

Communities In Schools of Brunswick County

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empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

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Staff Spotlight

Joann Shanley

Joann Shanley has been director of the 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) after school programs at Shallotte and Cedar Grove Middle Schools since October 2014. Prior to joining CIS, she managed a public/private partnership between the NYC Department of Education and community based organizations focusing on attendance and dropout prevention. Shanley has a Gerontology degree with over 30 years' nonprofit experience.

As 21st CCLC Director, she delivers academic and enrichment opportunities to middle school students. Shanley supervises after school program staff and ensures program goals are achieved. She builds relationships with community partners to further services offered to students, and families, enrolled in the after school program.

"Throughout my professional career, I have been committed to social justice and creating opportunities to break down barriers for people reaching their full potential. I believe education is the key to a successful life."

In her free time, Joann explores her new home state of North Carolina, visits family and friends in NY, and is taking dance lessons with her husband.

Look who's talking:

CIS helped me with a tutor,
now my social studies grade
is a B and I'm doing better in
other classes too!

- CIS student

We couldn't begin to fill the
void if we lost our CIS
Success Coach. CIS does so
much for our students.

- Bryan Tunstall,
SBMS Asst. Principal

Parenting class is definitely
an asset to residents and
deserves so much praise. I
am so thankful for this class!

- Parent Education
Program participant

CIS Peer Court starting this month around the county

CIS of Brunswick County is pleased to announce that the Peer Court program will be operating on a full-time basis starting in October for the 2017-2018 school year. This goal could not have been possible without the support and advocacy of our community partners, volunteers, and stakeholders. A special thanks to Knights of Columbus Sacred Hearts Council, Mike's Garage Band, CIS Board of Directors, Shallotte Summer Concert Series, South Brunswick Islands Rotary, Shallotte Rotary, and individual donors for their financial support to reinstate the program. We would also like to thank Brunswick County Schools, CIS staff, and the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Club for their continued advocacy on behalf of the CIS Peer Court program.



Peer Court at Cedar Grove Middle School



Peer Court is a partnership between CIS, Brunswick County's District Attorney's Office, and Brunswick County Schools. It could not operate without support from student volunteers, adult volunteers, and community partners. Student volunteers are given the opportunity to explore the justice system and serve as attorneys, bailiffs, jurors. The adult volunteers assist the students in their roles to prepare and present the cases as well as serve as judges.

Peer Court is a diversion program implemented at each county middle school and K-8 Waccamaw School for first-time juvenile offenders ages 11-16. They are given an alternative system of justice where they have the opportunity to admit responsibility for offenses and receive constructive sentencing from a jury of their peers. Peer Court does not determine guilt or innocence; but recommends a constructive sentence for the defendant that includes restitution, community service, and counseling. After sentencing is received, CIS Success Coaches case manage the student to ensure that they are fulfilling requirements of their sanctions. Many times these students remain on the caseload of the Success Coach and become a part of the Action for Success program in order to provide integrated student supports to assist the student's success in the school and classroom.

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Supporting Student Success focus of 2017 16th Annual CIS Benefit Gala

Communities In Schools of Brunswick County, together with our Platform Sponsor, Cygnus Technologies, presents the 16th Annual CIS Benefit Gala. This year's theme is "Supporting Student Success." Tickets are now on sale to the 16th Annual CIS Benefit Gala. This year's event will be held November 2, 2017 from 6:00 – 10:00 pm at Sea Trail Resort and Conference Center in Sunset Beach. The evening will be hosted by Jon Evans, WECT News Anchor, and includes a decadent tasting of gourmet foods provided by Brunswick County's finest restaurants, Live and Silent Auctions, 50/50 raffle, and entertainment by the Blackwater Rhythm and Blues Band from Clarkton, North Carolina.

Partner restaurants supporting the Gala include:

Angelo's Pizzeria & Bistro

Art Catering and Events/Purple Onion

Backstreet Café

Burney's Bakery

Cape Fear Seafood Company

Chili's

Flights...Wine, Craft Beer, & Food

Golden Corral

Lockwood Folly Marketplace

Papa John's Pizza

Side Street Bakery

Sunset Slush—Classic Italian Ice

The Little Chef Food Truck and Catering Co.

Terry's North Carolina Bar-B-Que

Yacht Basin Eatery



A major sponsor of the event includes Duke Energy along with media sponsors the Brunswick Beacon and the State Port Pilot. Sponsorship opportunities are still available to the black-tie-optional CIS Benefit Gala and individual tickets can be purchased for \$125 per person. CIS of Brunswick County's Supporting Student Success Gala will celebrate the community coming together to contribute to and recognize student success.

