Welcome to the 2017 Peachtree Academy
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* **Our Vision**
  Peachtree Academy will be a national model in college-preparatory education, rich in opportunities for students success which develop critical thinkers, ethical problem solvers and young men and women of Christian character.

* **Our Motto**
  Pursuing Excellence with Honor

* **Our Mission**
  Peachtree Academy is a non-denominational, college preparatory private school that provides a rigorous, well balanced, and enriching educational experience. Our challenging curriculum incorporates innovative strategies in combination with a traditional repertoire delivered by an expert staff committed to the highest standards of academic scholarship that will inspire all students to reach their highest God-given potential.
Financial Overview

- Staff and Faculty Expenses: 52%
- Building, Grounds and Transportation: 27%
- Curriculum and Technology: 15%
- Operations: 6%
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- Black: 3%
- Eastern India: 27%
- Hispanic/Latino: 10%
- Multi-Racial: 28%
- White: 30%
- Other: Undefined
Elementary Curriculum & Instruction

Principal Lori Hopkins
3 teachers participated in Advanced Placement Training
School-wide CPR training
Active-Shooter Training
School Technology (LanSchool)
NSTA Conference
Newsela Middle School Teacher Certification
RESA STEM training Middle School
Elementary Updates

Interactive Science Curriculum
Math Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools
National Elementary Honor Society
Peachtree Academy and GICAA Spelling Bee
Project Based Learning
Elementary Curriculum Maps
Math Curriculum
Creating a bridge between 5th and 6th grade
4th and 5th Grade Science Fair
Technology Class and Covington computer lab
4H for 4th and 5th grade
SACS Accreditation - March 2018
Secondary Curriculum & Instruction

Principal Sha’Ronda McRae
Middle School Pathways

SOCIAL STUDIES

GRADE 6
N & S America
Europe
Australia

GRADE 7
Asia
Africa

GRADE 8
Georgia Studies

SCIENCE

GRADE 6
Earth Science

GRADE 7
Life Science

GRADE 8
08 Physical Science
GRADE 8
HS Physical Science
### Other Middle School Electives

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Spanish 1 (60.07100)
Middle School: New Course Offerings

* 2015-2016
  * Personal Fitness
  * Financial Literacy
  * Graphic Design
  * Web Programming, Gaming and Applications
  * English Lab
  * Math Lab
  * Science Lab

* 2016-2017
  * FLEX time
  * PSAT Prep Class

* 2017-2018
  * World Geography
  * Consumer Sciences
# Accelerated Pathways - High School

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High School Elective Pathways

Technology

- Computer Science Principles 11.47100
- Programming I 11.41800
- Web Design I 11.43100
- Web Design II (Advanced) 11.43200
- Visual Design I (Visual Arts/ Graphics) 50.07210
- Visual Design II (Visual Arts/ Graphics) 50.07220
- Video I 50.07310
- Video 2 50.07320

Foreign Language

- Spanish I 60.07100
- Spanish II 60.07200
- Spanish III 62.07300
### Other High School Electives

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High School: New Course Offerings

2015-2016
* Comparative Religions
* Personal Fitness
* Financial Literacy
* Graphic Design
* Photography
* SAT Prep
* Internship
* Drama II
* AP English Language and Composition

2016-2017
* AP English Literature and Composition
* AP Biology
* AP Government
* Calculus
* Work Based/Online Learning
* Rockdale Virtual Campus (1)
* GPTC (3)
* Georgia State (1)

2017-2018
* On-site Dual Enrollment Social Studies
What’s Next?

* **2016-2017**
  * Chromebook Adoption (all math)
  * Textbook Adoption
  * (Science, High School Math, Middle School Social Studies)
  * New Mac Lab (25 student work stations)
  * Secondary Forensics courses
  * 1st Annual Science Fair
  * AP English Literature and Composition
  * AP Biology
  * ACCUPLACER testing

* **2017-2018**
  * SACS Accreditation
  * Textbook Adoption
  * (Elem & Middle School Math, Middle School Language Arts)
  * Quiz Bowl Team
  * Geography Bee Team
  * Consumer Sciences courses
  * Statistics
  * On-site Dual Enrollment for Social Studies
Academic Performance & Standardized Testing

