



Stanley Middle School

March – May 2025

Counselor Newsletter



Know Your Counselors

Mrs. Hawes & Mrs. Atiase visited classes throughout first semester for classroom guidance lessons. This semester, we will be coming in to help students pick out classes for next school year!

Mrs. Hawes works with students who's last name begins with L-Z. elhawes@gaston.k12.nc.us

Mrs. Atiase works with students who's last name begins with A-K. lfatiase@gaston.k12.nc.us

COUNSELOR EVENTS

- 03/03-03/11: Pet Supply Drive
- 03/19: Incoming 6th Grade Orientation
- 03/21: School Choice Application Closes
- 03/26: Small Group Session #1
- 04/01: School Transfer Application Opens
- 04/02: Small Group Session #2
- 04/08: 6th Grade Course Selection
- 04/09: Small Group Session #3
- 04/09 & 04/10: 7th Grade Course Selection
- 04/16: Small Group Session #4
- 04/17: School Lottery
- 05/16: School Choice Seat Acceptance Deadline

PET SUPPLY DRIVE

Beta Club is hosting a Pet Supply drive March 3rd - 11th. Items collected will be donated to the Animal Leagues of Gaston County and Gaston County Animal Care & Enforcement.

For information on what items are being collected, please checkout the included flyer.

SPRING SMALL GROUP

6th grade Girls Empowerment Group will start March 26th. Students who indicated their interest in improving their feelings dealing with stress, anger, sadness, etc. received an invitation/permission form from Mrs. Hawes. These forms are due back by March 13th.

SCHOOL BASED THERAPY

Stanley Middle School has a school based therapist!

Ms. Dakota Gwiszcz, MSW, LCSW works for Kintegra health and is at Stanley Middle 5 days a week. Only students who have gone through the referral process will be able to meet with her. If you are interested in referring your student, please reach out to Mrs. Hawes or Mrs. Atiase

RISING 6TH ORIENTATION

Current 5th grade students who will be attending SMS next year have the opportunity to visit SMS and tour on Wednesday, March 19th with their current elementary school.

**MARCH
3RD - 11TH**

SMS Beta Club is hosting a...

PET SUPPLY DRIVE

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE IN NEED FOR DONATIONS:

Items are worth 1 point towards classroom total:

- Pet shampoos
- Canned dog, puppy, cat and kitten food
- Dish detergent
- Bleach
- Cat toys
- Trash Bags - 13, 30, & 60 gallon capacities
- Paper towels

Items are worth 3 points towards classroom total:

- Cat litter - scoopable
- Nail trimmers - all sizes
- Laundry detergent
- Kong toys

Items are worth 5 points towards classroom total:

- Dry food for dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens
- Cardboard cat carriers
- Disposable Litter Pans (max 12 inches wide) at least 2 inches high
- Disposable Cat Scratchers
- Stainless Steel Bowls - especially the 1 pint size

DONATIONS WILL GO TO ANIMAL LEAGUES OF GASTON COUNTY AND GASTON COUNTY ANIMAL CARE & ENFORCEMENT

