

# SIMS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- > Oct 13-28 Canned Food Drive
- > Oct 18 Student Flu Vaccines 7:45-10:45
- > Oct 21 Club Pictures/Make up Pictures
- > Oct 27 All County Chorus Rehearsal
- > Oct 28 Report Cards
- > Oct 29 BEST Robotics Competition @ UWF
- > Nov 1-10 Veterans Drive
- > Nov 10 Veterans Lunch
- > Nov 1 SAC Meeting
- > Nov 2 Early Release 11:10
- > Nov 11 Veterans Day
- > Nov 18 Mid Term
- > Nov 21-25 Fall Break
- > Nov 30-Dec 4 SGAYearbook Field Trip
- > Dec 16 7th Grade Dance
- > Dec 19,20,21 Semester Exams early release days
- > Jan 9 1st day back after Christmas Break
- > Jan 20 Report Cards

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL EMILY DONALSON

Recently, we kicked off our Positive Behavior Support program with our annual pep rally. The band and cheerleaders did an excellent job showcasing P.R.I.D.E. for our new students. I would like to take a minute to focus on the character trait of responsibility. We ask much of our students in the way of responsibility whether it be to bring in an assignment or to travel from one class to another without being tardy. We expect students to be responsible for their actions: if

they hurt someone's feelings, we want them to apologize or if they don't have an assignment, we want them to own that mistake.

At home you can help develop this trait by allowing your child to take responsibility. If your child forgets his or her homework, you might be tempted to alter your plans for the day and run it up to the school. While saving the day every once in a while is a great treat, making a habit of being

responsible for your child's left behind items does not encourage your child to develop personal responsibility. Perhaps this quote by Les Brown sums it best, "If you take responsibility for yourself, you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams."



## Our Robotics Team

On Saturday, October 29 our Robotics Club will be competing in the Emerald Coast B.E.S.T Robotics competition at UWF in the Field House. We would love to have your support in the audience. In fact, team and school spirit is actually part of the competition and earns points. The more support the

team has, and the more noise that is made, the more points earned. The completion is from 9:00 to 5:00. Winners are announce from 4:00-5:00. You don't need to stay the whole day. Even just a short visit would be appreciated. Not only can you watch the robot competition portion of the

event, but you can also walk next door to see the team booth and marketing portions. There is even a snack bar. So, come join us !!

**Thank you,  
The Robotics  
Team: "The Bionic Robots"**



# Pace Homecoming Oct. 31 - Nov. 4

Pace Assembly Ministries will be accepting **Christmas Outreach** Applications for those that need assistance with Christmas gifts. They will start accepting applications on Monday Oct. 31. For more information please contact Sims Middle School's Guidance Department or Pace Assembly (850) 202-3100.

## How can you help our community?

Sims is participating in the annual Pace High Canned Food Drive. Show your Patriot Spirit and bring in cans to your 1st period teacher. The winning classes at each grade level win a doughnut party. Cans will be collected October 28th.

Nov. 3 @ 5 pm  
**PHS Homecoming Parade**



**Sims Homecoming**  
Dress up days

Nov. 3 @ 5:30  
**PHS Fall Festival**  
at the football field  
(event is free, bring \$ for food, games, and activities)

must be dress code appropriate

Monday- Mathlete vs. Athlete  
Tuesday- Favorite Character Day  
Wednesday - Twins day  
Thursday - Decade Day  
Friday - Team Spirit Day



Students who volunteer in our community have an opportunity of being recognized and honored. Our school is participating in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. One Local Honoree will be selected...they will advance to the State-Level Honorees. Each state will select one Honoree to send to Washington, D.C. where they have the opportunity to be selected as the National Honoree. Students may come to guidance for more information, deadline for submitting an online application is November 8th.



Earn Cash for Our School!

Box Top collection day is October 28th

### NEWS FROM OUR ART DEPARTMENT

Sims Middle School will have 18 student's artwork on display at the Pensacola Interstate Fair, October 20<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### Honorable Mention in Drawing

Katie Baker

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Sculpture

Nick Lux

#### Honorable Mention in Sculpture

Brinley Gevo, Sarah King, and Cal Kennison

November 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> we will be participating in the Greater Gulf Coast Arts Festival.

### Yearbook News

Order online @  
[www.jostensyearbook.com](http://www.jostensyearbook.com)  
for \$50

#### Personal ads

2 box ad is \$85

1 box ad is \$45

For more info contact  
Stacy Grice

## Media Center News

### Book Parties

Students, don't forget to read those books for the book parties.

Month	Forms due	Book Party
Oct.	10/26	11/1
Nov.	11/17	11/29
Dec.	12/8	12/14

6th Grade, Secret Santa Book party in December! More info soon!



### The Sims Middle School running club, The Patriot Pacers, is starting up.

An informational meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 18th after school in the Multi-purpose room. For more info see one of the PE teachers.