

# Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### September

- 11-15: Satchel Assessment Window
- 19: Champion Tuesday [Schedule](#)
- 25: School Board Mtg. @ Ford
- 26: Impact Tuesday: The Five Steps of Learning

#### Zoom Link

- 26 & 27: Behavior Tools Training @ America Rm.
- 29: STC Testing Accommodations Report due to DTC

### October

- 2: Professional Development Day [Schedule](#)
- 10-11: Restorative Practices for Educators 8-4:30 PM, DO America Training room. To attend, email Dr. Barksdale ([tjbarksdale@laurens55.org](mailto:tjbarksdale@laurens55.org))
- 17: Impact Tuesday: Leveraging Student Clarity for increased performance on high-stakes testing

#### Zoom Link

- 24: Champion Tuesday [Schedule](#)

## National Hispanic/Latinx Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15th. This is a time for celebrating and honoring the history, culture, and contributions of Americans whose families hail from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.



### Assessment

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your patience and work as we implemented the first round of baseline assessments throughout the district. We understand the volume of assessments and the coordination takes a lot of time and energy from you all so  
**THANK YOU!**

This school year we will conduct an Assessment Survey to identify what assessments we have, what we need and what we can eliminate. We look forward to your feedback when we begin this process.

*thank you*



Do you have parents that could use some support? We have a Parent Coach, Lynne Todd, that can help parents set goals for their children, listen, affirm, nudge, and nurture parents in the direction of their dreams. Lynne is trained to help parents discover more of their own answers, providing the ultimate in family support and parent guidance that results in positive changes for the entire family.

If you have a parent that you think could benefit from Lynne's expertise, be sure to contact her at [ltodd@laurens55.org](mailto:ltodd@laurens55.org)

### What is MTSS? -Part 1

MTSS is a framework schools use to provide targeted support to struggling students. The goal of MTSS is to intervene early so students can catch up with their peers.

- It screens all students and aims to address academic, behavior and social emotional challenges.
- MTSS is not a specific curriculum.
- Increases levels of targeted support for those who are struggling.
- Integrates plans that address students' academic, behavioral, social and emotional needs.

For More Information [Check This Out.](#)

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