ITBS Overview
2nd - 8th grade
From 8 months in Math to 1 year and 6 months in Reading and Listening, Peachtree’s 2nd Graders score above the expected Grade Equivalent!
Peachtree’s 3rd Graders score at least a year above the expected Grade Equivalent in Written Expression and Science!
Peachtree’s 4th Graders score as much as 2 years and 3 months above the expected Grade Equivalent!
Peachtree’s 5th Graders score 2 years above the expected Grade Equivalent in Math!
Peachtree’s 6th Graders score 2.5 years above the expected Grade Equivalent in Science!
Peachtree’s 7th Graders score 2.1 years above the expected Grade Equivalent in Science!
8th Grade

Peachtree’s 8th Graders score 4.2 years above the expected Grade Equivalent in Social Studies!
Peachtree! ABOVE the expected Grade Equivalent in Grades 2-8
NPR (Overall per Grade Level)
College & Career Assessments

PSAT, SAT, ACT, ASVAB, ACCUPLACER
NAEP
National Assessment of Educational Progress

In March Peachtree’s 8th Graders will participate in NAEP Testing for the first time.

• NAEP is a continuing and nationally representative assessment of what our nation’s students know and can do.

• NAEP provides a common measure of students across the country. Because states have their own unique assessments with content and standards, it is impossible to use them for comparing state achievement. Such comparisons are possible with NAEP, however, because the questions and administration of the are the same across all states.

• NAEP results are released for variety of subjects as The Nation’s Report Card, and are available for the nation, and in some cases, states and urban districts. There are no results for individual students, classrooms, or schools.

• NAEP reports results for different demographic groups, including gender, socioeconomic status, and race/ethnicity.

• Assessments are given most frequently in mathematics and reading. Other subjects, such as writing, science, U.S. history, civics, geography, economics, and the arts, are assessed per assessed periodically.

• NAEP is a congressionally mandated project administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the Institute of Education Sciences of the U.S. Department of Education.

• NCES is responsible for developing test questions, administering the assessment, scoring student responses, conducting analyses of the data, and reporting the results.
PSAT 8 and 9

8th Grade:
Peachtree 880  Nation 863

9th Grade:
Peachtree 916  Nation 902

*Peachtree outscores the Nation on the PSAT 8/9!*
Class of 2017
(PSAT 10)

• As Juniors our current Seniors had a mean score of 493 in ERW and a mean score of 493 in Math thus categorizing them in the “Meet or Exceeds Benchmark” category of Benchmark Performance.
Class of 2018
(PSAT 10)

• Class of 2018 outscored the Nation in 2015-2016 and outscores the State and the Nation in 2016-2017!
ACT

Average ACT Scores for Graduate Class of 2016

- Reading: 18.6 (2015) vs. 20.0 (2016)
- Science: 17.0 (2015) vs. 20.6 (2016)
- Composite: 18.0 (2015) vs. 20.2 (2016)
The SAT recently changed from a maximum of 2400 points to 1800 points. Many students are reporting a drop in their testing scores. Peachtree’s average appears to have dropped by 0.9 points from the current data for this school year. Please keep in mind that many more students will test throughout the school year so the current data is not a true or complete result of this year’s raw average.

Raw Average of Given Test Scores

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College & Career Planning

Robin Barnes
**THE END GOAL – COLLEGE ADMISSION**

* 2016 Graduates – 100% College Acceptance
  * The University of Georgia, GA Tech, Georgia Southern, Georgia State, Georgia Piedmont College

* 2017 College Acceptances
  * Valdosta State, Kennesaw State, Augusta State, Georgia State, Middle Georgia State, West Georgia, Georgia College, Morehouse, Young Harris, LaGrange College

* 2017 Out-of-State Acceptances
  * Auburn, Belmont Abbey, University of Oregon,
  * University of Southern Mississippi, Wingate College
Extracurricular Educational Opportunities

* GHP – Governor’s Honors Program
  * Invited to attend for the first time – 2016
  * 4 week residential summer program for gifted and talented rising juniors and seniors
  * Program designed to provide students with academic, cultural, and social enrichment
  * Classes designed to develop the next generation of global critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders
  * Nominated 5 students, 1 successfully advanced to interview level
Student Internships - A Real-Life Work Experience
* 2015 (2); 2016 (4); 2017 = 17 Student Interns

*District Attorney’s Office
* Coroner’s Office
* Drayer Physical Therapy
* All-Star Motors
* Revolution Sports
* Aero Services
* Wild Art Studios
* Dr. Lisa Miller Pediatrics
* Newton County Theme School

*Frey-Moss Structures
* Longleaf Hospice
* Alcovy Fitness
* Thacker Chiropractic
* Atlanta Sky Signs
* Covington Police Department
* Newton County Arts Association
* YMCA
* Peachtree Academy In-house Interns
Campus Visits Overview - Our Mission

