



Weekly Newsletter of
South Charlotte Middle School

January 19, 2022

Dear South Charlotte Families,

To snow or not to snow, that is the burning question! As I talked with the kids at lunch and in the halls on Thursday, I think we were all excited to see a possibility of snow (not ice!) and hopeful we might have a long weekend to play in the snow. However, it looks like it might be more ice if there is a weather issue. To that end, CMS will send information to families by way of Connect Ed, as well as posting on the website, if there is to be a remote day of learning. You will find the remote bell schedule published on the school's website, along with attendance expectations. I asked all staff to work with students to ensure kids know how to access their Canvas pages.

New Covid guidelines can be found on the school's website. For the most up-to-date NCDHHS guidance for NC schools, please visit

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/guidance#schools>

If your child tests positive for Covid please send an email to our school nurse, Nancy Mundorf, at nancy.hinton-mundorf@cms.k12.nc.us

Nurse Nancy will record the information provided, which will then be communicated to Kathleen Johnson, who is now assigned to our school as our contact tracer for Covid cases. You will not need to email Mr. Samford any longer. We are happy to have Ms. Johnson with us!

I want to share with you that Ms. Florian, 6th grade math teacher, has moved to work in Cabarrus County, which is close to home for her. We have hired Mr. Mitchell Lebowitz for this position and he will start on February 2nd. Mr. Lebowitz has over 18 years of progressive leadership in teaching and instructional design. He worked for CMS as lead math teacher and department chair before moving to UNC-Charlotte as a new teacher support coach. Most recently he worked at Central Piedmont as a senior instructional designer.

Dr. Esposito sent out a message to all families that Ms. Bailes would be taking an indefinite leave of absence. I am honored to be asked to stay on in the position and appreciate all of the support I've received since I arrived in July. This has been one of my favorite interim positions I've had the pleasure to serve in, despite the numerous challenges before us each day. Middle school kids have so many great things to offer and I enjoy my interactions with them each day. No day is ever the same which makes the job so enjoyable!

Sincerely,

Dr. Sharon Dougherty

UPCOMING EVENTS

01/24 No School for Students, teacher workday

01/26 NAEP Testing (8th Grade Only)

01/27 Counselor Coffee Event 9am

01/27 Girls and Boys Basketball VS Community House; Girls 5pm Boys 6pm

01/31 Girls and Boys Basketball VS JM Robinson; Girls 5pm Boys 6pm

Stay informed and follow us on:

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Thank you to our Sponsors:



Staff Highlight:

**LeAnne Priest
Guest Teacher**



My name is LeAnne Priest and I am very excited to be part of the South Charlotte Middle School team. I am originally from a small town in northeast Texas, graduated from Southern Methodist University, then lived in Tyler, Texas for 20 years before moving to Charlotte in 2019. My husband, Nathan, and I have three children: Cameron (20), Annabel (18), and Caroline (16) and one very spoiled Maltese puppy. We love living in Charlotte and enjoy finding new things to see and do, like visiting the many restaurants in the city and exploring different areas of our new home state.

In my free time I enjoy reading, attending live theater and ballet, and spending time with family and friends. I love being part of the community at SCMS and have enjoyed getting to know all of the students.

Go Shockers!!

Donation Drive Update:

A little more than halfway done with the month and our SCMS family is coming through in a big way with donations for the Humane Society of York County! Let's finish the month STRONG! Thank you to all who have helped out!



It's Here! January

Donation Drive

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Dog Gone

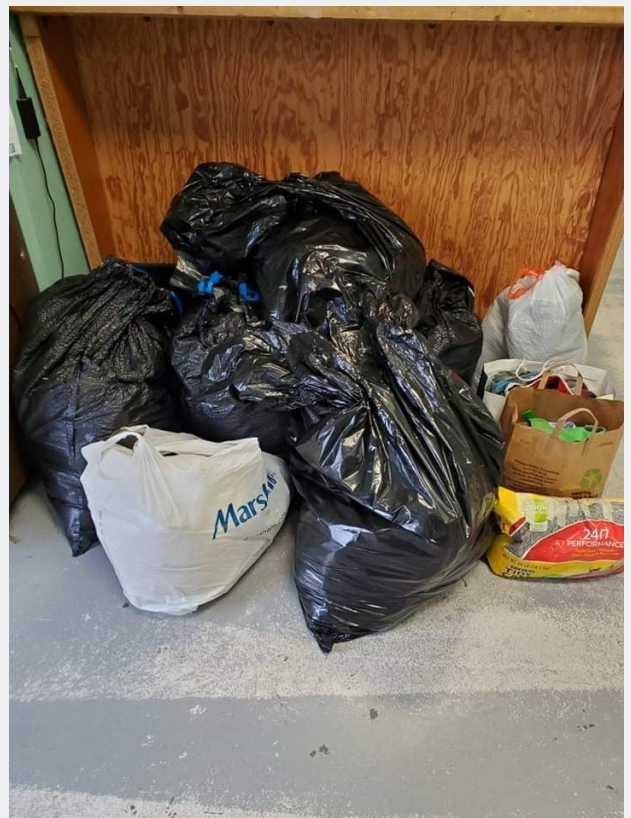
(and cat) good cause.

