

Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today



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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

The 2010-2011 school year got off to a great start last month. It was nice to hear that St. Clair County's students were safe and eager to be back in school.

The total enrollment, including the pre-k programs, for the St. Clair County School System is 8587, which is an increase of approximately 191 students from the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Our school system has experienced growth in all school communities –

We welcome and are proud of our new schools and additions: Margaret Elementary, Moody Middle, and Ragland High School.

In closing, thank you all for a smooth start of school. Lets make this the BEST YEAR EVER!!!! GO SCC...

ENGAGE, ENGAGE, ENGAGE, STUDENTS...

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Teaching Smarter with the Brain in Focus: HSTW/Neuro-education Connection Research states:

- ◇ The most important factor affecting student learning is the teacher...
- ◇ Teaching hasn't occurred until someone has learned...
- ◇ The brain prefers a "pulse learning pattern"...
- ◇ Focused...Diffused...Focused....Diffused.... Learning
- ◇ Best learning occurs when interrupted by breaks of 2-5 minutes for diffusions...
- ◇ How long is best for focused activities?
 1. Answer is Age of the learner plus 2 minutes... At-risk learners a teacher must subtract 2 minutes...
 2. Young learners - 5-10 minutes of focused learning/activity, then diffuse
 3. Adolescent learners – 15-20 minutes of focused learning/activity, then diffuse
 4. Adults – 20-24 minutes of focused learning/activity, then diffuse

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CHARACTER EDUCATION Traits of the Week Teamwork

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

Henry Ford



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 6– Labor Day...School Closed

September 9– Budget Hearing/ Called Board Meeting

September 15– Principal/Coordinator Meeting at BOE

September 20-24 - All final CIPs are due

September
Implementation of the CIP and Gathering the
information for District Accreditation...



"District-wide Accreditation"

REPEAT

Our district's motto is "Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today." We have to prepare our students for the 21st century. This provides focus for all stakeholders throughout St. Clair County.

Our 2010-2011 district goals are :

- ◇ All teachers will develop and deliver effective, strategic instruction daily
- ◇ All classrooms will be a "student-centered" learning environment
- ◇ All schools will promote meaningful parent and community involvement in academics

