



February 4, 2022

Happy February South Charlotte Families,

Time is moving quickly and before we know it we'll be helping students register for next year's classes and making plans for the 2022-2023 school year. In this edition of the Shockwave I am sending the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System parent letter out once again, in the event you did not receive it by email through the Connect Ed message sent on Wednesday evening. There is a hyperlink for parent resources for your reference.

Please help me welcome Mr. Mitch Lebowitz to South Charlotte Middle School. I shared his information a few editions ago, but as a reminder he has taken Ms. Florian's 6th grade math position for the remainder of the year. He has 18 years of math experience as a teacher, instructional coach, and university employee. We have enjoyed his positive spirit in getting right down to work these past three days!

Eighth grade parents will be receiving a Connect Ed message regarding the Washington, D.C. trip coming up in April. Mr. Plaisance shares some key information in this message.

I hope that the rain goes away to allow us all to get outside to enjoy the weekend! Thanks for all of your support of SCMS. You are so appreciated.

Regards,

Dr. Sharon Dougherty
Interim Principal



February 2, 2022

Dear South Charlotte Middle School Families:

We are committed to creating and sustaining a comprehensive, coordinated effort to improve the overall safety and well-being of our students and staff.

To do this, we believe this must involve community-wide programs and initiatives involving parents, teachers, administrators, local law enforcement, mental health and wellness professionals, and elected officials to take meaningful action to protect our students.

Today, I am happy to announce our school has completed training and launched the “Say Something Anonymous Reporting System” (SS-ARS). This program, which fulfills the mandate requirement under 115C-105.51 of NC Law, teaches students, teachers, and administrators how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others, and *Say Something* to a trusted adult OR use the anonymous reporting system. Specifically, the program educates participants to:

- Recognize the signs and signals of at-risk behaviors, especially within social media
- Take every sign and signal seriously; act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult OR
- Report it anonymously through the SS-ARS 24/7 Crisis Center, mobile app, or website
- Respond to and manage the submitted tip via multi-disciplinary educator and administrator teams
- Sustain the curriculum and awareness via student clubs, in-school activities, and call-to-action weeks

Our students often are aware of the problems their peers are facing, so we must empower them to know the danger signs and give them the tools to help each other with the assistance of trained and caring adults. As you know, most conversations are taking place on social media, therefore it is critical that we teach our students to be looking out for one another as these digital conversations are taking place. SS-ARS teaches them what to look for in text, video and photos while empowering them to act quickly to help a fellow student.

Learn more in the [SAY SOMETHING PARENT GUIDE](#)

The SS-ARS program is provided by Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a nation-wide non-profit organization. SHP’s programs are in 50 states – with 14,000+ schools and over 12 million students and adults trained. They have a track record, reputation, and knowledge of how to work effectively with kids, parents, and teachers to improve school safety and culture. The program is age-appropriate and research-based. To date, SS-ARS and other SHP prevention programs have helped stop multiple school shootings, suicides, and gun threats. The program has reduced bullying and cyberbullying, intervened upon cutting, drug use, and other violent acts. We know this program will do the same for our district.

We anticipate that SS-ARS will help stop school shootings, suicides, and gun threats; it will help reduce bullying and cyberbullying; help intervene upon cutting, drug use, racial conflicts, and other violent and victimization acts.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me directly.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sharon Dougherty
Interim Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

01/31 Girls and Boys Basketball VS JM Robinson; Girls 5pm Boys 6pm
02/09 Early Release Day
02/10 6th Grade Band Concert 7-8pm
02/21 Make-up Inclement Weather Day for Students

Stay informed and follow us on:

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Thank you to our Sponsors:



Staff Highlight:

Kate Johnson
Covid Contact Tracer





Hi, my name is Kate Johnson, I have been in the Carolina's for 4 months and have loved every minute. I was born and raised in Wyoming on a sheep ranch. I moved to SC to be closer to my daughter who will soon be marrying a gentleman who has 3 little boys, I also have a son who lives in Arizona. I have a 16 year old golden retriever named Moose who seems to love the area as much as I do. I have been a social worker/discharge planner for many years.. In my free time I love to read, hike, golf and hang with my new grandsons. I have enjoyed myself here at SCMS, enjoyed getting to know the staff and looking forward to meeting more students.

2021-2022

3 hour Early Dismissal

(December 8, February 9, March 9, March 30, May 4)

|  Daily Bell Schedule  | | |
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| <u>6th Grade</u> | <u>7th Grade</u> | <u>8th Grade</u> |
| 1st Block 8:30-9:14 | 1st Block 8:30-9:14 | 1st Block 8:30-9:14 |
| 2nd block 9:17-10:01 | 2nd block-Electives 9:17-10:01 | 2nd block 9:17-10:01 |
| Healthy Living 10:04-10:29 | Healthy Living 10:04-10:29 | Lunch 10:04-10:29 |
| 3rd block 10:31-11:16 | Lunch 10:31-10:56 | Healthy Living 10:31-10:56 |
| Lunch 11:18-11:43 | 3rd Block 10:59-11:43 | 3rd Block - Electives 10:59-11:43 |
| 4th Block - Electives 11:46-12:30 | 4th Block 11:46-12:30 | 4th Block 11:46-12:30 |

44 minute classes; No AE and No SEL
6th Grade and 7th grade Healthy Living overlap so please note locations.
All early dismissals are to be scheduled during class changes. No early dismissals are permitted after the start of 4th block.
Instruments will be picked up from the band and orchestra rooms as students exit the building when dismissed.

