



Weekly Newsletter of
South Charlotte Middle School

May 20, 2022

Good Afternoon Parents,

It has been a great opportunity returning to South Charlotte Middle School. Many students and staff have said; "welcome home". It feels like home; however, it has been different at this time in the school year not know every child. I will say, the ones who I have met and had the chance to interface with have been wonderful as SCMS students always are. I will say the behavior of our students as a whole has been less than what we expect at SCMS. Please know this is not for all students, but more than we would choose. I ask your help in speaking with your child each day not only about their behavior, but the behavior of others who may be impeding their opportunity to learn. Of course, we only have a few days of school prior to testing, but the goal is to ensure the testing environment in each class is conducive to a safe space for their testing experience.

Speaking of testing, please ensure your students eat breakfast at home or encourage them to eat here each day. Also, water consumption or some type of hydrating drink is also important. Research proves students and adults perform better with consumption of water and healthy food; however, with our middle school students right now, we want them to eat something and drink something. This is not for the EOGs which are next week, but for every day! Their brains have to work as effectively as possible. Nutrition is a large part of this.

I want to reiterate to you and maybe for the first time for our new parents (new to me), have your students relax as much as possible relative to the test. Each subject test is one day. Sure, we want to have very high test scores, close achievement gaps, show growth etc., but all this will be reflected on the test and the students just need to relax before and when taking them and we will help them (with you) understand it is one test, one day.

I have had the pleasure of attending the chorus, orchestra and band concerts in my three weeks of being here. I have been blown away by the talent, discipline and focus on excellence our students have demonstrated. There have been so many things I have missed this year, but I know all of those were just as great as the events I have attended. I look so forward to working this summer and starting the year next year.

For our eighth grade parents, please speak to your students about behavior at the dance this evening. I am so excited to see all the students dressed up and having a great time. In addition, relative to all eighth grade activities, please continue speaking with your students relative to good behavior and fulfilling our motto: The South Charlotte Way: Doing the right thing, all day every day....

Thank you for allowing us to serve your students each day. I am truly thrilled to return to this great school, with so many great parents, students, staff members and community supporters. Have a great weekend.

Lisa Bailes, Principal
South Charlotte Middle School

UPCOMING EVENTS

05/22 8th Grade Dance 7pm-9pm
05/25 Math 8 EOG
05/26 6th and 7th Grade Math EOG
05/27 Math 1 EOC
05/30 Holiday; No School for Teachers
and Students

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Thank you to our Sponsors:



Staff Highlight:

Whitney Matthews
6th Grade Counselor



I am delighted to be the 6th grade counselor this year! This is my 4th year at SCMS and I love getting to know the students and families. Before SCMS, I was a high school counselor, so I love helping students plan out their academic futures.

I grew up in Charleston and graduated college from the University of Richmond (only college in the US with a spider as a mascot) then got my masters in counseling at UNCC. I am married and have a 3 year old daughter named Cora (or threenager as I like to call her) and a 4 month old named Juliet (who so far is pretty laid back).

My job consists of supporting students and families – and I think it is the best job in the world

End Of Grade Testing Info:

Our end of grade testing begins on Wednesday, May 25. Please see below for full schedule. We want our students to do their best on testing days. Here is some important information for a successful testing experience:

- Please be sure students are well rested on testing days by allowing at least 8 hours of sleep (according to the CDC).
- Please be sure students eat a healthy breakfast. Remember that free breakfast is provided at school each day.
- Please be sure students arrive to school by 8:20 am so testing can begin on time.
- The end of year testing is about students showing what they know and can do. We know students are prepared and will do their best. They do not need to be stressed about testing.
- Cell phones and smart devices. Students may not have cell phones, Smartwatches, smart devices, fitbits or any type of tracker during testing. We advise students to leave these devices at home on testing days.
 - On testing days, students should only bring with them to school:
 - pencil,
 - novel to read after testing
 - lunch (unless purchasing lunch)and instrument, if student has orchestra or band class that day

Thank you for your support and for the 36 volunteers who have signed up to proctor. We appreciate all of the support during testing. There are still 32 proctor spaces available. Please sign up using Sign up genius link below.

	<p><u>EOG Testing Volunteers</u></p> <p>Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!</p> <p><u>www.signupgenius.com</u></p>
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End of Year Testing Schedule:

Schedule for End of Year testing:

- Wednesday, May 25 - Math 8 End of Grade Exam
- Thursday, May 26 - Math 6 and Math 7 End of Grade Exams
- Friday, May 27 - Math 1 End of Course Exam
- Wednesday, June 1 - Reading 8 End of Grade Exam
- Thursday, June 2 - Reading 6 and 7 End of Grade Exams
- Friday, June 3 - Science 8 End of Grade Exam

8th Grade Parents!

There is a lot happening in the next few weeks. Please take a look at this sign up to help with the end of year activities.

Dance May 20 - 7-9pm

Field Day - June 6

Promotion Ceremony - June 7
@9:30am

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aafad2dabf94-8thgrade>

The SCMS chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is please to open applications for the 2022-2023 school year to rising eighth grade students. Application requirements include an unweighted 3.0 GPA for the current school year, a record of positive behavior at school, past community service, and leadership in service activities.

