



Weekly Newsletter of
South Charlotte Middle School

March 17, 2023

Dear Parents:

It is an exciting time of year, beginning to plan for next year. Students, teachers and the entire school staff are working diligently to ensure planning is as seamless as possible for the students. We welcomed the rising sixth graders to our home yesterday and it was a day full of joy! Last night we enjoyed a night with the parents of the rising sixth graders. We are so excited to have them next year. We also had one of our high schools visit today to register our eighth grade students. Thank you to the parent volunteers, administrators and counselors who made these events successful for our students.

I have an ask, actually a plea relative to morning and afternoon traffic. I ask you to do the following:

Be here early enough to allow for traffic and to get your child IN CLASS by 8:30am. There are currently too many tardies in the morning. Instruction is being lost each day. Getting here earlier will help with the car line back up as well.

When traveling west on Hwy. 51, turn left onto Strawberry Lane when it is clear to do so. Position your car out of the way of ongoing traffic.

When traveling east on Hwy. 51, stop at the red light at Hwy. 51 and Strawberry Lane and do not turn on red (sign on traffic light indicates this).

Parking on Woodfox continues to be a problem. Our car line is complete by 3:45 most days especially since so many athletes participate in spring sports. Use the car line to retrieve your students or park on Rounding Run far away from buses and school traffic in the afternoons.

I look forward to seeing you real soon as our spring calendar is full of events which we hope you will attend.

Thank you for allowing us to serve your students each day.

Best,
Lisa Bailes, Principal
South Charlotte Middle School
980-343-3670

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay informed and follow us on:

Facebook & Instagram



- 3/20** Baseball and Soccer HOME game 5pm (girls play first)
- 3/20** South Meck Counselors at SCMS 8:30am
- 03/24** End of Quarter 3
- 03/27** Teacher Workday; No school for students
- 03/28** Baseball and Soccer HOME game 5pm (girls play first)



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ORTHODONTICS



South Charlotte Middle School respects each student's right to express themselves in the way they groom and dress. In return students are expected to respect the school community by dressing appropriately. Student's attire should enable them to actively participate in learning, ensure their own safety, as well as the safety of other students and staff. The responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and his or her parents or guardians.

With the warmer weather approaching, please take time to review the SCMS dress code policy with your student/s.

SCMS DRESS CODE





Parents: It's almost the end of the year. EOG/EOC testing is coming up in May. Please consider volunteering to help proctor. I am hoping by sending this out early you will be willing to take a day or two or three to help at South Charlotte Middle School. Each day will require up to 4 hours of your time. I will do my best to honor your time and release you as soon as possible. With your help, this testing time will run smoothly. Note: You are not allowed to proctor in the same grade level as your child(ren). Please forward on to any family (grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends) who may be willing to help out.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945A4AC2BA31-eogeoc>

The school's cell phone policy is that cell phones are considered personal property and are permitted. They must be powered off and out of sight during the day. We have land lines in the front office if a student needs to contact you during the day. Our front office staff is often having students show up to go home sick or to pick up a dropped off item. The front office is unaware because the student is communicating through their own device which is a violation of our policy. If you receive a text or call from your child's personal device, please refer them to the office.

Thank you for your continued support.



Upcoming PTO items:

Executive board meeting Friday, March 17th.

Provided pizza and individual mini-pies to staff for Pi Day.

Designed and ordered updated Welcome banner

Spring Book Fair runs May 1st-5th! New vendor, Bedford Falls, with new selections and old favorites! Contact Lauren Stroupe at laurenboone81@yahoo.com for additional information or how to help!

Nominating Committee is preparing for upcoming Executive Board elections and posting of committee openings for 2023-2024 school year. There are many opportunities to help with a lot can be done from home and by parents that work part-time to full-time.

Coordinated refreshments for elementary school visits for rising 6th grade parents.

6th grade continued service project.

6th grade is collecting any color or size tabs from drink cans, soup, or pet food cans. You can send them to school and there are collection bins in each 6th grade classroom. Please email tiffanymacomson@gmail.com with any questions.

8th Grade Dance - Save the Date, April 28, 2023. Details to follow!

Preparing for upcoming 3rd Quarter Honor Roll Celebrations.

STAFF FAVORITES are now on the SCMS PTO website. This is a great resource when you want to thank or show your appreciation to any teacher or staff member at SCMS.

SCMS Staff Favorites.

Scroll until you see SCMS Staff Favorites.



2023 - 2024 SCMS PTO BOARD NOMINATIONS

The SCMS PTO Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2023 - 2024 school year PTO Executive Board.

