT
17TH**

5:00 PM
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7:00 PM





Springfield High School
5240 Hwy 76 E
Springfield, TN 37172

FOR MORE INFO, SEE YOUR
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

RCSTN 2025 College & Career Fair

Mark your Calendar! This is your chance to explore what's next after high school and start shaping your future. Talk directly with representatives from colleges, universities, and local businesses! Ask questions, compare programs, and discover opportunities!

Date: September 17th 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Springfield High School 5240 Hwy 76 E Springfield, TN

Whether you're planning to attend college, start a technical program, or enter the workforce, the College & Career Fair is the place to gather valuable advice, make important connections, and collect resources to help you succeed.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Certified
Starting
Salary**

\$51,612

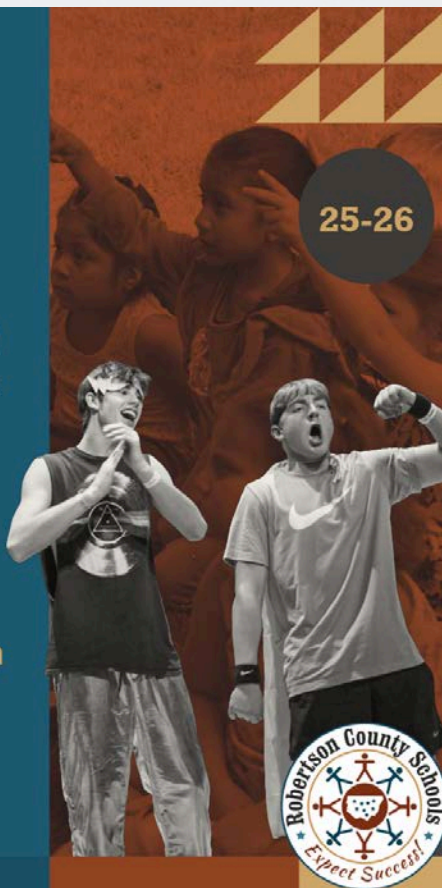
Insurance 90% Family
Coverage

\$30,000 Life Insurance
Provided at No-Cost

Section 125 Cafeteria Plan

Retirement Plan (TCRS)

And More!



**WE ARE HIRING
TEACHERS!!**

Join RCSTN Today!

We're seeking dedicated teachers who want to empower students to reach their fullest potential and help strengthen our community for the future.

Join us in shaping a learning environment where high expectations and innovation prepare every student for success.

Starting Teacher Salary: \$51,612

- Insurance 90% Family Coverage
 - \$30,000 Life Insurance Policy (no cost to employee)
 - Section 125 / Cafeteria Plan (provider: USABLE)
 - Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System
 - 403B Plan (provider: Ameriprise Financial Services)
- Additional employee discounts, benefits, and programs!!*

Current Openings:

- K-5
 - Spanish
 - 6-12 Mathematics
 - 6-12 Physical Education
 - Special Education
- *Requirements: Must hold a bachelor's degree.*

**Interested in teaching on a permit or job-embedded license?
We'd love to hear from you!**

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