



Weekly Newsletter of
South Charlotte Middle School

March 4, 2022

Dear South Charlotte Families:

First, I want to send a huge thank you to our PTO for such a great week of staff appreciation festivities! It was a great way to start the day by driving in to the parking lot and seeing the signage, as well as leaving campus and seeing the yard card to celebrate our staff. We truly appreciate all of the kindness and the partnerships with our families.

I want to thank all of you who submitted your thoughts and opinions on the Family Engagement Survey. We had a 26% rate on the number of families who completed the survey. The district extended the survey until 5 pm today so there's still time to give your input. The Family Engagement Survey is a requirement for accreditation of the district, which begins this coming fall.

Calling all proctors! We will soon begin the process of end-of-grade and end-of-course testing for all students. We anticipate that we'll start on May 24th. At this time we are looking for many proctors to assist in all classrooms. The PTO was able to give us several names, which is a good start, but we are still in need of more. Kim Young, our dean of students for 7th grade and our accountability coordinator can be reached at n.young@cms.k12.nc.us

We understand how busy everyone is these days, so Ms. Young will work with you to ensure flexibility in scheduling. We appreciate your help.

Although it is still early March, it feels like "spring has sprung". With that comes the necessary reminders and resets for school policies and rules to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment for everyone. On Monday we'll be sharing some information with all students by way of the closed-circuit news in the morning. We'll make this slidedeck available to all parents on our website and hope that you will support our efforts.

I hope that everyone has a great weekend. Thank you for your support and for allowing us to partner with you in education.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sharon Dougherty
Interim Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

03/09 Early Release Day; 12:30

03/14 Baseball and Soccer VS
Alexander Graham at South Charlotte;
5pm

3/17 Counselor Coffee Event-Digital
Word; 9am

03/22 Providence High Parent Night at
SCMS 6pm

03/23 Baseball and Soccer VS
Southwest @ South Charlotte; 5pm

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Staff Highlight: Vicki Brunnick Interim 6th Grade Counselor



My name is Vicki Brunnick and I have lived in Charlotte for 21 years. I retired from the state of North Carolina five years ago having worked in higher education at the University of North Carolina Asheville, mental health with various agencies, the Department of Public Instruction and 15 years of service as a School Counselor with CMS. This is my third substitute position at SCMS. I enjoy this incredible team so much!

The past two years, I have gone back to my clinical background and have been employed at Presbyterian Medical Center as a Therapist II. Working in mental health and counseling, and, in particular, with young people is my passion. I have been married for 38 years to Peter Brunnick and have a son, Mason who lives in Boston, MA. I enjoy music, reading and exercise.

**It is wonderful to be back
at SCMS!**

Canned Food Drive:

South Charlotte is partnering with Providence High School to hold a canned food drive from March 7-18 for Second Harvest Food Bank. We will make it a challenge between grade levels.

Requested items are:

canned fish or meat, peanut butter, soups/stews, canned beans, canned fruit in juice and vegetables. Low sodium is requested. No glass.



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**](#)



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

Topic: Raising Kids in a Digital World

Presenter: Trent Morrow of L&B Counseling, PLLC

Facilitator: Amanda Jones & Russell LeDonne (SCMS Counselors),

When: March 17th @ 9:00am 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

Trent Morrow, our guest speaker from L&B Counseling, will return for another engaging and parent-friendly conversation regarding technology and student response. We will talk about how technology affects the brain of a teen and their behaviors.

Zoom Meeting Information

Topic: Counselor Coffee: Raising Kids in a Digital World

Time: Mar 17, 2022 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://cms-k12-nc-us.zoom.us/j/98386663410?](https://cms-k12-nc-us.zoom.us/j/98386663410?pwd=S2l2aHhrcDFpSTV0bDZrTnM1S1VIQT09)

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Meeting ID: 983 8666 3410

Passcode: 493648



PROVIDENCE PANTHERS

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**.

South Charlotte Middle School Artists and Writers receive Prestigious Award

Since 1923, the **Alliance for Young Artists and Writers** presents the **Scholastic Art and Writing Awards** each year to teens who demonstrate exceptional artistic and literary talent. It is our country's most prestigious award for teen writers and artists. Past recipients of the award include Robert Redford, Ken Burns, John Lithgow, Truman Capote, Sylvia Plath, John Updike and Andy Warhol. Last week, from over 2,500 submissions in our Mid-Carolinas 18-county region, five of our students (pictured below) received recognition. Submissions from middle schools were included with high school submissions and local luminaries blind judged all works.

Eighth grader Arlo Kyle (pictured on far left) received Honorable Mention for her painting "Chamber of Reflections." Eighth grader Ishita Devara (second from left) received a Silver Key for her painting "Hommage A Cezanne." Seventh grader Elizabeth Cooke (center) received a Silver Key for her poem "Dear Brother." Eighth grader Alyssa Ahn (second from right) received Honorable Mention for her painting "Harmony and Balance." Julia Pearce (far right) won a Silver Key for "Domino" and Honorable Mention for "The Lifeguard." Both of Julia's works were Science Fiction & Fantasy pieces.

