

The Voice From Within

June 2018

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

Our Focus:
Student Achievement, Accountability, Attendance
Turning It All Around

Dr. Thelma F. Sojourner, Superintendent

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*Congratulations
to*

*Denmark-Olar High School
Class of 2018*

Dear Parents and Community:

On behalf of the Senior Class of 2018, Bamberg School District Two is proud to announce that the graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, June 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Denmark-Olar High School Gymnasium.

Graduation is a highly esteemed ceremony that marks an outstanding period of accomplishment for each student. In order to provide a ceremony that will properly honor our graduates, we respectfully request that graduates and their guests adhere to the following guidelines:

- Guests should plan to arrive at the gymnasium at least 30 - 45 minutes before the ceremony to allow ample time to be seated. The ceremony will begin promptly at **6:00 p.m.** All doors will be closed at **5:45 p.m.** After the Class of 2018 is seated, **NO ONE ELSE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE GYMNASIUM.**
- All balloons/flowers will be placed in a secure location at the front of the gymnasium and may be picked up following the ceremony. No balloons/flowers will be allowed inside of the gymnasium during the graduation ceremony.
- Please allow small children the opportunity to use the restroom facilities prior to the ceremony.
- Careful attention to the ceremony is requested. Please refrain from loud outbursts and the use of noise-making devices. Each graduate deserves to hear his/her name called during the ceremony.

Please remember that NO PERSONS will enter the gymnasium after 5:45 p.m. The doors will be locked.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thelma F. Sojourner

Superintendent

District Welcomes New High School Principal



Dr. Deonia Simmons

The Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Dr. Deonia Simmons as Denmark-Olar High School principal, effective July 1, 2018. This appointment follows a search that began when Mr. Mickey Pringle announced his intention to retire after eleven years at the high school, having served as assistant principal and principal. The Board remains grateful for the leadership and contributions made by Mr. Pringle.

Dr. Simmons is a 1988 graduate of Denmark-Olar High School. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Voorhees College and his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and his Doctoral Degree in Organizational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dr. Simmons currently serves as Principal at Kingstree Senior High School in Kingstree, South Carolina. In his new role as principal at Denmark-Olar High School, Dr. Simmons envisions his responsibilities to include, but not be limited to, providing effective, consistent and visible leadership for all staff and students; supporting educators in examining pedagogical practices and analyzing student data to enhance teaching effectiveness; overseeing the efficient operation of each facet of the high school, including non-academic services; hiring, coaching and evaluating education-professionals; providing education-professionals with support in analyzing and using student academic performance data to tailor instructional practices; and ensuring site compliance with all regulatory and legal requirements governing the school and its staff.

Along with the excitement of coming home, Dr. Simmons says that he accepted the principal's position at Denmark-Olar High School because the position affords him the opportunity to use his various school and district level administrative experiences to make a positive difference in the lives of this country's greatest resource – our children. Dr. Simmons' vision for Denmark-Olar High School is to make it one of the premier high schools in the state of South Carolina. He believes that the fulfillment of the vision for Denmark-Olar can be accomplished through prayer, hard work, and commitment by all stakeholders.

Dr. Simmons' philosophy of education is rooted in a strong belief that it matters not from whence one has come, but what matters most is his desire to take the gifts that have been divinely bestowed upon him and make the most out of them! His philosophy of education is that anyone who plays a role in educating a child must make every effort to encourage, enlighten, and educate every child to their fullest extent – no excuses, no exceptions!

Rita Murdaugh-Sease Memorial Scholarship Awarded



From left to right - Monnie Sease, Jr., Tonja Sease, Shakeria Johnson, Reverend Henry Murdaugh



From left to right - Deloris Chatman, Monnie Sease, Jr., Reverend Henry Murdaugh, Tonja Sease, Shakeria Johnson, and Peggy Tyler

On May 18, Ms. Tonja Sease, daughter of the late Mrs. Rita Murdaugh-Sease, presented a scholarship in her mother's memory to Denmark-Olar High School student, Shakeria Johnson. Ms. Sease stated, "It was an honor to give a scholarship to such a well deserving student at Denmark-Olar High School in memory of my mother, Rita Murdaugh-Sease. My mother's impact on education in that community is a legacy that is both needed and deserving and, through this memorial scholarship, we can ensure that these students have a head start to their success." Mrs. Sease taught for many years in Bamberg School District Two and made many valuable contributions to the improvement of the lives of children and the community.

Dr. Sojourner extends her appreciation to Ms. Sease for her unselfish love for people which prompted her to give to our student.

