



February 25, 2022

Dear South Charlotte Families,

Thank you for your patience with my many reminders for completing the Family Engagement Survey! As of yesterday we needed 31 more responses to meet the district's goal for the school. We passed out flyers in am and pm carpool line, and even had parents complete the survey on their mobile devices while waiting in line. Again, thank you for your feedback. I should be getting an update today regarding our responses.

Mask Update:

As you know, The Board of Education voted to make masks optional in CMS facilities effective March 7. At this time masks remain required on CMS transportation vehicles due to federal rules. Until the effective date, all students, staff and visitors must continue to wear masks indoors unless a medical professional has provided a written exemption. Even after masks become optional, it is our recommendation that masks be worn when indoors. The policy change simply means that the choice is up to families regarding whether their students wear a mask or not.

In preparation for next week and leading up to March 7, the following procedures will be in place:

- Until the effective date, all students, staff and visitors must continue to wear masks indoors unless a medical professional has provided a written exemption.
- This includes athletic events or any CMS school sponsored event.
- There will be zero tolerance for bullying or intimidation toward individuals who choose to continue wearing a mask after the mask optional policy goes into effect, or toward individuals who choose not to wear a mask.
- Consequences will be the same for this as for other forms of bullying as detailed in the CMS Parent-Student Handbook.

Even after March 7th, masks are still considered optional and are encouraged to be worn indoors.

Some students have asked me about wearing masks after March 7th and I plan to address the entire school prior to this date to ensure that anyone who chooses to continue wearing a mask is welcome to do so. Again, I want to reiterate to our students that there will be no discussions around those who do or do not wear a mask, or any bullying or intimidation for either decision. If you would talk with your children about this as well, it will certainly help to spread the message.

It is hard to believe that we are already planning for the next school year. Some days seem longer than others, but March is just around the corner. With that brings scheduled registration meetings for parents and students. We posted the dates previously, and they can also be found on our website. The first scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, March 1 at SCMS for students going to South Meck next year. The meeting will take place in the cafeteria from 6:30-7:30 pm. We are excited to welcome our rising sixth graders from the area elementary schools on March 29th. The parent meeting will take place that same night at SCMS at 6 pm in the cafeteria.

I hope that everyone has a great weekend! Thanks so much for all of your support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sharon Dougherty
Interim Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 03/01** South Meck High School parent night at SCMS 6:30-8pm
03/04 R.E.D. Friday, Everyone wear RED to "Remember Everyone Deployed"
03/09 Early Release Day; 12:30
03/14 Baseball and Soccer at South Charlotte; 5pm
03/22 Providence High Parent Night at SCMS 6pm

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Thank you to our Sponsors:



Staff Highlight: Michelle Houston Speech Pathologist

I am originally from New York City. My family and I relocated to Charlotte, NC in 2006. I have been a practicing Speech and Language Pathologist for 16 years working with children from birth to adolescent. This is my seventh year with CMS , and I currently provide services at Ardrey Kell High and South Charlotte Middle School. This is my first year working at South Charlotte Middle School and I now have the good-fortune of working with two sets of wonderful staff. Most rewarding is the joy of working with my students who I learn from every day!

Congratulations to our Battle of the Books Team on tying for 2nd place in our competition today.

We are all very proud of their performance during the competition. They represented South Charlotte Middle School well.



Parents: Please click the links below for more information regarding parent nights and visits for your rising 6, 7, 8 and 9th Graders.

[Rising 6th Grade Parent Night Info](#)

[Rising 6th Grade Visit Info](#)

[Rising 7th&8th Grade Parent Night Info](#)

[Rising 9th Grade Providence High Parent Night Info](#)

[Rising 9th Grade South Meck Parent Night Info](#)