An award ceremony was held virtually from Spirit Square on February 12. Silver Key art and writings will be on exhibit at the Mint Museum Uptown from March 13 to April 10.



Last week was CMS Honors Chorus and South Charlotte represented our school and district very well! All students performed 5 songs with the guest clinician. There were 3 soloists who auditioned for solos and 2 South Charlotte Middle singers, Alissa Kim and Emily Pizarro were selected for the solos. In addition Boone Stroupe was selected to read his personal description of one of the songs in the concert.

Go Shocker Singers!

CMS Chorus Honor Students

Faith Dixon

Graham Harding

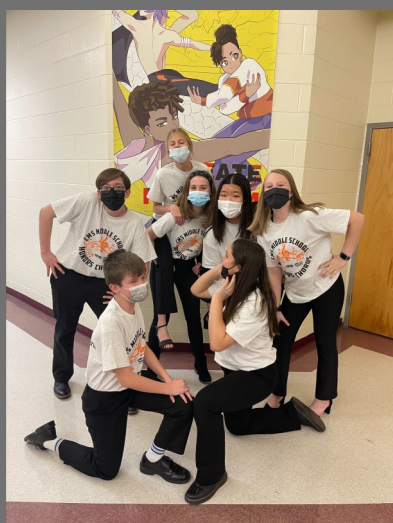
Alissa Kim

Rachel Parsons

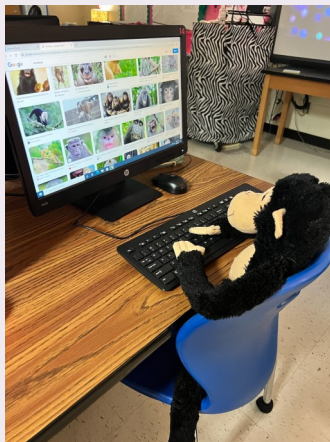
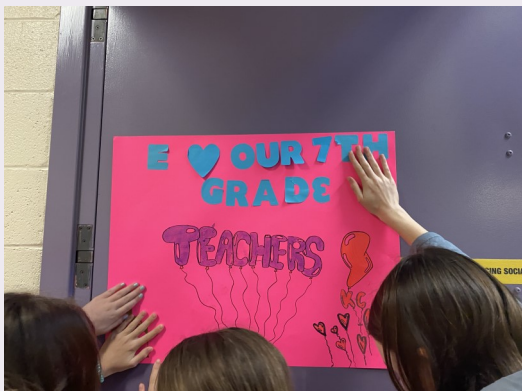
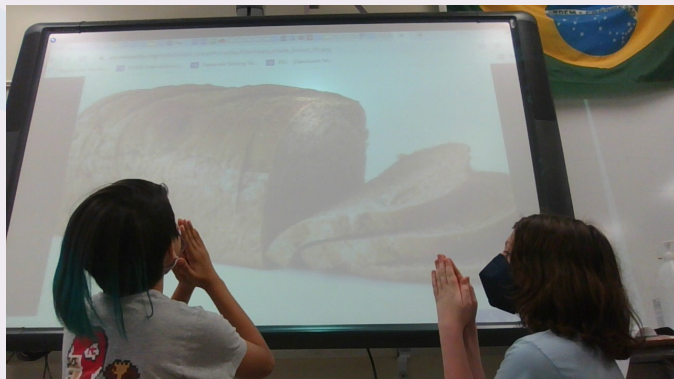
Emily Pizarro

Maria Snyder

Boone Stroupe



Classroom Happenings:





DISCOVER FIELD HOCKEY

Discover Field Hockey is a fun 90-minute introductory experience for boys and girls who are new to the sport.

Come learn from trained coaches from local schools, clubs and recreational programs in your area.

Field hockey is FUN! It's an Olympic sport for men and women, and one of the most popular sports in the world.



SATURDAY
MARCH
19

10:00 - 11:30 AM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
TUESDAY, MARCH 8

WEDNESDAY
MARCH
23

4:30 - 6:00 PM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
TUESDAY, MARCH 15

ELON PARK

11401 Ardrey Kell Road
Charlotte, NC 28277



GIRLS

AGES:
5-17

\$30

PER PLAYER
MAX OF 50
PARTICIPANTS

DISCOVER PACK INCLUDES:



Field hockey stick, practice ball, drawstring bag, t-shirt and one-year USA Field Hockey Introductory Membership.

Approximate Value: \$75

REGISTER TODAY AT

USAFIELDHOCKEY.COM/DISCOVERFIELDHOCKEY

CONTACT: KIRA DANNEKER - KIRAD4@ICLOUD.COM
TERRY LOEB - TERRY@CHARLOTTEAMBUSH.COM

SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

8040 Strawberry Lane

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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Doing the **RIGHT** thing,
All Day *Every Day...*

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