



Welcome back South Charlotte Families!

I hope that everyone enjoyed the break, most especially the beautiful weather we experienced. Seems as though winter is back in our midst now! We have had a great week and I am so excited about the teaching and learning experiences I've observed this week in our classrooms. I so enjoy being in classrooms and the hallways, interacting with the adults and our students. I want to also compliment our students for their engagement in lessons this week and I am convinced we're ready to eagerly take on the second half of the school year. We also spoke with the students on closed-circuit television this past Wednesday to reiterate expectations and to remind everyone that we are continuing to be vigilant in following the Covid protocols currently in place. Thanks for your support at home with this as we all keep safety a priority here at South Charlotte.

I want to update you regarding new hires and changes in teachers. We welcomed Mr. Piccone the last week of December, as he took over Ms. Little's 7th grade ELA classes. Ms. Little has transitioned to the dance teacher position. Ms. Clarke, former 8th grade ELA, took over Ms. Bernier's one 7th grade ELA class, and serves now as the academic facilitator. Ms. Gardner took over Ms. Clarke's 8th grade ELA classes in November. Finally, CMS allowed every school to hire what they call "guest teachers", in light of the staff shortages throughout the district. We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Mullen and Ms. Priest. They work in all grade levels and take on assignments, sometimes daily while at other times for extended periods. Detailed lesson plans are provided to them for each assignment. It has been a very hectic hiring season, and I am happy that we have seen staffing issues settle somewhat for us at SCMS. Credit goes to the outstanding staff for their support, their commitment to your students, and their positive attitudes, despite the unprecedented challenges we've been faced with in the last few years. Family support has also been phenomenal and as interim principal I couldn't have a better assignment in our district right now. Thanks for allowing us to work with your student and your family!

Warm Regards,

Dr. Sharon Dougherty
Interim Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

01/10 Basketball VS Quail Hollow 5pm
01/11-12 Math MAP Testing
01/11 Honors Drama Play and Dance
Production @ 6:30 pm in Cafeteria
01/13-14 ELA MAP Testing
01/17 Holiday, No School

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Staff Highlight:

Tricia Titus
8th Grade Social Studies



My name is Tricia Titus and this is my 16th year at South Charlotte. I am originally from Rochester NY and moved to the Washington DC area after college where I met my husband. We have a 7th grade son at SCMS and a fur baby (Rosco) at home. This past summer we took a cross country trip in our RV to Yellowstone National Park and back. As an American History nut, this was a spectacular experience. We saw so much of the country and experienced a lot of the history of America. I have shared a lot of my pictures with my students and I know they may not share my excitement but feel like it enhances their classroom content. It was an experience of a lifetime. Teaching takes up a lot of my time but at home I also like to be with friends and family, visit local restaurants and travel. The past two years has reprioritized this time together and our relationships are better for it.

SCMS will have a Boys Club Tennis Team this Spring. The season will start on February 28th and end on April 8th.

Practices will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-5pm at Raintree Country Club with Coach Marc Kantor. The cost is \$215 per player. We will order shirts for the boys and they will be \$20.

The boys will have approximately 12 practices and 7 matches with other area middle schools. Players at all levels are welcome to participate. Players need to know how to keep score to play in matches.

For more information or to join the team, please email Kelly Perrone and Lesley Quick at kperrone1111@gmail.com. Please sign up by **Monday, January 17th**.



It's Here! January

Donation Drive

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Ms. Kissmann volunteers at the Humane Society of York County (located behind Carolina Place Mall). SCMS is collecting much needed supplies for our struggling furry friends.

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blankets	dog (dry/wet)	stuffed	leashes
comforters	cat (dry/wet)	squeaky	harnesses
towels	puppy food	Kong toys	dog beds
hand towels	dog treats	cat toys	laundry detergent
wash cloths	cat treats		unused medications
			liquid hand soap
			55 gal. trash bags
			clay kitty litter

You can turn donations in to Ms. Kissmann or Mr Konko.

Thank you!

EOC Testing Date:

Students in Mr. Baker's Math 1/Math 2 class will take their Math 1 EOC exam on **January 19, 2022.**

Mr. Baker will give his students more information over the next few weeks.

HONORS DANCE AND HONORS DRAMA WINTER PERFORMANCE

Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022

6:30 p.m in the SCMS Cafetorium

Join us for two great performances!

Honors Dance will perform original and creative dances choreographed by students and their director, Mandi Little. Be prepared to rock out to their moves!

Honors Drama will present the one act play, "ROSHAMBO" by Brian Borowka and directed by Sunny Binder. This hilarious show is about the ultimate Rock-Paper-Scissors competition and what odds competitors will go to in order to win it!!

Chairs will be set up in pairs in order to socially distance.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED DURING THE ENTIRE PERFORMANCE.



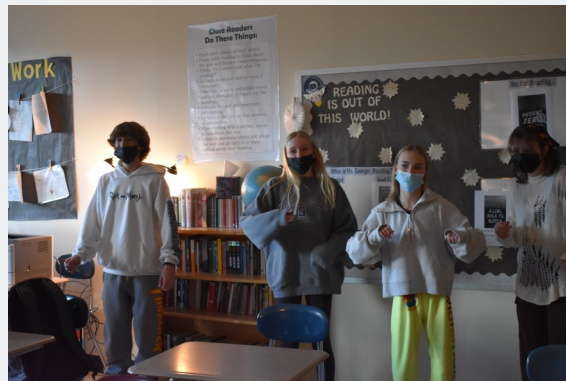
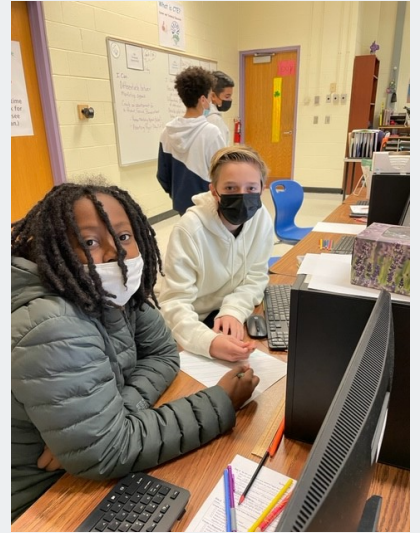
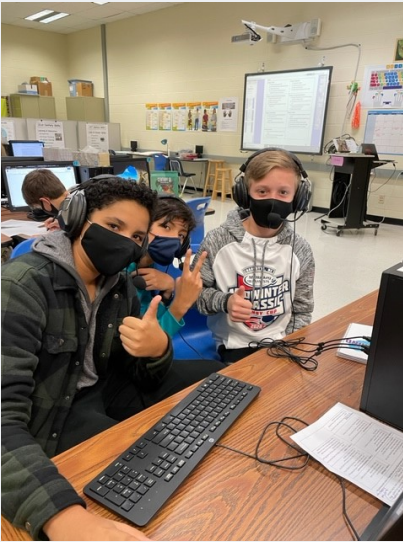
Winter Map Testing:

Winter MAP assessments are scheduled for next week. Students will take the math MAP in their math class on Tuesday, January 11 and the reading MAP in their ELA class on Thursday, January 13.

MAP assessments are given three times per year. Teachers use the results to ensure that students' individual academic needs are met and to monitor their growth overtime. MAP assessments do not count for a grade. They are used by the teacher to help determine how to best support children.



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- ◆ 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.

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