Attention SCMS Families!



Have you bought your 2021-2022 yearbook? The Yearbook Staff has been working tirelessly to create a yearbook that you won't forget!

Important Dates:

- Monday 2/28 is the last day to get a guaranteed yearbook. After that date, we can't guarantee how many we will have available.
- Friday, 4/30 is the last day to order a yearbook, if we have any left over.

Go to jostensyearbooks.com and type in South Charlotte Middle School to order yours.

Questions?

Email lauraj.george@cms.k12.nc.us or jonathan.williams@cms.k12.nc.us

SCMS BAND STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THE SCDBA HONORS BAND

The 2022 South Central District Honors Band Virtual Auditions (All District Band Auditions) were held in January. The South Central District Band Association is composed of schools from ten counties. Six South Charlotte Middle School band students were selected for the All District Band! Congratulations to Katherine Chen (flute), Henry Uslan (flute), Julia Pearce (trumpet), Angello Cruz-Delgado (trumpet), Samuel Armstrong (trumpet), and Oliver Romero (trombone)! These students participated in the All District Band Clinic (rehearsals and concert) on Friday, January 28. In spite of revised schedules, which shortened their rehearsal time, they performed an outstanding concert at Stuart W. Cramer High School, Cramerton, NC on Friday evening!

We are very proud of these students!

Good luck to Julia Pearce (1st Chair Trumpet, Symphonic Band) and Katherine Chen (2nd Chair Flute, Symphonic Band) who are eligible for the North Carolina Honors Band Auditions (All State Band Auditions)!



Ms. Kissmann and the Humane Society of York County (located behind Carolina Place Mall) would like to thank South Charlotte Middle School students, staff and parents for the amazing job they did during the month of January for the Donation Drive. Four SUV loads of donated food, accessories, toys and bedding are tremendously helpful toward our mission of providing the best care for our animals as they wait for their forever homes!

The Physical Education/Health Department is looking forward to an awesome second semester. If anyone has white crew neck short sleeve t-shirts (writing and pictures are fine as long as they are acceptable for school) that could be donated we would very much appreciate it. All sizes are needed. Thank you.





Valentines Day Candy Grams:

Student Council will be selling ring pops for \$1 each to send to friends for Valentine's Day.

They will be sold near the school store from 2/7-2/11 at 8 am and during lunches. They will be delivered to SEL classes on 2/14.



SOUTH CHARLOTTE Middle School

Staff Appreciation Week February 28 - March 4

Please join us in celebrating the AMAZING SCMS team during Staff Appreciation Week! Donations for cash gifts may be made via Givebutter at this link: <https://givebutter.com/OhqM8z>.

Monday
Thanks a LATTE
Staff will start their day off right with donuts & coffee from the "Donut I Love your food truck"

Tuesday
Without you we'd CRUMBLE
Crumb! Cookie bar will be available in the Staff Lounge during lunch

Wednesday
You make our school un-BO-lievable!
It's BO-time! Bojangles biscuits will be served at the staff meeting with a "side" of supplies to stock your office/classroom!

Thursday
Our Staff CAN'T BE TOPPED
A yummy grab & go lunch will be provided by PTD Sponsor 800 Degrees Pizza

Friday
You've earned VIP status
Drinks & snacks will be delivered to all staff during AE, along with a big THANK YOU from the SCMS family... cash gifts!

Please also take a moment this week to thank a staff member with a kind email or card. Your words of encouragement matter!



Boys Lacrosse



Start Date: 2/7/2022

Cost: \$350

Grades 6-8

Practices M-F 4-530 at South Charlotte. No Weekends

Equipment, sticks and uniforms provided

Beginners are welcome!

Register here: <http://spya.website.siplay.com/>

Deadline to register is 2/4

Contact Jeff Konko for questions:

Jeff1.konko@cms.k12.nc.us

Head Coaches: Nathan Ball

SCMS FAN

The Fine Arts Network (FAN) at South Charlotte Middle

Is your child taking Art, Band, Chorus, Dance, Drama, or Orchestra???

Have you PAID your student's FEE(S) for their class?

- All fine arts classes – both regular and Honors – have fees associated with them. See the payment information below for class amounts. Please contact your fine arts teacher or SCMS counselor if you need support related to paying the fees.
- You can easily pay the fees online at www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com. There are two different payment options:
 - **Option 1: Pay to become a FAN Patron (\$ 150)**
 - When you become a FAN Patron, all Fine Arts fees for one student are covered for the year (class fees *and* Honors fees, but NOT fees associated with the Spring Musical).
 - **Option 2: Pay for Class Fees Only**

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| ▪ Art | \$ 30 | ▪ Honors Art | \$ 50 |
| ▪ Band | \$ 50 | ▪ Honors Band (jazz ensemble) | \$ 50 |
| ▪ Drama | \$ 10 | ▪ Honors Drama | \$ 50 |
| ▪ Dance | \$ 10 | ▪ Honors Dance | \$ 50 |
| ▪ Orchestra | \$ 50 | ▪ Honors Orchestra | \$ 50 |
| ▪ Chorus | \$ 10 | ▪ Honors Chorus | \$ 50 |
| ▪ Year-round Chorus | \$ 50 | | |

A tremendous **THANK YOU** to the families that have become FAN Patrons so far!!
Your dedication to the fine arts at SCMS is much appreciated.



SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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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...*

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