



September 24, 2021

Dear South Charlotte Families,

It is hard to believe that we have now been in school for almost a month. The time is going by quickly and I am loving this beautiful fall weather, one of my favorite times of the year! I have several updates so please bear with me as you read through this week's Shockwave.

We have had some close calls with cars blocking the entry and exit of buses. If you are dropping off or picking up your child, join the carpool line or get a bus assignment please.

We will not be using lockers at this time. There is not enough time to have students go to lockers in between classes due to having to stagger the amount of traffic in hallways, and lack of being able to have appropriate levels social distancing. If your child wants to use a rolling bookbag that will be acceptable.

There is a Tik Tok lick challenge sweeping the country on social media. Some of our students have gotten involved. This challenge has students stealing materials from their classrooms and vandalizing bathrooms by ripping soap dispensers off walls, stuffing items down toilets, and ripping handicap rails from the walls. They have friends videotape these activities and upload to Tik Tok. I am happy to say that many of our students have come forward to report these issues and we are taking appropriate actions with identified students, starting with parent contacts. We have a video from the administrative team that will air on Monday detailing that these acts will not be tolerated. I've asked students to come forward and create positive challenges to showcase our school as a community and great place to learn. Please talk with your children about this and share with them the consequences for vandalism and stealing, as well as the expense students will be responsible for in repairing items in the school, or replacing classroom materials. I have also let students know that even if you haven't vandalized or taken materials, filming an inappropriate act makes you part of the activity.

We have some staff changes to report. First, we welcome Ms. Paris Baker, our new senior administrative secretary. She transferred from another CMS school in the same position, and we are so happy to have her join our team.

Ms. Laura Harlik has joined the 6th grade ELA team this past week and jumped right in to present lessons as though she's been here since the start of school. We appreciate her positive spirit she's brought to our school community.

Finally, we will say goodbye to Justin Rose, our athletic director, as of October 15th. Coach Rose has chosen to start his own contracting business. He will be missed but leaves the athletic program well planned and organized for the next athletic director.

I want to commend our teachers for their flexibility with schedule changes, and for helping students navigate these changes so smoothly. I have been checking in with the kids and they tell me that teaching and learning continues to be a focus. Thank you for your support, families, as we monitor enrollment, staffing changes, and work to put the best teachers in our classrooms.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone. Thanks for sharing these great kids with us each day! Your support is appreciated and valued. Please reach out if I can assist you in any way.

Dr. Sharon Dougherty
Interim Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/27 Softball/Volleyball VS Community House 5pm

9/30-10/1 MAP Reading

10/4-5 MAP Math

10/6 Early Release Day; students release at 12:30

10/12 Virtual Counselor Coffee 9:15am

Stay informed and follow us on:

scms_pto



southcharlotteMS



Thank you to our Sponsors:



**Staff Highlight:
Gabrielle Mirelez
Counseling Intern**



Our school counseling department is excited to introduce Gabrielle Mirelez, a counseling intern from Winthrop university. Gabrielle is in her final year of her master's degree in School Counseling, and is thrilled to be placed at South Charlotte Middle School. Gabrielle will be on campus Monday-Thursdays from 8-2pm under the supervision of Ms. Jones and working with all students. Gabrielle is an avid reader, Marvel movie enthusiast, and originally from Texas. We are so grateful to have additional counseling support this year – please feel welcome to reach out to Gabrielle and say hello!

Gabrielle.mirelez@cms.k12.nc.us

CANDY TIME!!!

Everyone who donates to the SCMS Annual Fund will be entered to win a free candy bar! Three winners from each grade will be drawn weekly and announced on the Friday SCMS Morning News.



Canvas Parent Observer Accounts:

These are directions for parents to download & set up the Canvas app. They can also click the gear and set up notifications. (i.e. Alerts when an announcement is made, when their student scores below a specific grade, an assignment is missing, etc.)

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1WZdzWwk3F-lymbakYmqhtdrCZc6stj_V/

