



Weekly Newsletter of
South Charlotte Middle School

February 11, 2022

Dear South Charlotte Families,

I sent a Connect Ed message out earlier this week regarding the district's Family Engagement Survey available to all families. Today your student is bringing home a sheet with their name, ID number, and information for you to complete the survey. The survey is available on our website and you can access it by clicking on the Family Engagement Survey button at the top.

The district is constantly working to provide your student with the best possible education. Give your opinion on topics such as school climate, teacher-family relationships, and school community. I encourage you to share your perceptions and your thoughts about the school environment and the district. If you have questions, please contact our front office staff who are available to answer questions.

Please join me in congratulating our 8th grade counselor, Mr. Russ Ledonne, on his new position in the district. Mr. Ledonne accepted a position as a section 504 coordinator and will be working with various schools as assigned. He will remain with us until the first of March. I know that many of you have worked closely with Mr. Ledonne and that he will certainly be missed. I have truly appreciated his hard work and commitment to our kids and families. We will be hiring another counselor to finish the year once Mr. Ledonne leaves SCMS. Mr. Ledonne will be handling much of the rising 9th graders' registration at this time to ensure our kids are ready for high school. I am thankful to be working with such strong counselors and anticipate a smooth transition.

I'd like to welcome Ms. Giada Pozzo back to SCMS. Ms. Pozzo moved to South Carolina last July and resigned from SCMS. She has now moved back to Charlotte and we are fortunate to have her back on our staff. She said that she is happy to be back home! She is working with a variety of teachers and students in her role at this time.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend. No snow or ice is predicted for a change so enjoy your time doing those things you love most! Thanks so much for your partnership in educating all of our students here at SCMS.

Regards,

Dr. Sharon Dougherty

Interim Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/14 Soccer and Baseball Tryouts after school until 6pm

2/21 Teacher Workday; no school for students

2/22 Track tryouts after school until 6pm

Stay informed and follow us on:

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Thank you to our Sponsors:



Staff Highlight:

Mitch Lebowitz
6th Grade Math



I have been in education for 18 years; I have taught all 3 middle school grade levels as well as high school Math 1 and Math 2. I hold 6 certifications and have 4 college degrees!

I have been a new teacher support coach through UNCC where I helped coached beginning teachers through the process of planning, instruction, and assessment. I also provided professional development for them in the same areas.

Most recently I was a senior instructional designer at Central Piedmont where I developed professional development to help faculty be better teachers.

On a personal note, I have 3 kids, 2 middle schoolers and one in elementary school. I also own 3 timeshares and like to travel.

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.



WyldLife @ South Charlotte

WyldLife is returning to South Charlotte Middle! Our first Club meeting will be Friday, March 18th from 7-9pm at the Barn at Hope Community Church (Olde Providence Campus).

WyldLife will also be going to Winter Weekend Camp this spring at Windy Gap! The trip will be **March 4 - 6th** and the cost is \$195. For more details or to sign up for the weekend, please follow [this link](#).



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!



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**

▪ 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.



SCMS BAND STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THE WESTERN REGION JAZZ BAND (ALL REGION JAZZ BAND)

The 2022 Western Region Jazz Band Virtual Auditions (All Region Jazz Band Auditions) were in January.

Congratulations to the following students on being selected into the Western Region Jazz Band (All Region Jazz Band): Julia Pearce (trumpet), Angello Cruz-Delgado (trumpet) and Oliver Romero (trombone)! These students participated in a jazz clinic (rehearsals and concert) on February 4 & February 5 at Asheville High School. Julia performed outstanding solos on all A Jazz Band concert selections as well as Oliver performed excellent solos on two of the B Jazz Band concert selections. Angello played well in a solid A Jazz Band trumpet section. We are very proud of these students!

Julia Pearce (2nd chair trumpet A Jazz Band) and Angello Cruz-Delgado (4th chair trumpet A Jazz Band) are eligible for the North Carolina Jazz Band Auditions (All State Jazz Band Auditions). Good luck to Julia Pearce and Angello Cruz-Delgado!



