

UPCOMING EVENTS

01/17 Holiday, No School
01/18 Basketball VS Carmel; Girls 5pm
Boys 6pm
01/21 End of Quarter 2
01/24 No School for Students, teacher
workday
01/27 Counselor Coffee Event 9am

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Thank you to our Sponsors:



Staff Highlight: Chris Piccone 7th Grade ELA

My name is Chris Piccone, and I'm excited to be a part of South Charlotte Middle School. After living in New Jersey for the past eight years, my family moved to Charlotte to be closer to my wife's family.

I've been an educator for 28 years and recently fulfilled a long-term goal, teaching each grade level for a minimum of two years, from adults to preschoolers. This goal has allowed me to understand the process of learning from its nascent beginnings to its effective use in the business world and has allowed me a unique perspective on how people develop their strengths in effective written and oral communication. I am excited to be back working with middle schoolers because this is the time to develop their confidence as writers and communicators before the push and pull of high school.

I began my teaching journey at a private military school in Missouri. I then spent eighteen years as a middle school teacher at a private school in Tampa, Florida before moving to New Jersey when my wife was promoted within her company. In New Jersey, I taught 5th-8th grade English, and served as middle school director and curriculum coordinator. I was also a summer camp director for seven of the eight years in New Jersey.

I have operated a tutoring service specializing in writing, reading, and standardized test preparation, published articles in educational journals, written for the business sector, and presented at industry conferences. I've also landed in the Guinness Book of World Records for playing Louie, Louie the longest, worked on major political campaigns, served on the Clearwater Jazz Festival Board of directors and several other boards as well.

In my free time, I enjoy writing, traveling, and playing and collecting guitars.
Please feel free to reach out to me at chrisj.piccone@cms.k12.nc.edu.

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

for a



Dog Gone

(and cat) good cause.

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.

<u>Old/Used...</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Toys(new/used)</u>	<u>Other</u>
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.

Spring Sports Information:

If any student is trying out for a Spring sport, they need to have everything completed and turned in to Coach Konko by Friday, January 28th. The students need to visit the South Charlotte Athletics webpage and complete the 3 steps located in the first announcement in order to participate in try outs. I have included a link below:

<https://www.cmsathleticzone.com/page/show/815013-south-charlotte-middle-school>



Letter from the Nurse:

Hello Parents,

Hope everyone is holding up in this pandemic as it changes on a daily basis. It seems symptoms of any kind can be Covid these days, so I wanted to list for you the newest symptoms that I look for in the Health Room.

Symptoms:

Fever >100.4

Chills

Shortness of breath

New cough

Sore throat

Loss of taste of smell

General cold like symptoms

This is a website to go to for the toolkit that the schools follow and it lists all the different cases of when to stay home and when to test.

<https://Covid19.ncdhs.gov>

or just Google:

Strong Schools in NC Public Health Tool kit

Hope this helps.

Nurse Nancy



COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

**South Charlotte Middle School would like to invite you to:
a Counselor Coffee with Parents Event**

Topic: Resiliency Training: Helping Your Child Build Coping Skills

Presenters: Amanda Jones & Russell LeDonne (SCMS Counselors), Jennifer Rito (SCMS Psychologist), & Elizabeth Clarke (SCMS Academic Facilitator)

When: January 27th @ 9am for 1 hour

Where: Online Meeting (Zoom Information below)

Presentation will be recorded and posted on SCMS website for those who cannot attend live

Cost: Free

The SCMS Student Services Department collected and analyzed data to reveal that SCMS students are low in self-efficacy, resiliency, and coping skills. In effort to support growth in these areas the SS Department would like to review the data and action steps with parents. Counselors, Psychologist, and Academic Facilitator will share tips and theories for parental support alongside school support to help students gain more confidence in their skills, their ability to overcome challenges, and add to their "Coping Toolkit".

Zoom Meeting Information

Topic: Counselor Coffee: Resiliency Training

Time: Jan 27, 2022 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

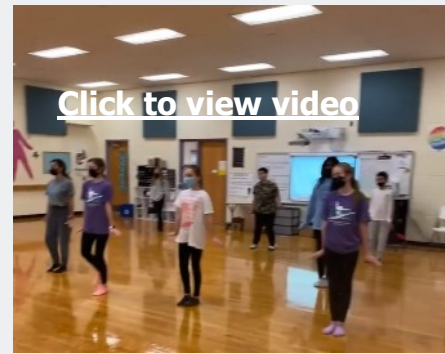
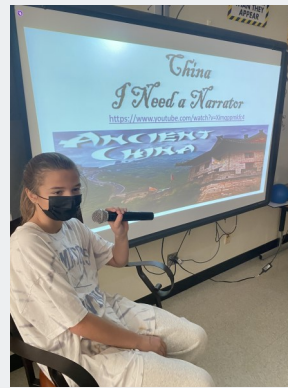
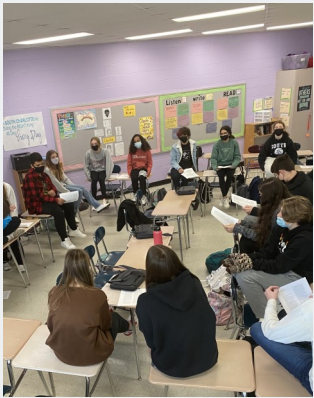
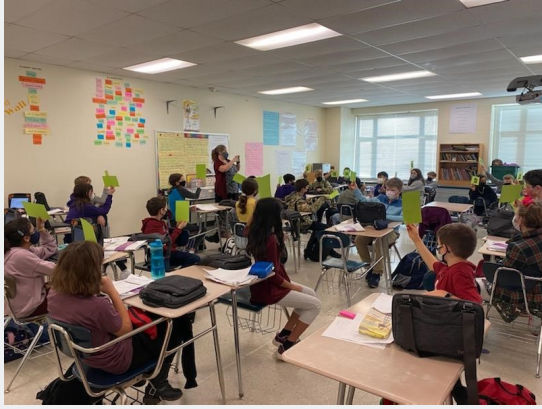
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Classroom Highlights





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Dr. Colin Webb



Dr. Jeff Goldsmith

*Free treatment is for 1 middle-schooler only

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Our average visit is **\$0 Down & \$203/mo**

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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...

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