Dear SCMS Families,

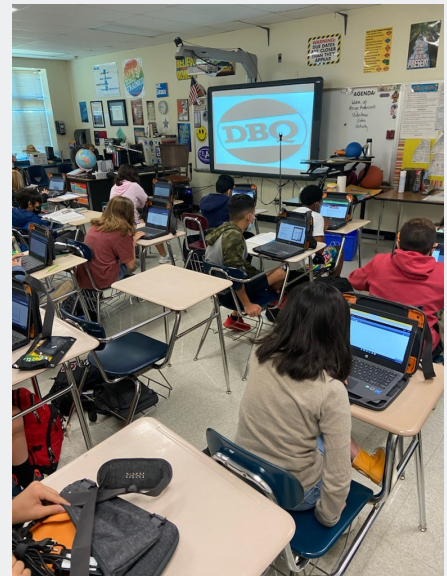
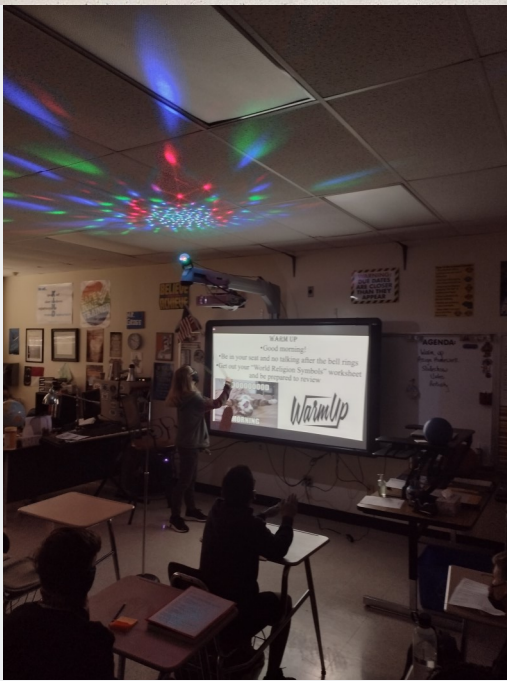
We thank you and your family for being our valued partners as we work together to educate the children in our school this year. We value input from our community and we need to hear from your child(ren)! They are important partners as we work to improve their overall experience and support their needs.

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. Students will take the surveys during Academic Enrichment.

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 reflect on their 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 Amanda Jones at amandap.jones@cms.k12.nc.us

Classroom Happenings





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

Topic: The New Normal & Fighting Anxiety: Strategies & Tools to Help

Presenter: Trent Morrow, LCSW (L & B Counseling)

Facilitators: Amanda Jones, Whitney Matthews, Russell LeDonne (SCMS Counselors),

When: October 12th @ 9:15am for 1 hour

Where: Online Meeting (Zoom Information below)

Presentation will be recorded and posted on SCMS website for those who cannot attend live

Description:

SCMS Counselors are excited to kick off another year of Counselor Coffees. We will continue to host these via zoom for your convenience. Please grab a cup of coffee & join us online monthly to discuss and review updated research and information related to parental support for our SCMS families. Our first event this year will include one of our repeat guests, Trent Morrow, who will be talking about "The New Normal" in reference to COVID and parenting with the new norms. Trent will also review anxiety & stress as well as strategies & tools to help parents and students.

Zoom Meeting Information

Topic: Counselor Coffee: The New Normal

Time: Oct 12, 2021 09:15 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://cms-k12-nc-us.zoom.us/j/94065042331?pwd=aWtPOVhjZ1pESnd5eXZZL1FDV1B1UT09>

Meeting ID: 940 6504 2331

Passcode: SCMS

Find your local number: <https://cms-k12-nc-us.zoom.us/u/abivQk3Yhv>

EL Services is offering

P.A.C.E. for Parents

(Personalized Academic Command of English)

Dates: October 5-December 16, 2021

When: Mondays and Wednesdays

How: Virtual Sessions

Hours: 5:30 to 6:30

***Purpose: Support Parents in
learning English***

Register:

<https://bit.ly/21PACEforPARENTS>



For more information, contact:

Jose Rios -Bilingual Resource Teacher

jose.rios@cms.k12.nc.us



Thank you to the families who have contributed to the
2021 - 2022 Annual Fund!

6th Grade

Anonymous
Biswas Family
Cassandra Knight
Chris & Emily Potter
Chris and Alexis Schwartz
Dixon Family
Kalia Family
Madden West
Mann Family
Mr & Mrs Tsadaka
Mr & Mrs Chriscoe
Rodela Family
Rothberg Family
Ryan Family
Sean Allen & Nancy Behrens
Selin & Daniel Roberts
The Metcalf Family
The Buzzard Family
The Daniels
The Diakhate Family
The Gosu Family
The Hedrick Family
The Henderson Family
The Jensen 800th Family
The Khimji Family
The Kirkland Family
The Laurenzi Family
The Li Family
The Luis Family
The McMinn Family
The Musgrave Family
The O'Connell Family
The Orchard Family
The Phillips Family
The Russell Family
The Schiffman Family
The Shreve Family
The Stallings Family
The Svenson Family
The Syed Family
The Waldron Family
The Wells Family
The Williams Family
The Yang Family
Wyatt Dayton

7th Grade

Anonymous
Borkar Family
Davis & Powell Family
DiPadua Family
Diogo Maia
Dr. Cooke
Ekre Family
Eve Dykstra
Glenda and Brian Bernhardt
Holly & Brian Stanley
John & Amanda McGough
Kishore & Sowmya Hejmady
M. Philpott
Manjarres Family
Mann Family
Mike and Jane Roof
Modine Family
Noah "Beu" Cole
Parents of Christian Cosentino
Swart family
The Bradle Family
The Caulder Family
The Esposito Family
The Grabowski Family
The Hadley Family
The Hyler Family
The Joiner Family
The Kuncoro Family
The Lusk Family
The Manoim Family
The Mayor Family
The Meador Family
The Mobley Family
The Ramsey Family
The Snyder Family
The Totty Family
The Waldron Family
The Wilson family
The Yusko Family
Tuz Family
Upadhya Family