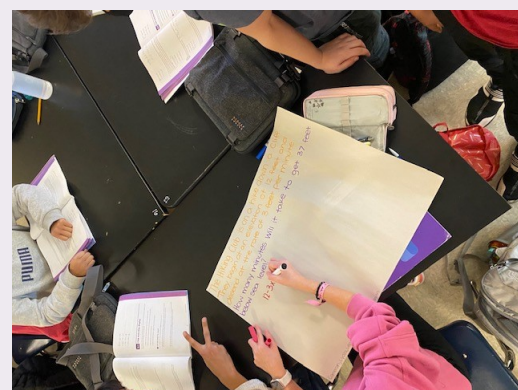
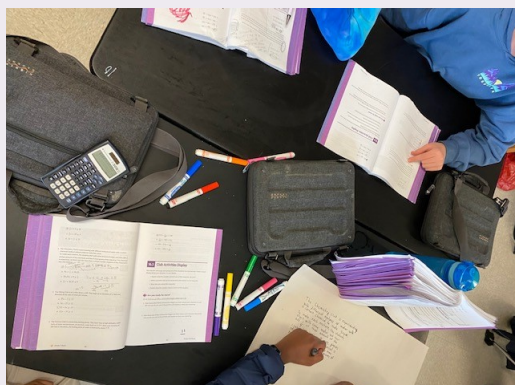
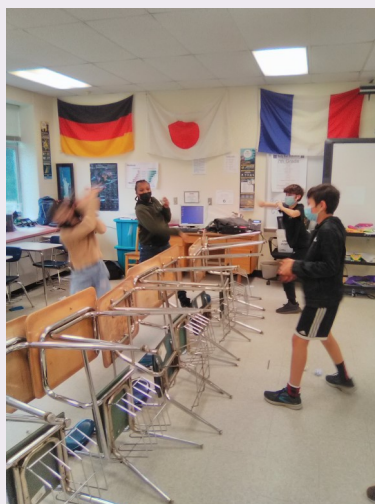
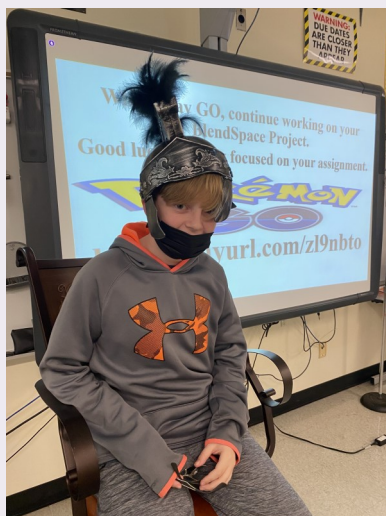
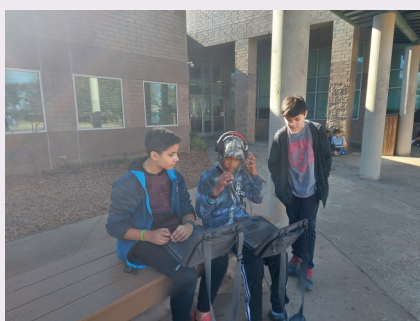
The 2021-2022 CMS All-District Middle School Honors Orchestra Virtual Auditions were held in January.

Five South Charlotte Middle School orchestra students were selected for the All-District Orchestra! Congratulations to Lydia Kuncoro 7th-violin, Erin Hadiwidjaja 8th-violin, Neal Rao 8th-violin, Michael Soto 7th-bass, and Emunah Wang 7th-violin.

These students participated in the All-District Orchestra Clinic (rehearsals and concert) on Friday, February 4, Saturday, February 5. In spite of revised schedules, which shortened their rehearsal time, they performed an outstanding concert at Rocky River High School, Lydia Kuncoro was the concertmaster of the 2021-2022 CMS Middle School Honors Orchestra. We are very proud of these students!



Classroom Happenings:



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

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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