**Education is the passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to those
who prepare for it today.**

Malcolm X



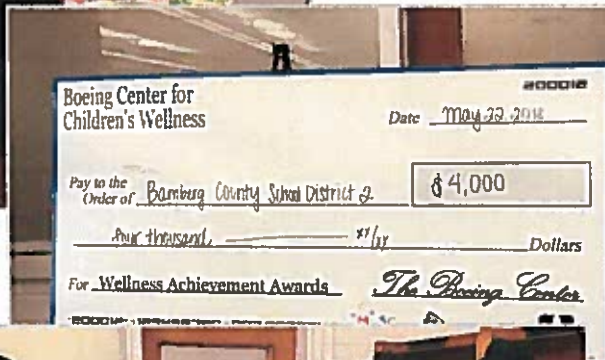
MUSC Boeing Center for Children's Wellness

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This year's GRAND PRIZE WINNER in Denmark-Olar School District Two was Denmark-Olar Elementary!!! Nurse Chisolm and her wellness team did such a great job focusing on wellness this year! We enjoyed seeing all of the indoor garden projects and cannot wait to see those outdoor gardens next school year!



**2017-2018
Grand Prize Winner!**



This win was no doubt a team effort! Our students are more engaged in physical activity outside of recess and PE. Teachers are encouraged to have "brain breaks" inside of the classroom to get students up and moving. Students are also encouraged to make healthier food choices such as drinking more water and less sugary drinks.



Congratulations to the Denmark-Olar Elementary School Staff!

Denmark-Olar High School Students to Participate in Summer Programs

Denmark-Olar High School students will participate in the following summer programs:

Clemson Emerging Scholars
Cohort Q (new students): June 6-13
Cohort P: June 17-June 30
Cohort O: July 8-July 28

Denmark-Technical College
CyberSTEM Day Camp 2018
Raspberry Pi and Python Programming
July 23-July 27, 2018

Voorhees College
Consortium Enabling Cyber Security Opportunities and Research
CECOR High School-June 25-29

Please call the high school if additional information is needed.

Denmark-Technical College
Upward Bound
Move in- Sunday, June 24, 2018
(6 Week Residential College-Readiness Program)

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

July 2018

- 4 Holiday
- 9 Summer School Ends

August 2018

- 7 Substitute Teacher Training
- 13-17 Professional Development Day
- 14 New Employee Orientation
- 20 First Day for Students

September 2018

- 3 Labor Day Holiday
- 18 Interim Reports Due
- 25 Early Release Day

October 2018

- 22 45th Day - End of 1st Quarter
- 30 Reports Cards Issued

November 2018

- 6 Election Day - Holiday
- 20-23 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2018

- 4 Early Release Day
- 13 Interim Reports Due
- 21 Winter Holiday Begins for Students
- 21 Inclement Weather Day/
Teacher Work Day

January 2019

- 7 Inclement Weather Day/
Professional Development
- 16 90th Day - End of 2nd Quarter
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 22 Professional Development Day
- 24 Report Cards Issued

February 2019

- 18 Presidents Day Holiday
- 27 Early Release Day

March 2019

- 26 135th Day - End of 3rd Quarter

April 2019

- 2 Report Cards Issued
- 15-19 Spring Break

May 2019

- 8 Interim Reports Due
- 27 Memorial Day Holiday
- 31 Graduation

June 2019

- 4 Half Day for Students/
Professional Development for
Teachers
- 6 Students' Last Day -180th Day
End of 4th Quarter
- 7-8 Professional Development/
Inclement Weather Day

****Final Board approval of proposed 2018-2019 calendar is scheduled for June 11**

**PLEASE NOTE:
The last student day
for the 2017-2018 school year
is June 12, 2018
Dismissal at 10:00 a.m.**

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- June 3** DOHS Baccalaureate Service
Central Baptist Church - 6:00 p.m.
- June 4** HS Underclassmen Finals - 1 & 3
- June 5** HS Underclassmen Finals - 2 & 4
- June 6** HS Underclassmen Finals - 5
DOMS Graduation - 6:00 p.m.
High School Gymnasium
- June 7** DOES Promotional
Exercises/Awards Day
Kindergarten - 9:00 a.m.

Fifth Grade - 10:30 a.m.
Voorhees College Gymnasium

- June 8** DOHS Graduation - 6:00 p.m.
High School Gymnasium
- June 11** Public Hearing
for FY2019 Budget - 4:30 p.m.
Board of Trustees Meeting -
5:00 p.m.
- June 12** Last Day of School
Dismissal at 10:00 a.m.
- June 14** Last Day for Teachers



Summer Office Hours

All offices of
Bamberg School District Two
will observe the following schedule
June 11 - August 10, 2018

Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday
Closed



Summer Programs

will begin on

Monday, June 18th and end on Monday July 16th
at Denmark-Olar Elementary and Middle Schools

Classes will meet Monday-Thursday
from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Special Education Summer Program will begin on Monday, June 18th and end on Monday July 9th.

All programs will be closed on Fridays

Classes will not meet on Wednesday, July 4th