



EAGLE NEWSLETTER

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The Academy at Smith was named ACT Spring '23 (APEX Tutorials) Champions by EdmentumNC.



Students were presented a Championship Belt and given a Pizza Party for clocking in over 100 hours completing the APEX ACT tutorials. Kenya Edwards completed almost 10 hours. We appreciate Ms. Layne, our Curriculum Facilitator, for monitoring the course and consistently encouraging our juniors. We were joined by GC Blended Learning to celebrate our students. We are so proud of our juniors for their dedication and hard work. Congratulations Class of 2024.

Meet our new Social Worker

My name is Deandra Johnson. I am the new school social worker and I am excited to be here. I was born and raised in Greensboro, NC. I am an Academy at Smith Alum. I attended the #1 one HBCU in the world, North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University (AGGIE PRIDE!!!) where I received my Bachelors of Social Work (BSW). I also attended the University of South Carolina, in Columbia, SC where I received my



Masters of Social Work (MSW). I am a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Shortly after graduating I became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate (LCSWA) to pursue my dreams as Therapist. Aside from all the fluff, I am a wife, mother, a world traveler, world changer, yoga head, and a dreamer/believer.... I am passionate about helping people in any capacity I can. Please feel free to always stop by and say hi. I am here for you! Whether big or small, I am happy to support in any way I can 😊 .

Success builders: Saturday Academy and tutoring

Saturday school begins **on March 18th, 2023 from 9:00 -12:00pm**. Students can attend to get additional support in their **EOC courses** or attend to make up time for absences. Time can be made up with any teacher afterschool and on Saturdays. **Future Saturday school dates: March 25. April 22 and 29. May 6 and 13.** **You will have to provide your own transportation for after school and Saturday school.* Students have access to GCS tutors online as well as in person tutoring with

teachers here at the Academy. Online tutoring can be scheduled through GCSNC.COM and students can arrange for tutoring with their classroom teachers from 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.



See something, say something!!!

Students if you see something occurring in our building that is destructive, please alert one of the staff members.

Title I Parent Night: March 16th , 2023 from 5:00-6:30 pm.

NWEA MAP

The 9th and 10th grades will be completing the NWEA MAP assessments on March 28th and March 29th. This will be the last administration this school year.

Things to Note

- **Graduation is 45 days away!!! May 24, 2023.**
- **Prom will be on Friday April 28, 2023 from 8-11 pm. Theme: Mystical Masquerade**
- **Gold or platinum WorkKeys certificates = Teacher made exam exemption in May!!!**
- **April 6, 2023: Senior class Carowinds Educational trip.**
- **Seniors your attendance still matters! *Be sure to be in your classes daily and complete your assignments in a timely fashion.***

Academy Flavor

Did you know.... Mr. Castro one of our Social Studies teachers, was born in California but has roots from



Guatemala & Peru.

Guatemala is right below Mexico and is a part of Central Mexico. Guatemala is known for its Ancient Mayan Pyramids and the infamous 2012 “Doomsday” calendar. Since the Ancient Mayan calendar ended on a day where all the planets of the solar system were in perfect alignment of each other, it was thought by many to be the end of the world. A few hundred miles down south lies Peru. Peru is mostly known for Machu Picchu, as it is one of the 7 wonders of the world. Peru is also known for its infamous Nazca Lines in Cusco, whom many believe were made for aliens. Potatoes

are a staple in Peruvian diet, as the country has over 4000 different types of potatoes. Finally, it would be impossible to talk about Peru without mentioning those lovely Lamas. With him being



born in North America and his parents from Central & South America, Mr. Castro considers himself completely American.