An application is linked below and will also be available from the adviser, Mrs. Clarke, in room 205. They are due on Monday, May 23.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gDEiVxnAXkAFr7KWXM_F1UXr_bkPqIIh6/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108423780608265487333&rtpof=true&sd=true

2023 Washington, D.C. Trip

Own a business, craft or special talent? The 8th grade is looking for donations for a raffle in the fall to offset the cost of the trip. If you would like to donate tax deductible gift cards or items to be raffled off, please contact Tricia Titus at tricia.titus@cms.k12.nc.us.

8TH GRADE DC TRIP

Save the Date!



APRIL 18-21, 2023

Approx. cost
\$760



Fundraising opportunities coming soon!



South Mecklenburg High School

You're invited to South Meck athletics meeting

The South Meck Sports Boosters are inviting parents of rising freshmen to their final general meeting of the school year on May 25 – in-person at 6 p.m. in the South Meck cafeteria. The Sports Boosters are the non-profit, parent volunteer organization that supports South Meck athletics. SMSB is hoping to have a big turnout for discussions around volunteering and fundraising heading into the summer and the new school year.

For more information, go to their [website](#) or email info@smsportsboosters.com."

The SCMS Orchestras have been awarded the Honor Rating of "Excellent" on May 12, 2022, at Carowinds Music Festival (National level). Please congratulate and acknowledge the students.

6th-grade orchestra

7th-grade orchestra

8th-grade orchestra



Do you still want a yearbook but you didn't get one today? We have a few left after distributing them! Use the link below to order one before June 8th!

<https://bit.ly/3FZAAtk2>

SCMS DEVICE COLLECTION

Dear Families,

We will collect the CMS **Chromebook, bag with strap and front pocket, and charger** your child received at the beginning of this school year. If your child was issued a Hotspot, we will collect the **Hotspot, box, and charger**. Please wipe down the Chromebook and remove any writing or stickers that your child may have attached to it.

If your child's charger is lost or damaged or your child's Chromebook is damaged, please follow the link provided for payment. You may also pay cash at school.

Link and Items	
Online School Payments Link	Damaged keyboard-missing keys: \$48.99 Damaged/cracked screen: \$47.99 Defacing the Chromebook (etching, applying stickers, ink): \$10.00 Lost charger: \$21.00 Lost or total damage of Chromebook: \$245.00

Testing begins on May 25. Your student should have their Chromebook fully charged and at school each day beginning May 25. Below is the scheduled collection date for each grade level.

GRADE LEVEL	COLLECTION DATE
6th Grade	Jun 3, 2022
7th Grade	Jun 3, 2022
8th Grade	Jun 6, 2022

Thank you for your help and support in ensuring that all devices are ready for student use next year!

CMS Learning and Language Acquisition presents...

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Learning and
Language Acquisition
English Learner Services

P.A.C.E. GLOBAL HIGH SCHOOL

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY INPUT SESSIONS

Join us to provide input on the development of the concept of the Personalized Academic Command of English (P.A.C.E.) Global High School for novice, newcomer English Learner students!

**Zoom: bit.ly/PACEHigh
Meeting ID: 987 1299 1697
Passcode: 896236**

- Wednesday, May 18, 6-7pm
- Thursday, June 2, 6-7pm
- Tuesday, June 7, 6-7pm



South Charlotte MS FIELD HOCKEY

Interest Meeting & FREE CLINIC!



6th, 7th, & 8th graders! Try a new sport!
Beginner & experienced players welcome!!

May 25, 2022 4:30PM

WHO - Any fall 2022 middle schooler interested in this team

WHAT - FREE learn to play clinic will introduce you to the sport, teach basic skills, and get you hooked! Learn about the SCMS Field Hockey Team

WHERE - SCMS field (8040 Strawberry Lane)

WHEN - May 25, 4:30-5:30PM

EQUIPMENT - Shinguards and mouthguards recommended. Sticks will be available to borrow.

**Pre-register here > <https://bit.ly/SCMSFH2022>
or Walkups welcome**

email: Terry@CharlotteAmbush.com
for questions





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SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

8040 Strawberry Lane

Charlotte, NC 28277 Phone: 980-343-3670 Fax: 980-343-3725



GOOD TO KNOW

- ◆ South Charlotte is a member of the Southwest Learning Community. (980) 344-7160
- ◆ To report an absence email scms.attendance@cms.k12.nc.us or you may phone the school at 980-343-3670.
- ◆ Online School Payments (OSP) - CMS has provided us with the opportunity to accept payments for school events on-line. It is much like Athletics Pay-to-Play, comes with a fee (4%), and allows you to pay at your convenience. If you choose to pay on-line, it also relieves our teachers from the time taken to do the paperwork and to receipt and turn in money or checks. *Teachers will continue to take cash and checks as they always have.*

Just sign in to: osp.osmsinc.com/CMS

Choose your student's event and homeroom teacher, and make payment.

The teacher and Financial Secretary are sent advisements of your payment.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. Through the year, events will be added including field trips, textbooks, fees, and other payments.

- ◆ Re-link your Harris Teeter VIC card! Our TIE number is 1933.

http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.a_spx

- ◆ Need a tutor? Check out our website for a great list.

The **SOUTH CHARLOTTE** Way
Doing the **RIGHT** thing,
All Day *Every Day...*

In compliance with federal law, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools administers all education programs, employment activities and admissions without discrimination against any