

THE HOWLER

“LEAD THE PACK, FIND YOUR PATH, & HOWL WITH PURPOSE”

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JONES



HHuskies,

Student success is at the heart of everything we do at Howard Middle School. Success looks different for each student, but it always begins with showing up, staying engaged, and putting forth consistent effort. Whether it is academic growth, positive relationships, or building confidence, our goal is to help every student find their path forward. When families, staff, and students work together with a shared commitment, great things happen for our children.

This week at Howard Middle, I was reminded again how much daily attendance matters. When students are present each day, they stay connected to their teachers, their classmates, and the routines that help them feel a sense of belonging and security. Even on days that feel a little “off,” like a Tuesday that feels like a Monday, being here makes a difference. Consistent attendance allows students to fully engage in learning rather than constantly trying to catch up.

Staying on top of classwork is another key to student success, especially as we move deeper into the second semester. When students are given meaningful, purposeful work, we consistently see higher levels of engagement and ownership. This is especially important when classes are moving quickly or when schedules are disrupted. Completing assignments, asking questions, and using available support time helps students build confidence and avoid unnecessary stress. These habits now will pay dividends as expectations increase later in the year.

As we look ahead to GA Milestones, it is critical that students are actively working in AR, Waggle, and Freckle on a regular basis. These programs are not just extra practice—they are targeted tools designed to strengthen reading, math, and problem-solving skills aligned to state standards. Students who consistently engage with these platforms are better prepared, more confident, and more comfortable with the format of Milestones-style questions. We encourage families to check in with students about their progress and help them build a routine that includes time for these resources.

Finally, we have an exciting and busy end to the week here at Howard. The District Spelling Bee will be held tomorrow morning at Central High, and we wish our participants the very best of luck. Additionally, we are proud to host the County Wrestling Championship tomorrow in the Howard High Gym. Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we work together to help our students Lead the PACK and Find Their Path.

H2...You Know!

Principal Jones

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TBD-Open house 5:30-7:00pm

ATHLETICS

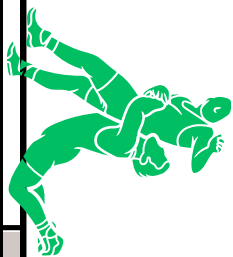
SCHEDULE THIS WEEK



**GIRLS
BASKETBALL**
1/26/26
5:30PM
@WEAVER



**BOYS
BASKETBALL**
1/26/26
6:30PM
@WEAVER



WRESTLING CHAMP
1/24/26
9:00
@HOWARD HIGH



“SPORT”LIGHT

We celebrated our 8th Graders this past week and we get to host Wrestling Championships this weekend!

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOL AND GEAR UP



Energy Assistance

Connect | Advocate | Partner

Georgia Power Discount and Resource Day in collaboration with Operation Soft Back Books

Saturday, January 24th from 12 PM to 3 PM

Greater Little Rock Baptist Church

2046 Felton Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31201



Key Benefit: At this event, you'll have the chance to explore programs that could help reduce your monthly bill. In fact, you may be eligible to receive a **\$33.50 monthly discount on your Georgia Power bill with our Income Qualified Discount Program.**

Who's Eligible: Account holders **at any age** that meet **ONE** eligibility:

- Receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Participate in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (formerly HUD or Section 8),
-or-
- Seniors 65 years or older and have an income at or below 200% of the federal income guidelines

How to Participate: You're welcome to join us in person at the event, or if it's more convenient, you can learn about the program and apply online anytime by visiting www.georgiapower.com/discountshelp.



**Here To Help.
Here For You.**



Howard Middle School – Parent Notification
Your student has signed up for Central Georgia Technical College Dual Enrollment courses and will remain after school on January 13 from 4:45–5:45 PM for College Application Completion and to take the ACCUPLACER assessment for course placement.

Transportation will not be provided.
Parents/guardians must pick up students promptly at 5:45 PM.

Contact:

Paula Smith, Graduation Advisor
478-779-3514

Student Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



STORY TIME



Congratulations to our 8th Grade Cheerleaders & Basketball Players who participated this year! They were celebrated this week at our last home game against Twiggs County and both teams brought home a win!

All photos from that night can be found on our Facebook Page!