



# MARION JAG ADVISORY NEWSLETTER



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## SMART GOALS:

**S**-specific, your goal is direct, detailed, and meaningful

**M**-measurable, your goal is quantifiable to track progress or success

**A**-achievable, your goal is realistic and you have the tools and/or resources to attain it

**R**-relevant, your goal aligns with your career choice

**T**-time-based, your goal has a deadline

## YOUR GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND YOU...

Your grade point average (gpa) serves as an indicator of a student's determination for academic success. It tracks the overall academic progress annually.

**What is the difference between an unweighted GPA and a weighted GPA?**

The unweighted grade point average is ranked on a 0 to 4.0 scale and the weighted grade point average is ranked on a 0 to 5.0 scale.

**Q: How many credits do I need to graduate high school?**

**A:** SC High School Diploma Requirements the SC General Assembly has established the requirement for a high school diploma in South Carolina at **24 credits**.

**Q: What subjects are mandatory for a high school diploma?**

**A:** A student must earn a total of 24 units of credit distributed as follows:

- English/Language Arts 4 Units
- U.S. History and Constitution 1 Unit
- Economics (1/2 Unit), Government (1/2 Unit) 1 Unit
- Other Social Studies 1 Unit
- Mathematics 4 Units
- Science 3 Units
- Physical Education or ROTC 1 Unit\
- Computer Science (Including Keyboarding) 1 Unit
- Foreign Language or Occupational Education 1 Unit
- Electives 7 Units
- **TOTAL 24 UNITS**



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*“Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.”*

*~Maya Angelou*

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## TIME MANAGEMENT TIPS FOR STUDENTS

Maximize your time:

- Look for 'found time'—riding on the bus, while you're in the car, when your teacher takes attendance, and when the lesson wraps up early
- Utilize before and after school hours, lunch, and Instructional Focus to the fullest
- Get started on your homework as early in the afternoon as possible. Give yourself no more than a 45-minute break afterschool—you'll be more efficient

## MARION HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

School Counselors:

- Dr. Deidra Bowden (A-F and T-Z)
- Mrs. Renata Truewell (G-S)
- Secretary: Mrs. Donnie Watts
- Events/Activities IGP's
  - Counselors will assist students and parents in creating graduation plans and in the selection of courses.
  - All students and parents will make course selections for the 2022-2023 school year.
  - Francis Marion Interview Day (for seniors) – February 21, 2022
  - Honors and Awards Virtual Program – February 25, 2022
  - ASVAB Spring Testing – Juniors and seniors may sign up in the School Counseling Office. ASVAB Test Date - April 5, 2022 8:30 am (Media Center)
  - Dual Enrollment – Sophomores and juniors with a 3.0 or higher GPA are invited to sign up to take classes from Florence Darlington Technical College for the 2022-2023 school year.
  - WIN Testing – March 21- April 6, 2022 All juniors are required to take this assessment.





The Sankofa Bird reminds us that we must continue to move forward as we remember our past & at the same time we plant a seed for the future generation that come after us.

## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### African American Accomplishments:

- ❖ **John Mercer Langston** – He was the first black male lawyer and first local elected official.
- ❖ **Thurgood Marshall** – The first black male supreme court justice and served from 1967 to 1991.
- ❖ **Hiram Rhodes Revels** – In 1870 he became first African American elected to the senate. He was elected in Mississippi.
- ❖ **Shirley Chisholm** – The first African American congresswoman in 1968, and the first to make a bid for U.S presidency as a major-party black candidate.
- ❖ **Madam C.J. Walker** – First female, self-made millionaire through her method she developed of straightening the hair of African Americans by using heated brushes and combs.
- ❖ **Hattie McDaniel** – In 1940 she was the first African American to win an academy award for her role in *Gone with the Wind*.
- ❖ **Robert F. Flemming Jr.** – He invented the “Euphonica” guitar in 1886. It was vast improvement from a traditional guitar.
- ❖ **Alvin Ailey**– He utilized dance to the fight for justice and founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre. He is also credited for popularizing modern dance.
- ❖ **Misty Copeland**– In 2015, she became the first African American to be appointed as a principal dancer for American Ballet Theatre.
- ❖ **Gwendolyn Brooks** – She is the first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 for poetry.
- ❖ **Count Basie** – He is the first Male African American Grammy winner in 1958.
- ❖ **Robert Johnson** – He became the first African American billionaire in 2001 as the owner of Black Entertainment Television (BET).
- ❖ **Nina Simone** – wrote songs addressing racial discrimination against African Americans, like “Mississippi Goddamn”, “Why (The King of Love Is Dead)”, and “Young, Gifted, and Black”.
- ❖ **Josephine Baker** – an American-born entertainer, singer, dancer, and became a French WWII spy. She was also an activist in the Civil Rights Movement, even though she gave up her US citizenship in 1937. Josephine Baker protested against racism by adopting twelve children of all different races to demonstrate that people can live together peacefully. They were known as her “Rainbow Tribe”.
- ❖ **Guion Bluford** – He became the first African American to go to space in 1983.
- ❖ **Dr. Mae Jemison** – In 1992, she became the first African American woman to go to space.
- ❖ **Alexa Canady** – After completing her residency at University of Minnesota in 1981, she became the first female African American neurosurgeon.
- ❖ **Daniel Hale Williams** – In 1893, he became the first physician to perform a successful open-heart surgery in the US and founded a hospital with interracial staff.
- ❖ **Dr. Charles Drew** – In 1940, he invented of the blood bank.
- ❖ **Bessie Coleman** – In 1921, Coleman became the first African American (and person of Native American descent) to hold a pilot license.
- ❖ **Alexander Lucius Twilight** – In 1823, he graduated from Middlebury College and became the first African American to be a college graduate.
- ❖ **Edward Bouchet** – He was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. at Yale for Physics.
- ❖ **Marlin Briscoe** – Playing for the Broncos, in 1968 he became the first black quarterback to start a pro football game.

# In Loving Memory of Ms. Sylvia Davis

- ❖ An Awesome Teacher
- ❖ A Beautiful Person
- ❖ A Compassionate and Considerate lady

Forever  
in our  
Hearts 