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!



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>



8th Grade DC Trip Information:

8th Grade Trip To DC:

Thank you to those who have expressed interest in having your child attend the 8th Grade Trip to DC. We apologize that the link on the flyer is not working for some. That form was simply an "interest" form. It is not the official sign-up. In lieu of Covid numbers rising and final details about when and where to make payments, we have delayed the official sign-up. As soon as we have the final details, we will send out information with students, via the Shockwave and with a ConnectEd to make sure any student who would like to attend is able to. Thank you for your patience!





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

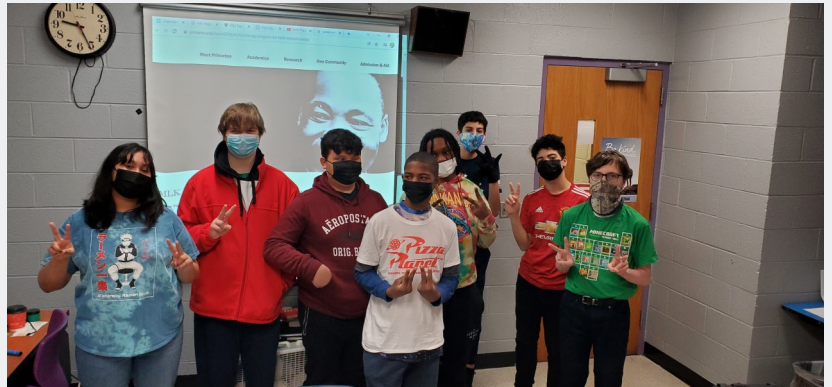
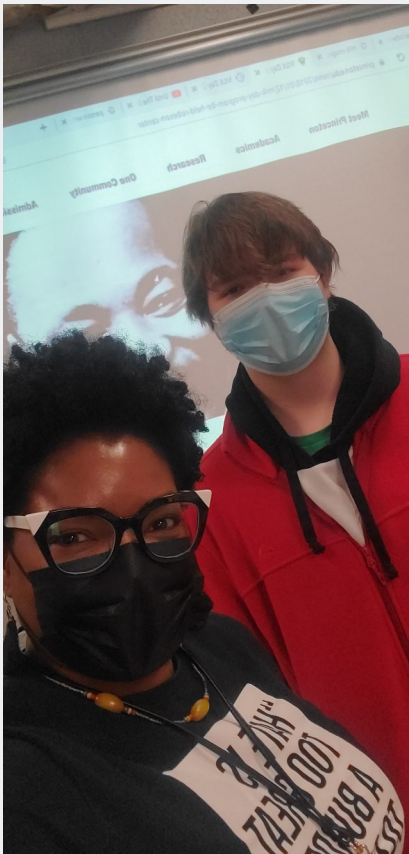
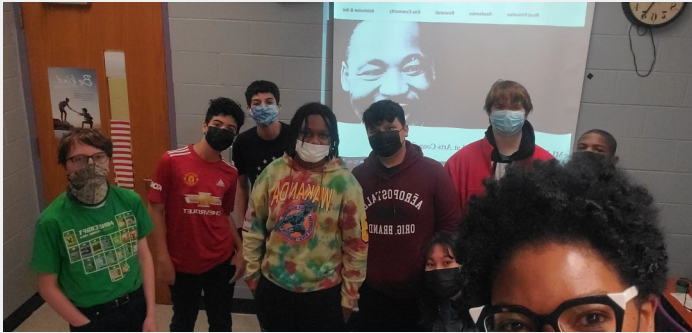
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Classroom Highlights





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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.

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