



Weekly Newsletter of
South Charlotte Middle School

March 18, 2022

Dear South Charlotte Families:

It is hard to believe that March is almost behind us. We are not only working on end-of-year activities, but starting to address the 2022-2023 school year planning. The third quarter ends next week. Today our kids who will attend Providence High School began filling out registration cards. Don't forget the parent night on the 22nd from 6-8 pm for those who will attend Providence HS. On the 29th we will welcome rising 6th grade students from four area elementary schools. I think we're all excited to have the students and their teachers actually be in the building and to see the great things going on at SCMS. That evening, we will hold a parent meeting beginning at 6 pm here at the school for rising 6th graders.

Our 8th graders will visit Washington, DC the week after spring break. The 8th grade team is also working on plans for the end of year promotion ceremony, as well as some other fun events to send our 8th graders out in style! We will communicate the date and place for the ceremony next week.

Finally, please join me in welcoming Mrs. Peggy Wright to our staff. I shared with you several weeks ago in the Shockwave that she was taking the place of Mr. LeDonne, our 8th grade counselor, who accepted a position in the district office. Mr. LeDonne and Mrs. Wright were fortunate to have several weeks to share information for this transition.

COMMUNITY SAFETY NIGHT INFORMATION:

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools' Community Partnerships and Family Engagement division is hosting "Let's Talk About Safety Night" events across each learning community. We invite you to attend the Southwest Learning Community event on Monday, March 21 from 6:00-8:00 in the Auditorium at South Mecklenburg High School.

These listening sessions have been designed to invite community members and middle and high school families, students, and staff members to share their voices in an open dialogue about safety in our schools. This event will provide an opportunity to listen to our collective voices, learn from each other, and hear from key community partners whose mission and goals align with public safety in our communities and in our schools. If you plan to attend, please complete the following [form](#).

SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGES INPUT REQUESTED:

A new high school will open in south Charlotte at the start of the 2024-25 school year. Funded via the 2017 bond, the new school will provide relief to Ardrey Kell, Myers Park, Providence and South Mecklenburg high schools. The CMS Planning Services team seeks your input and engagement as they determine the new school's boundary and associated changes to the boundaries of nearby high schools. Follow the link to find more information about the new school and to share your input: <https://www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/StudentPlacement/PlanningServices/Pages/Planning.aspx>

Have a great weekend, everyone! Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sharon Dougherty
Interim Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

03/22 Providence High Parent Night at SCMS 6pm

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

03/28 Teacher Workday, No school for students

02/29 Rising 6th Grade Parent Night 6pm-7:30pm

03/31 Spring Pictures ONLY FOR STUDENTS PURCHASING PICTURES

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Thank you to our Sponsors:



Staff Highlight:
Peggy Wright
8th Grade Counselor



I grew up in Michigan, lived in Florida and settled now happily in NC for 20 years. I have four children, a husband and two dogs that keep me busy outside of school. I have worked with students aging from elementary to junior college. My whole career as a school counselor has been extremely rewarding to me. I am so pleased to be able to step in to finish up the school year at SCMS, with what already has shown me to be a welcoming and positive environment. Do not hesitate to come and introduce yourself and families to me and let me know how I can meet you child's educational and emotional needs.

If you missed this months Counselor Coffee Event, click the link below to watch the video.



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](#)

8th Grade Washington DC Trip – Update

The final payment (\$410) for the trip is due today, please make that payment online or in the main office. We will be making our final payment to the travel company at the end of next week.

Here is the [link](#) to current rooming/chaperone/bus assignments.
Here is the [link](#) to the slide show from Wednesday's DC Parent Meeting.
Please reach out to Mr. Plaisance if you have any questions.



South Charlotte Middle School earned its 7th Schools to Watch designation and was recognized at the North Carolina Middle Levels Educator Conference this week. We are proud that we have been re-designated a Schools to Watch every three years since 2004. Our continual status as a Schools to Watch demonstrates that we are a high-performing middle-grade school and that we are committed to providing well-rounded program which responds to the developmental needs of the middle school students. In addition to an application, the redesignation process involved a school visit from the Schools to Watch team, we were evaluated on the following criteria: Academic Excellence, Developmental Responsiveness, Social Equity, and Organizational Processes.



Upcoming Student Survey



Dear SCMS Families,

We thank you and your family for being our valued partners as we work together to educate the children in our school this year. We value input from our community and we need to hear from your child(ren)! They are important partners as we work to improve their overall experience and support their needs.

In order to learn more about student experiences, we will be asking for your child's feedback via an online survey. The survey shouldn't take more than 20-30 minutes to complete, and students will take the survey during SEL class the week of 3/28.