Founded in 1995, it is CIS of Brunswick County's mission to "surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life." The efforts of CIS making a difference in the lives of students and families are well-documented. In the 2016-2017 school year, organization efforts resulted in more than 4,400 young people and families receiving services including academic tutoring, social enrichment, and intervention services that reach far beyond the classroom.

For more information about the CIS Gala event and sponsorships, please contact the CIS office at 910-832-3494 or visit www.cisbrunswick.org.



2016 CIS Gala at Sea Trail Resort

Preparing kids for a successful school year: Back to school supply drive

CIS of Brunswick County would like to thank the community members and businesses who supported our recent Back to School Supply Drive, collecting backpacks and school supplies for Brunswick County students in need. This was one of our most successful supply drives, resulting in many donations distributed to children in middle schools and Waccamaw School. We would like to especially thank The St. James Service Club and Duke Energy Progress for donations of backpacks and carloads of school supplies to help prepare students for the start of school. Thank you also to our supportive partner 1-800-Pack-Rat as well as the CIS Thrift Shops for providing a storage container and space to collect these supplies.

Many families struggle to provide the supplies necessary for the start of school. For families who cannot afford to provide these items, donations from generous community members and businesses help ensure all children arrive at school prepared to learn. Without the support of a caring community, many children would be without necessary tools to be successful in school.

Between 2007 and 2016, the cost of supplies and extracurricular activities increased 88 percent for elementary school students, and 81 percent for middle school students, according to the 2016 Backpack Index, an annual survey of the cost of school supplies and expenses compiled by The Huntington National Bank and nonprofit Communities In Schools.

The majority of teachers report buying school supplies for students throughout the school year. Donations of school supplies are always needed and can be donated year-round by contacting CIS at (910) 832-3494. Thank you for supporting Brunswick County students to be engaged in learning and excited about the new school year. They are the future of our community and each one deserves the same opportunity for success.



CIS Success Coaches sorting school supplies for delivery.

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21st CCLC Summer Camp art from the heart and after school programs

During this summer's 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) summer camp middle school students were introduced to the concept of community nonprofit organizations and how nonprofits work together to help improve communities around them. The 21st CCLC students specifically learned about the Ocean Isle Beach Sea Turtle Protection Organization (OIBSTPO). During the summer camp students created clay sea turtle art pieces for donation to OIBSTPO. The student turtle art will be made available for community members to make a donation to OIBSTPO and then be given one of the turtle art pieces. The clay turtles will help OIBSTPO raise money for the medical treatment of sick turtles and to also help raise awareness of how they can educate others on keeping our oceans free from litter and pollution.



OIBSTPO volunteers Deb and Jim Boyce came to speak with the students sharing about the lives and surrounding habitat of local sea turtles and share how this project will greatly benefit turtle protection in Ocean Isle Beach. The Boyces presented various illustrations, experiences, models, and a video regarding turtle rescues and life cycles of turtles. Summer camp students also created and decorated small paper turtles inscribed with words that reminded them of the ocean. Student clay sea turtles and their framed paper turtles with inspiring words will be presented to the OIBSTPO for their Sea Turtle Day festival, scheduled for July 12, 2018 at the Ocean Isle Beach Community Center in Ocean Isle Beach.

This year's 21st CCLC Summer Camp art project was modeled after a Pittsburgh nonprofit Union Project's The 1000 Birds Project. Union Project invites people to make a bird out of clay along with writing a brief message expressing their hopes for their community. The 1000 Birds Project was created in 2011 during the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration. Union Project uses arts projects to bridge gaps between communities.



CIS 21st CCLC 2017-2018 after school programs are ready for another year of stimulating activities for students in Shallotte and Cedar Grove Middle Schools. The after school program operates from October through May and provides students with a safe, supportive and enriched learning environment where they can receive homework assistance, participate in STEM projects to help understand mathematical and scientific concepts, boost reading comprehension and math skills using interactive digital online learning programs, along with a variety of art and team building activities.

For middle school program information, please contact:

Gigi Kenna, program site coordinator for Cedar Grove Middle School – 910.712.0816,
Kim Hayden, program site coordinator for Shallotte Middle School – 910.712.0745, or
Joann Shanley, 21st CCLC After School Program Director at 910.253.5327 ext. 1542
or email jshanley@cisbrunswick.org.

