

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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  
**03/31** Spring Pictures ONLY FOR STUDENTS PURCHASING PICTURES

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## Staff Highlight: Erin Carroll EL Services Teacher



I am originally from New Jersey and love all things Bon Jovi, Bruce Springsteen, and the Jersey Shore. I went to Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania and spent four years surrounded by battlefields and dodging Civil War ghosts. After bouncing around for a bit, I wound up in Charlotte. I had no intention of staying long, but the mild weather and a Harris Teeter on every corner convinced me Charlotte is the place to be. Since then, I have been teaching in CMS for years and years and years.....

I came to South Charlotte Middle School four years ago, and I teach English Learners. I was originally unsure about transitioning to middle school, but to my surprise, I have genuinely enjoyed this age group. It is a privilege to work with students from around the world and learn about their unique experiences.

# 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\*\*](#)

# Counselor Corner:

## From SCMS Parents:

"Parents need to know, what I now know... check your child's phone and look for the app Discord."

"I had no idea my daughter was exposed to gross and inappropriate material through her personal messages on Snapchat."

"Our son was only supposed to use his cell phone before and after school for safety reasons. I did not know he and his friends were going into the bathroom to watch inappropriate videos. From now on he will be using a talk/text phone instead of a smartphone."

"My child has always seemed so innocent, I cannot believe that she knows what these comments are, and that she is participating in this conversation."

"How am I supposed to keep up with all of the new inappropriate apps and social media sites?"

"I think my kid's focus issues are coming from the fact that he is using his smart watch and phone to text during class and meet up with other kids in the bathroom. I will not be sending him to school with those devices anymore."

"My daughter was being cyber-bullied and I had no idea until she was harming herself."

"I never would have guessed that my own son would have created a messaging group with peers and allowed the group to harass another group member."

"My son was on an app called Omegle which is an app to "mingle" but you aren't able to preview what or who you are talking to. He was exposed to lots of inappropriate live content."

The quotes above are loosely based on true statements made from SCMS parents who are becoming aware of just how serious their child's use and exposure to inappropriate content on their smartphones and personal devices has become. As your children's counselors, we feel obligated to share these thoughts and concerns with all of our parents in the hopes that you will monitor and review your phone that you allow your child to use. For additional information about "Raising kids in a digital world" please attend our upcoming Counselor Coffee with special guest Trent Morrow on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am via zoom.



**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**

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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**



# SCMS 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Congratulations to the members of the SCMS Jazz Ensemble for receiving a Superior Rating at the UNC Charlotte 49er Jazz Festival on February 12: Andrew Blackwell, Ben Shelton, William Bridgeman, Tripp Graves, Lucas Sandifer, Joachim (pronounced Ekem) Nedeltscheff, Oliver Romero, Zoeya Rashid, Julia Pearce, Angello Cruz Delgado, Sam Armstrong, Matthew Perrone, Michael Soto, Collin Bullaro, Landis Knight, Ethan Howard, and Bharat Bali.

Outstanding Musicianship Awards recipients were Sam Armstrong (trumpet), Julia Pearce (trumpet), Tripp Graves (baritone saxophone) and Ethan Howard (drums). We are very proud of these students as well as the band! They were the only middle school band performing in the festival.





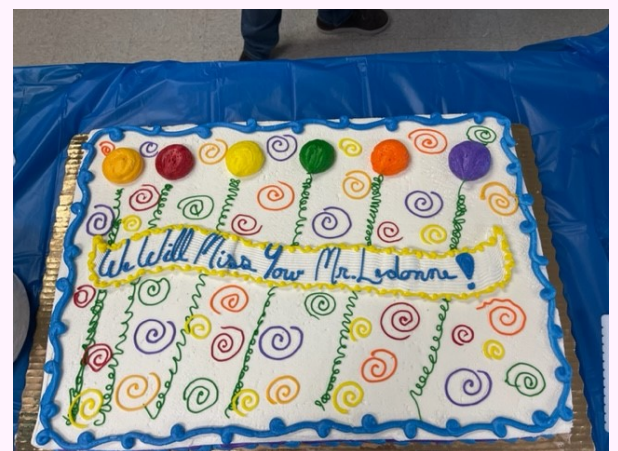
Due to popular demand and a few extra copies, we are reopening 2021-2022 Yearbook sales for a **LIMITED TIME** only.

Go to [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) and type in South Charlotte Middle School to order yours today!

Questions?

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Russ LeDonne, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, will be taking on a new counseling role in CMS. We are so excited for him in his new venture as a 504 counselor supporting two CMS schools. While we will not get to work with him here at SCMS we will fondly think of his 7 years here supporting our SCMS families. Please join us in wishing him best wishes! His email will remain as a cms email if you want to send him a thank you – **[russellf.ledonne@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:russellf.ledonne@cms.k12.nc.us)**





Big shout out to Scott O'Connell and all the volunteers that helped with the beautification of SCMS! Our school grounds have never looked better. Many thanks!!!





# PROVIDENCE PANTHERS

## **Attention Rising Providence High School 9<sup>th</sup> graders and Parents:**

The Course Request process for rising Providence High School 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grader at South Charlotte to reference in the meeting.

Then, Providence High School will host "Panthers on the Prowl" for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents on **Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>**.



The SCMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra and Honors orchestra have been awarded the highest State Honor Rating of "Superior" on March 10, 2022 at Atkins High School, Winston-Salem. Also, the Honors orchestra has been score rated 98 in MPA sight-reading session. Please congratulations and acknowledgments of the students.

### **7<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra:**

Aadya Upadhya, Anastasia Kolesnikov, Blessing Obele, Cesia Sanchez Campos, Christa Mathew, Dmitriy Ivanov, Eliseo Duran, Elizabeth Cooke, Emunah Wang, Ethan Howard, Gabriel Zeballos, Lena Ivkovic, Lydia Kuncoro, Michael Soto, Peyton Kostadinovic, Saanvi Sawant, Shreya Dongre, Spencer Brown, Timothy Gerlach, Zarina Jabar

### **Honors Orchestra:**

Claire Hardy, Erin Hadiwidjaja, Dmitriy Ivanov, Elizabeth Cooke, Emunah Wang, Jasper Cash, Katherine Hutchens, Lena Ivkovic, Lydia Kuncoro, Michael Im, Michael Soto, Neal Rao, Peyton Kostadinovic, Timothy Gerlach, Vivian Dixon.







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MARCH  
**23**

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- ◆ To report an absence email [scms.attendance@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto: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](http://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.

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- ◆ Need a tutor? Check out our website for a great list.

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