

# TRANSITIONS

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### It Takes A Village to HELP Raise A Child

As we approach a new school year, I am always hopeful that our students, educators and parents will have a great year. I pray that there will be peace and harmony in our schools. I want all children to be treated well and that they will be respectful to each other and all adults. I believe in this community; I love this community. But today, I want to get REAL. It is not the responsibility of schools, churches, recreation departments, law enforcement personnel or any other institution to RAISE YOUR CHILD. We, as parents, cannot abdicate all responsibility for our children to anyone else. If your child does not read well, I am asking if you read to your child. If your child does not know God, I am asking if you have a relationship with God. If your child has no discipline, I am asking if do you have rules and order in your own home. Coaches, Teachers, Preachers, Neighbors, and Police are here to HELP, not to take the principle responsibility for producing good citizens and good men and women. You cannot drop your 3 or 4 year old off and 13 years later pick him/her up, raised, educated and well-rounded. IT DOES NOT WORK LIKE THAT. If you want your child to have a good year, SHOW UP at the schools, the churches, the arts and athletic programs. They cannot do it without you. Don't be the missing ingredient in their formula for success.

Lorena Sabbs  
Owner/CEO of Barnum Funeral Home, Inc.



### Start and End Times for Students

School	Principal	Start	End
ASHS	Kimothy Hadley	8:05 a.m.	3:55 p.m.
ASNGA	Cindy Anglin	7:55 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
SCMS	Mae Mills	8:00 a.m.	3:35 p.m.
SCIS	Dr. Renee Mays	7:20 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
SCES	Dr. Sharon Tullis	7:20 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
SCPS	April Smith	7:40 a.m.	2:15 p.m.

### Excerpt from Superintendent Dr. Torrance Choates's *Welcome Back Letter*

“Parents and community:  
I am proud to announce that the Sumter County School System is in great shape. This year, our school theme/motto is “Striving Toward Excellence”. Our goal for this year will be to make improvements with academic instruction and school achievement. We have planned very well for the upcoming year. Students have a greater opportunity than ever with our dual enrollment program. We have added Level Literacy instruction to enhance and strengthen our curriculum. Additionally, we added more rigor to our academics because we realize the importance of making sure these students are successful in life. Parents, we want this year to be special for your child(ren) and we are committed to do our part to make it successful. We are asking for your support and patience as we work through any possible issues or concerns that you may have. Together we can strive to resolve matters because we are all ‘in this together’”.

### Contact for Sumter County Schools

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Barber's role is to encourage and support families and the community to partner with Sumter County schools and to help shape and mold students into productive and successful adults.



### Ground Broken on New \$48 Million High School

On June 27, a large group of community leaders, educators and supporters gathered on South Georgia Tech Parkway for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Sumter County High School. Kimothy Hadley, principal of Americus-Sumter High School, said that building the new school "will allow our community to look back on its past achievements as we prepare for our future successes. The new high school building will provide an updated learning environment for our teachers to deliver quality instruction resulting in a high level of student engagement." Additionally, Sumter County Board of Commissioners Chairman Clay Jones stated that when new companies are looking to relocate or expand in a community, they are looking for an educated workforce. "... With this new facility coming along, we're going to have that," he said. "The economy in this community is going to rise."

*Information paraphrased from the Americus-Times Recorder.*

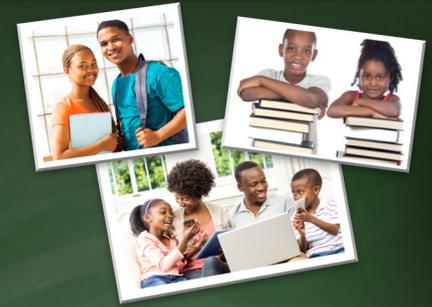
### Benefits of Ignite College & Career Academy

The Ignite College and Career Academy, which will operate in the new high school, is designed to link the needs of business and industry with the ready workforce Sumter County has on-hand in the community — its students. Some of the primary benefits of the Ignite College and Career Academy are:

- It provides solutions that we all need—higher performing students, innovative educational systems, and a 21st Century workforce to drive the economy of the Americus area well into next generation and beyond.
- Students are being trained to be the workforce of our region specifically.
- It serves to enhance traditional vocational-style classes that already exist within the current system.
- The unique design involves the entire community in the education process: setting specific objectives and performance goals, and making sure those targets are both reached and exceeded.

To learn more about Ignite College and Career Academy, visit One Sumter's website, [www.onesumter.org/college---career-academy.html](http://www.onesumter.org/college---career-academy.html).

*Information paraphrased from the Americus-Times Recorder.*



### FOR PARENTS

To make the transition from summer break to study mode as smooth as possible, here are some tips to help beat the back-to-school blues:

1. Ensure your child gets enough rest
2. Collaborate with your child's teachers. Assume best intentions and work together to solve problems.
3. Help your child develop his or her interests and strengths. Discover what your child really loves to do outside of school
4. Work done with integrity is more important than an A. Pressure to achieve *only* high grades can make students resort to cheating.
5. Focus on the positives. Have your child identify five things that they are excited about for the upcoming term
6. Encourage talking (and listening). Communication should be your number one motivational tool. Talk to your children about their experience at school and listen to what they say.

*Paraphrased from <https://www.parent24.com/Learn/Back-to-School/5-ways-to-beat-the-back-to-school-blues-20190709>*

### FOR STUDENTS

It's school time again! You're probably feeling excited and maybe a little sad that summer is over. Some kids feel nervous or a little scared on the first day of school because of all the new things: new teachers, new friends, and maybe even a new school. Luckily, these "new" worries only stick around for a little while. Here are some tips to help beat the back-to-school blues:

1. Get enough sleep.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast.
3. Try your best.
4. Use good work habits, like writing down your assignments, taking notes and turning in your homework on time.
5. Stay ahead. Try not to fall behind. If you feel yourself falling behind and beginning to feel baffled, let your teachers know.
6. Take your time with school work. If you don't understand something, ask the teacher.
7. The First Day is a great day to make a new friend, so try to say hello to kids you know and new ones that you don't.

*Paraphrased from <https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/back-to-school.html>*

### Sumter County Schools 2019-2020 School Calendar

August 5 1st Day of School

**September 2 Labor Day Holiday**

September 4 Progress Report

September 13 Early Release/Parent Conferences

October 7 End of 1st Nine Weeks

October 9 Report Cards

October 10 Early Release/Professional Learning

**October 11 & 14 Fall Break**

**November 11 Veteran's Day Holiday**

November 13 Progress Reports

November 22 Early Release/Professional Learning

**November 25-29 Thanksgiving Break**

December 19 End 2nd Nine Weeks/1st Semester

December 20 Teacher Workday

**December 23-January 3 Winter Break**

January 6 Teachers Return

January 7 Students Return/1st Day of Second Semester

January 10 Report Cards

**January 20 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

February 12 Progress Reports

February 13 Early Release/Parent Conferences

**February 14 & 17 Mid-Winter Break/President's Day**

March 12 End of 3rd Nine Weeks

March 18 Report Cards

**March 23 Mid-Spring Break**

April 15 Progress Reports

**April 27-May 1 Spring Break**

May 21 ASHS Baccalaureate

May 22 Last Day of School/Early Release/

Teacher Workday/Report Cards K-8

May 22 ASHS Graduation

May 25-27 Post Planning

June 1 Report Cards (Grades 9-12)