We are asking that all of our students participate in the surveys, as their feedback will provide invaluable insights into their experiences and how to improve and adapt our school to their needs. If a student doesn't feel like they have enough information to answer a question, they will be able to skip the item altogether. The survey content will ask students to self reflect on their own social emotional learning skills, like self-management and self-efficacy.

We thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions about the survey administration, please don't hesitate to contact us through Amanda Jones at amandap.jones@cms.k12.nc.us

Sincerely,

Sharon Dougherty

Interim Principal



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 and type in South Charlotte Middle School to order yours today!

Questions?

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

SABRE Expo

MARCH 31 5:30-7PM

E building (Mall, Small Cafeteria),
Large Cafeteria, Media Center

Event details: for rising 9th graders (or new students) who will attend South Meck next year.

Purpose: see what South Meck has to offer (clubs, fall sports, AVID, arts, CTE, AP classes, teacher/staff reps), Open House style event

#SABRENATION



Congratulations!



I'm extremely pleased to share Neal Rao (8th grade) and Emunah Wang (7th grade) have been accepted as Junior Finalists for the 2022 Middle School Honors Performance Series at **Carnegie Hall NY**. The Selection Board has reviewed their application and chosen them to represent the finest young performers internationally by performing at Carnegie Hall. Neal and Emunah's acceptance into this elite group is a direct result of the talent, dedication, and achievements demonstrated in their application.

Recognition as a Junior Finalist is the first step toward performing violin with the Middle School Honors Junior Orchestra at Carnegie Hall under the direction of renowned conductor Angela Woo. They'll join other talented performers in New York City in June, for several days of rehearsals, cultural and social activities, and sightseeing, culminating in a life-changing performance at Carnegie Hall.



A Life-Changing Experience



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**.



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.

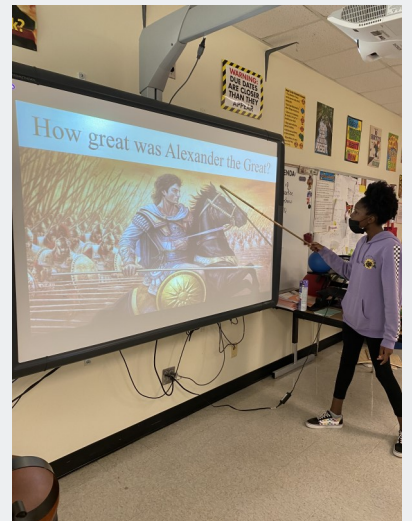
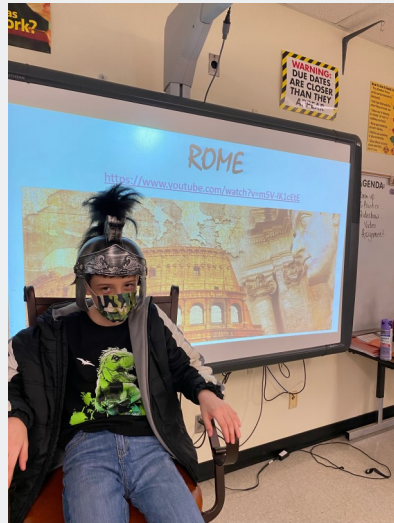
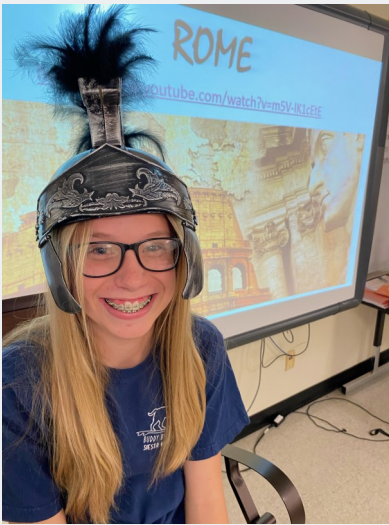
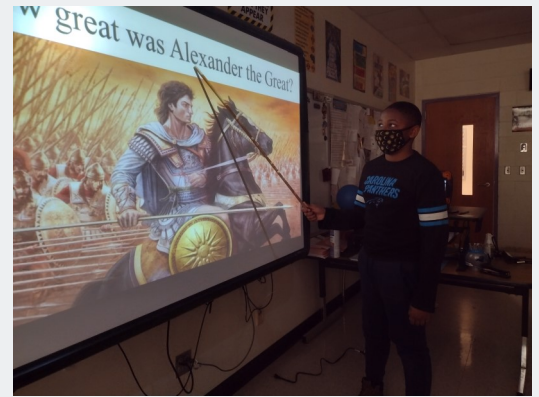
Approximate Value: \$75

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TERRY LOEB - TERRY@CHARLOTTEAMBUSH.COM

Classroom Highlights :



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.

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