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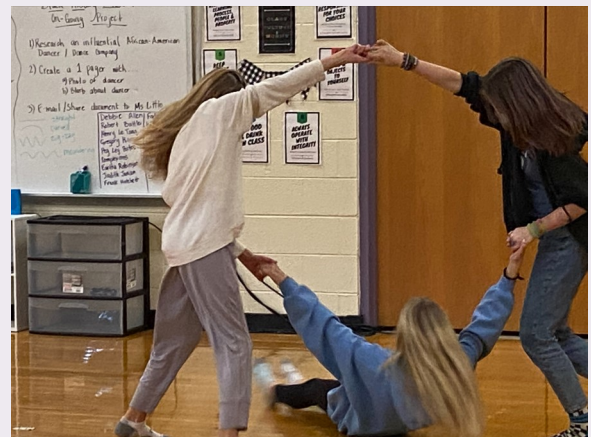
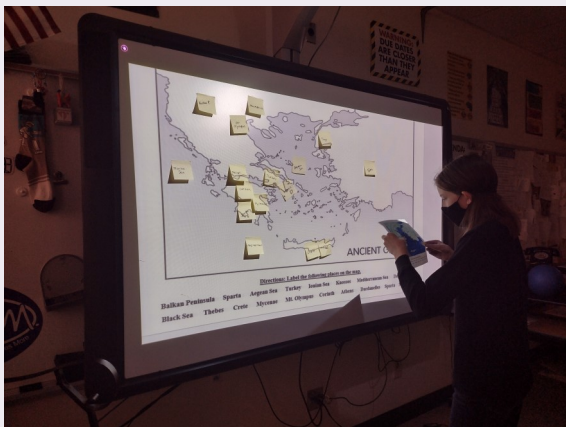
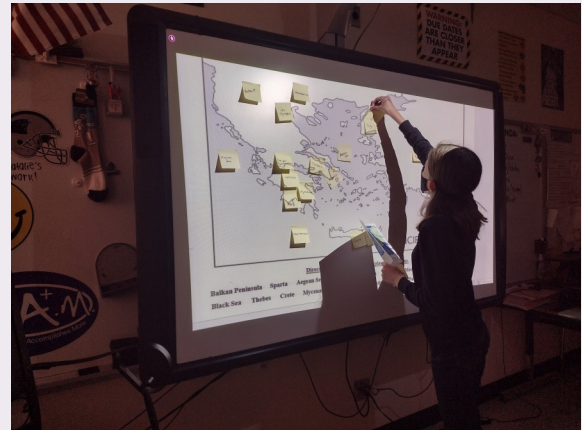
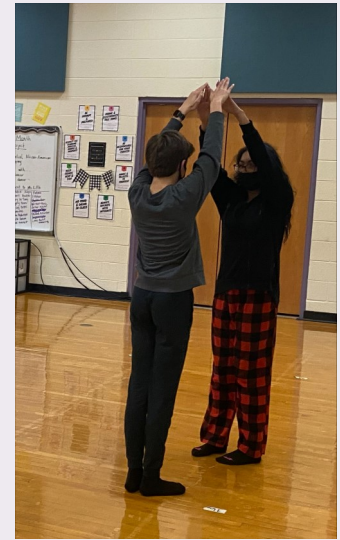
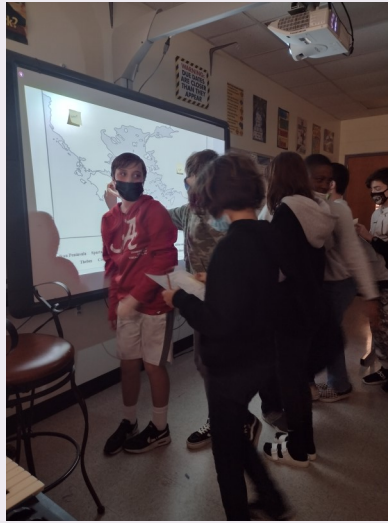
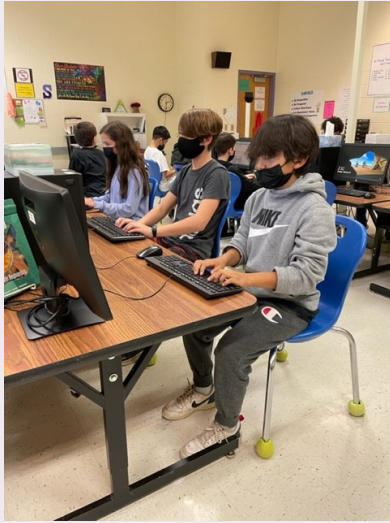
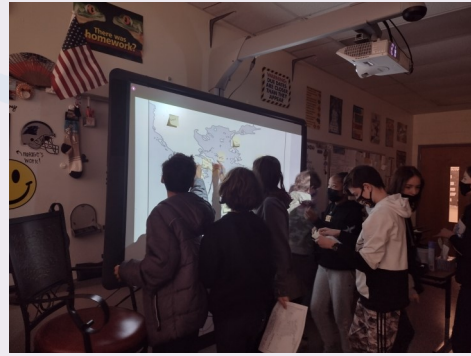
Attention Rising Providence High School 9th graders and Parents:

The Course Request process for rising Providence High School 9th graders will begin in mid-March. We will host a parent meeting (parents only) in the South Charlotte Middle School Cafeteria at **6:00pm on Tuesday, March 22**. Parents should bring copies of the Course Request handouts provided to your 8th grader at South Charlotte to reference in the meeting.

Then, Providence High School will host "Panthers on the Prowl" for rising 9th graders and their parents on **Thursday, March 31st at 6:30pm** in the PHS auditorium. "Panthers on the Prowl" is an orientation to Providence which will provide information about the differences between middle school and high school, specific curriculum highlights for 9th graders, a look at electives that students may want to consider, as well as an opportunity to explore clubs, sports, and fine arts extra-curricular options. The program will begin promptly at 6:30pm with a meeting in the auditorium. Please arrive a few minutes early so you can park and be in the auditorium by 6:30pm. The event will conclude at 8:30pm. This is the first opportunity to begin the exciting transition to Providence High School. You don't want to miss it!

At "Panthers on the Prowl" we will discuss the last chance opportunity for your rising 9th grader to make any changes to their course request card for next year. Forms for "**Last Chance Day**" will be available on our website and are due to the main office at Providence by **3:00pm on Monday, April 4th**.

Classroom Happenings:



SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Charlotte, NC 28277 Phone: 980-343-3670 Fax: 980-343-3725



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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