8th Grade

Alison Roberts
Anonymous
Chelsy Marsh's Family
Cheryl Brown
Gallinek Family
Harding Family
Hutchens Family
Manjarres Family
Marc and Shari Sokolowicz
McConnaugheys
Mike and Andie Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Jamey Graves
Partel Family
Paul and Julie Kinnavy
Perrone Family
Peter Gunda
Rao Family
Sarah Tison
Silverstein Family
Stimart Family
TheKumar Family
The Antshel Family
The Ball Family
The Bartholomew Family
The Blackwell Family
The Drake Family
The Evans Family
The Garg Family
The Kyle Family
The Maddox Family
The McHaffie Family
The Milheim Family
The Nedeltscheff Family
The Reddick Family
The Sandifer Family
The Spiegler Family
The Stewart Family
The Stienecker Family
The Wallach Family
The Zaidman Family
The Zusi Family

Staff

Blake Gross
Russell LeDonne
Kimberly Ivey
Kim Young



SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

This is THE main source of funding for SCMS. In addition to supporting the annual needs of teachers and staff, this year we are specifically raising funds for bike racks, picnic tables, and other external improvements for Healthy Living.

**131 families/staff
have donated!**

We are almost there!
We need EVERYONE to make a donation. All donations, no matter how large or small, help us reach our goal and support our school!

\$30,000!!!

\$25,000

\$24,379*

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

\$0



**PAY4
STUFF** TOOLBOX

To Donate:



To donate, log in to Pay4School Stuff
(www.pay4schoolstuff.com) or through the app.

If you prefer to pay with cash or check, please complete the form sent home with your student this week and return along with your donation to your student's homeroom teacher.

Checks Payable to SCMS PTO.

Returned checks \$12 fee

CORPORATE MATCHING:

Check with your employer to see if they
will match your donation!

**AS OF
SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**

**81% TO
GOAL**

***Through September 22, 2021 (total includes pending matching gifts)**



Back-to-School Immunizations

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

in partnership with:
 Charlotte Community Health Clinic
 VaxClinic
 StarMed HealthCare
 Novant Health
 CW Williams

Mecklenburg County Public Health

will be providing back-to-school immunizations for students.
 The COVID-19 vaccine will also be available for students
 12 yrs old, staff, parents, and community members.

Saturday, September 25
9am-3pm

Make your appointment now  Bring your shot record

Check with provider for available vaccines

find out more:

www.mecklen.org/HealthDepartment/ClinicServices/Pages/Immunizations.aspx

or by calling 980-314-9400

option 3 (English) or option 8 (Spanish)

Mecklenburg County residents who need assistance with transportation to a vaccine clinic should contact Mecklenburg Transportation System at 980-314-7600. For RideUnited service call 844-771-RIDE.

SAFE. EFFECTIVE. FREE.

- 1 **Eastway Middle School**
1501 Norland Rd., Charlotte
Mecklenburg County Public Health
704-336-6500
- 2 **South Mecklenburg High School**
8900 Park Rd., Charlotte
VaxClinic | 704-755-5656
- 3 **McClintock Middle School**
1925 Rama Rd., Charlotte
VaxClinic | 704-755-5656
- 4 **Julius L. Chambers High School**
7600 IBM Dr., Charlotte
StarMed HealthCare | 980-445-9818
- 5 **Ranson Middle School**
5850 Statesville Rd., Charlotte
Charlotte Community Health Clinic
Physicals available at a cost
704-316-6561
- 6 **International Center**
4000 Applegate Road, Charlotte
Novant Health | 704-351-1703
- 7 **Phillip O. Berry High School**
1430 Alleghany St., Charlotte
CW Williams | 704-912-9422



Continue to practice the 3Ws



VACCINE



Events



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
 North Carolina
 Education

Fall 2021 SEP October & November Sessions Available

Session 1: October 16, 23, & 30

Session 2: November 6, 13, & 20

10am - 12pm each day

Course Offerings

\$100 each

Engineering at Home

Life of an Architect

Book Creations

Block by Block: Intro to Video Production

Worth a 1,000 Words:

A Multimedia Writing Adventure

Habitat Helpers

Human Body

Introduction to Social Science Research

Movie Soundtracks 101

It's Time to Code Your Own Game!

[Register Here](#)

W&M.
**CENTER FOR
GIFTED
EDUCATION**

Fall SEP 2021

Parent Seminars

October 23rd

\$20 each

- Understanding Gifted Children
- Dealing with Perfectionism

[Register Here](#)



WILLIAM & MARY
CENTER FOR GIFTED EDUCATION

757-221-2166 | sep@wm.edu | cfge.wm.edu

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