- Freshmen year – 1 Top Tier School
- Sophomore year – 1 Regional School, 1 Specialty Tour
- Junior Year - 2 Colleges – 1 Regional School, 1 Private
- Senior Year – 2 Colleges – 1 Regional, 1 Small State

Knowledge Acquired Through Exposure
Campus Tours - 2017

* **Freshmen** – Emory University
* **Sophomores** – Emory University
* Optional Tours – Christian College Fair
* SCAD
* **Juniors** – Kennesaw State, Georgia State, GA Tech
* **Seniors** - Kennesaw State, Georgia State, GA Tech

Colleges visited by 2017 Graduates:

UGA, Georgia Southern, West Georgia, North Georgia College, Georgia College, Berry University, Christian College Fair - 2015
Extended Classroom Field Trips

- Space Camp 2016
  Birmingham, Alabama

- Charleston, SC 2016, 2017
  - USS Yorktown, Fort Sumter, Charlestown Landing,
    - Historic Charleston, The Citadel, Retreat Parade

- Washington, DC 2017
  Monuments, US Capitol, Supreme Court, Smithsonian
Athletic Opportunities

Ken VanNess & Skip Argo
Peachtree Academy is sanctioned through and are proud founding members of the Georgia Independent Christian Athletic Association, the state’s second largest athletic association.

Our Athletic Department has seen exceptional growth in the number of interscholastic teams fielded and the number of student participants.

76% of our student body currently participates in extracurricular activities, with over 210 roster spots filled by our student athletes in thirteen sports.
Peachtree Academy students experience and participate in multiple sports throughout the year. This year, Peachtree Academy has added Bass Fishing, Swimming and Archery.
Sports currently supported and the number of active student athlete participants:

* Football (Varsity) 18+
* Volleyball (MS, JV, Varsity) 30+
* Boys Basketball (5/6th grade, MS, JV, Varsity) 35+
* Girls Basketball (MS, Varsity) 15+
* Cheerleading (MS, Varsity) 18+
* Boys Cross Country 8+
* Girls Cross Country 9+
* Soccer (MS, Varsity) 22+
* Baseball (MS, JV, Varsity) 35+
* Softball (Varsity) 15+
Athletic Facilities

We have a true gem in our gymnasium, which serves as the home of our Volleyball and Basketball programs. Besides our home games, we have hosted regional GICAA tournaments in these sports.

This past Fall, we completed the playing surface and lighting for our new soccer/football complex. We also added a modular building, donated by Frey-Moss, to act as our ticket/entry point and concessions stand. The future press box will be atop that structure.
Future additions to the complex will be a commons area deck and bleachers, accommodating approx. 400 fans during the games, adding an incredibly valuable addition to our campus.
Our Baseball and Softball teams will move from our current homes at Legion Field in Conyers and Covington Christian Church to the beautiful facilities on the Georgia State Newton Campus this Spring. Soccer will move from its multi year home at RYSA to our new campus field.
The financial undertaking of a successful athletic program is immense. From the facility construction and maintenance costs, to the equipment, uniforms, vehicle fuel and maintenance, the department is dependent on those families participating to assist us in the areas such as field prep, scorers tables, gates and concessions. It is impossible to run the program without that help.
Finanically, once the uniforms and equipment are purchased, each home game includes the purchasing of game officials and referees who cost the school from $50 to $400 per game, depending on the sport played and number of officials required. Sport fees, fundraising, the concessions and gate are vital. So your involvement is of extreme importance to Peachtree Academy.

And we thank you so much for being a part of it. Glad you are with us!
Parent & Community Involvement
Total # of required family volunteer hours = 2,940
Total # of volunteer hours logged to date = 840.25
Total needed to meet requirement = 2,099.75
Athletics = 147.1
Car Line = 136.7
PTO = 135.5
Classroom = 125.1
Cafeteria = 63.3
Events = 59.55
Field Trips = 173.0
**Parent Participation**

\[ 294 = \# \text{ of families @ Peachtree} \]

\[ 89 = \# \text{ of families with logged volunteer hours} \]

\[ 22 = \# \text{ of families that have met the 10 hour volunteer goal} \]
Parents for Peachtree is a volunteer group of parents who dedicate their time and energy to unite parents through relationship and communication as they support the students, teachers and staff wherever there is a need.

"We work toward a common goal, creating relationships that could potentially be lifelong," said one parent. "Parents for Peachtree supports everything inside the classroom, as well as joining together at events to promote our wonderful schools. It benefits our students; they reap the rewards when their parents join with their school."