The CIS 21st CCLC Elementary Program at Supply Elementary will also be starting this fall. The program will serve students in grades 3, 4, and 5 operating Monday through Friday, from 3:30-6 p.m. Program services will include homework assistance, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) hands-on activities, enrichment activities, snack time, parent engagement activities, and a focus on increasing individual student proficiency in the core subject areas of Reading/Language Arts and Math. For more information, please contact Drew Jordan at 910.253.5327 ext. 1432 or email djordan@cisbrunswick.org.



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Keep up with CIS activities and events by following us through our social media outlets. You can see thrift shop inventory updates, program and volunteer pictures on our Facebook pages; follow activities and events through our Twitter feed; and see images of our programs, thrift shops, and activities on our Instagram feed. Click the icons below to access our social media channels and interact with us daily. Get social and stay connected with timely information from CIS of Brunswick County!



CIS page



CIS Thrift Shop page



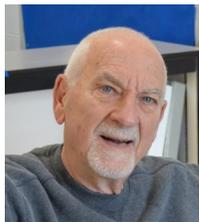
CIS Twitter



CIS Instagram

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Volunteer Spotlight



Jeff Flaum, South Brunswick Middle School CIS volunteer

1. Tell us about your volunteer work with CIS. I meet weekly with students at SBMS. I am a positive male role model for them, giving them attention and an open ear to listen and support them.

2. What is your favorite thing about CIS? Involvement with students. Great friendship, compassion, and giving the students a chance to get help they need.

3. What is your favorite thing to do in Brunswick County? After working with CIS at SBMS, working with the Food Pantry in BSL. I work with families with kids to get food and attention.

4. What inspires you to continue giving back to CIS and the students of Brunswick County? I love kids and CIS gives me that opportunity. Brunswick County is similar to where I grew up.

5. Tell us one of your most rewarding experiences as a CIS volunteer. Working with the boys and see them get stronger every week. Learning how to cope and overcome their personal problems.



Fran Gwathney, Leland Thrift Shop volunteer

1. Tell us about your volunteer work with CIS. I volunteer at the Leland Thrift Shop weekly. I sort and prepare items for sale, dress mannequins and decorate the store for special events.

2. What is your favorite thing about CIS? Interacting with customers as everyone is so friendly. I love decorating the shop and mannequins to make the shop look beautiful.

3. What is your favorite thing to do in Brunswick County? Going to Southport and sitting by the river. I love my Compass Pointe home and also lets me easily go to Brunswick County Beaches.

4. What inspires you to continue giving back to CIS and the students of Brunswick County? I believe in the youth of today and their potential. If volunteering at the shop keeps programs going to provide guidance and mentorship, it's what I need to do.

5. Tell us one of your most rewarding experiences as a CIS volunteer. The Leland Shop anniversary celebration in July where all the volunteers came out for a great day and more people were made aware of the shop and what CIS is all about!

Boiling Spring Lakes CIS Thrift Shop expansion and Halloween thrifting



The Boiling Spring Lakes (BSL) CIS Thrift Shop located at 3000 George II Highway recently expanded and held a grand re-opening celebration. The newly expanded shop offers over 3,000 square feet of retail sales space. Special thanks go out to the community volunteers who helped prepare the new space and donated items for opening sales inventory. Community volunteers and donations are needed to help in the expanded retail sales space. Donations and volunteer assistance are gratefully appreciated. The shop is open Monday–Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sundays, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. If interested in donating your time or gently-used items, contact the CIS office at 910-832-3494 or stop by the BSL Thrift Shop.

At CIS Thrift Shops an original and unique Halloween costume can be put together for around \$10! You might already have a costume idea and need to get some assorted pieces to complete your look, or need an entire last minute costume; CIS Thrift Shops are the place to find the perfect costume or accessories!

"You can find everything you need to put together a great costume," says Briton Campbell, Lead Manager at the Southport CIS Thrift Shop. She says to focus on a few important pieces and then build around them. Look for frilly dresses, retro men's suits, or even medical scrubs. A star from a Christmas ornament, a dowel from a picture hanger and some ribbon makes a great wand.

Housewares are an often-overlooked source for costume creations. Velvet curtains create a vampire's cape. Fancy tablecloths can be turned into queen's robes. Sheer curtains can be attached to wire coat hangers and you've got fairy wings. "The recent zombie craze is easy to create," Campbell says. "A zombie costume can be made from just about anything – a cheerleader outfit, a suit and tie for a businessman, scrubs, old blue jeans and a white shirt – anything that can be torn up."

CIS Thrift Shops have the inventory you need to make that special one-of-a-kind costume that will steal the show. And you won't spend a lot of money doing it!

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