While every campus has different needs, some of the things PfP is involved with include: prayer meetings, fundraising assistance (such as the Harvest Festival and Gala), covering teacher lunches, recruiting other parents, helping plan and organize teacher appreciation week, helping in the classroom, assisting with car line, and organizing the student Christmas store.

The ideal PfP parent is simply one who has a desire to serve, and, according to current PfP leaders, the amount they serve is up to them.
Community Service Projects

Elks Aidmore Christmas List

Food Drive 2015
Peachtree in the News...

Homecoming coronation

Peachtree Academy crowned Victoria Jeske and Zane Bryant as its 2018 homecoming queen and king. Oct. 21. The duo were awarded the titles at the first homecoming game played on the school’s new football field. Peachtree Academy beat First Assembly Christian School with a final score of 66 to 44. (Special Photo)

The Gabrielsen Cup

Gabrielsen Cup features two local junior golfers

Peachtree Academy gets lights for Friday nights

From Staff Reports

COVINGTON — Friday night lights will be a regular fall experience on the campus of Peachtree Academy.

The school is making a strong statement in regards to their athletic programs by nearing the completion of their new football/soccer venue located in the rear of their campus. The new facility will be the home of the Panther football and soccer programs while also providing space for physical education classes and school functions. It adds another level of excellence to the Peachtree school model and the school experience for its students and families. The facility will be a gem in an already beautiful campus.

Peachtree Academy, a SACS accredited college preparatory school, has escalated its athletic programs over the last couple of years. Founders Ken and Janice Van Ness, understand the importance of providing the complete education curricular offerings from athletics for its student body and families. Ken Van Ness, Athletic Director, said, “It’s an investment in every family that has or will experience Peachtree Academy and it continues to help us complete the campus experience here.”

Working closely with the City of Covington Zoning and Planning, water and electric departments, the school has moved forward. A couple of years ago, SEC provided much fill dirt to the project area. Within the last month, Mosco installed a new state-of-the-art lighting system. The field is now being graded out for the installation of the irrigation system by Rainmaker Irrigation. The grading and sodding for the field is being done by Sod Atlanta. Heath Davidson Electrical has been the contractor involved in the lighting system with Ozburn Electrical Contractors working on the amenity requirements. Water Solutions has been instrumental in providing the water source needed to run the irrigation system. The effluent from the contractor, 15,000 born fathoms.

The school district, the community, now click in and take a look. The football and soccer Panthers have been practicing hard for the upcoming seasons. The soccer team, opening up the season away on Aug. 18 at Oak Mountain, will open up the new facility on Sept. 15 on senior night, taking on Killian Hill with the game starting at 4 p.m. The football team’s home opener against John Chamblee Rebels on its second home field at the Old Cousins Middle School. But coach Smith is looking forward to finishing out the last four home games this season, starting on Friday, Sept. 23, playing on the new surface, on their own home turf. The home football games start at 7:30 p.m.
Looking Ahead…

* 2016-2017
  * Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings start in February.
  * RE-enrollment begins Jan. 23, 2017

* 2017-2018
  * FACTS and RENWeb
  * SACS Accreditation
  * Middle and High School NEW Summer Reading
  * Reading Specialist Position
Continuous Enrollment

- Enrollment is constant from Pre-K – 12th grade. Positive Messaging—Continuous enrollment communicates a positive message and reinforces the value that every child remains enrolled until graduation.
- No financial payments will be due in June
- 10 months of tuition and 1 month of matriculation fees
- Registration fees will be rolled into matriculation fees
- Opt-Out Instead of Opt-In – By moving to continuous or automatic enrollment, the decision to opt-out is placed on the parent. Re-enrollment asks the parent to opt-in every year while continuous enrollment eliminates the opt-in and focuses on those that opt-out.
- Easier, Simplified Process – Instead of asking parents to complete an annual process, moving to continuous enrollment eliminated unnecessary paperwork and steps required by the parent. The only paperwork required was from the parent choosing to opt-out.
- Continuous Enrollment saves time and work among the staff.
- A new tuition rate sheet will be sent by email to confirm any increase.
GOAL Scholarship Program

Graph showing the donations and number of donors from 2012 to 2017.
Thank You... and Remember

* Who Are We?
* #WearePeachtree

* Where Are We?
* Where we chose to be.

* Where are we Going?
* In the right direction... forward.
Peachtree Academy
Home of the Panthers