Executive Board

President
President-Elect
Vice-President
Communications
Vice-President Fundraising
Secretary
Treasurer

In addition to the Executive Board, volunteers are needed to chair or co-chair the following committees:

6th Grade Parents
Helping Hands
School Store
Spirit Wear
Tour Coordinator
Yearbook

Executive Board Positions

President: The President shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Board, Board, and general membership, serve as the primary contact for the Principal, represent the organization at meetings outside the organization, serve an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, and coordinate the work of all the officers and committees in order that the purpose of the organization be served. The President shall perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws or assigned to him/her by the Executive Board, Board, or general membership.

President-Elect: The President-Elect shall assist the President and carry out the President's duties in the event the President is unavailable or unable to serve. The President-Elect shall become the President in the year following his or her term as President-Elect. The President-Elect shall perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws or assigned to him/her by the Executive Board, Board, or general membership.

Vice-President(s): The Vice-President(s) shall be responsible for the coordination of fundraising and communication from the organization to the general membership, including, but not limited to, the organization's website, email based communication from the organization to its members, and publication of the organization's newsletter, either directly or indirectly through appropriate committees. The Vice-President(s) shall also carry out the duties of the President-Elect in the event the President-Elect is unavailable or unable to serve. The Vice-President(s) shall perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws or assigned to him/her by the Executive Board, Board, or general membership.

- We currently have a Vice President of Fundraising and a Vice President of Communications

Secretary: The Secretary shall keep all non-financial records of the organization, take and record minutes, handle correspondence, and send notices of meetings to the membership. The Secretary shall also keep a copy of the minutes book, bylaws, standing rules, membership list, and any other necessary supplies, and bring them to meetings. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws or assigned to him/her by the Executive Board, Board, or general membership.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the organization, keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, and pay out funds in accordance with the budget approved by the general membership. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting and at other times of the year when requested by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall make a full report at the end of the year. He or she shall be responsible for filing appropriate tax returns for the organization on a timely basis. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws or assigned to him/her by the Executive Board, Board, or general membership.

To nominate yourself or for more information, please email scmsptonominating@gmail.com.

Nominations will be accepted until April 3rd.

PTO Board Descriptions

Beautification – Enhance the interior and exterior of the school campus including seasonal plantings.

Book Fair – Organize book fair and/or classroom novel orders.

Community Service – Facilitate Salvation Army Angel Tree Project.

Box Tops – Facilitate the collection and submission of the General Mills Box Tops Fundraiser.

Critical Needs – Work with the school counselor to coordinate the confidential support to students, families and staff facing crisis situations.

Media Volunteers – Staff media center with parent volunteers during the day.

Newsletters – Assemble news articles and publish, “The Shocker,” newsletter 3 times a year.

School Store – Purchase inventory and get volunteers to staff the store during lunchtime.

Staff Support (Hospitality) – Arrange refreshments for monthly staff meetings; arrange luncheons for staff at back to school, holidays, and the end of the year. Plan and arrange Staff Appreciation Week.

6th Grade Team Parents – Coordinate end-of-quarter celebrations and field day events; create display(s) for the 6th grade hallway bulletin board.

7th Grade Team Parents - Coordinate end-of-quarter celebrations and field day events; create display(s) for the 7th grade hallway bulletin board.

8th Grade Team Parents - Coordinate end-of-quarter celebrations and field day events; create display(s) for the 8th grade hallway bulletin board.

Volunteer Coordinator – Assemble the volunteers that come in through the beginning of year paperwork and distribute lists to the committee chairs. Coordinate volunteers for school-wide projects as requested by administration.

Yearbook - Assist yearbook advisor in collecting orders and distribution.

Tours - Lead or coordinate parent volunteers to lead monthly school tours and as needed.

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2023 - 2024
SCMS PTO Board**

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Attention Shockers!

Don't forget to order your 2022-2023 Yearbook!
Books on sale now at bit.ly/SCMSyrbk for \$26 + tax!



Questions? Email Ms. George at lauraj.george@cms.k12.nc.us

You are invited to join South Charlotte Middle School on Tuesday, May 16th to watch the Charlotte Knights take on the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Railriders at 7:04PM.

A portion of each ticket sold will support the Athletic Department, and the choir will be performing the National Anthem. We appreciate your support and are excited for you to join us!

<https://fevogm.com/Southcharlotte>



Honors Drama performed at the North Carolina Theater Conference (NCTC) Middle School Play Festival this past weekend. The students did an amazing job and their performance was well received by their peers and the adjudicators. We took home the following honors:

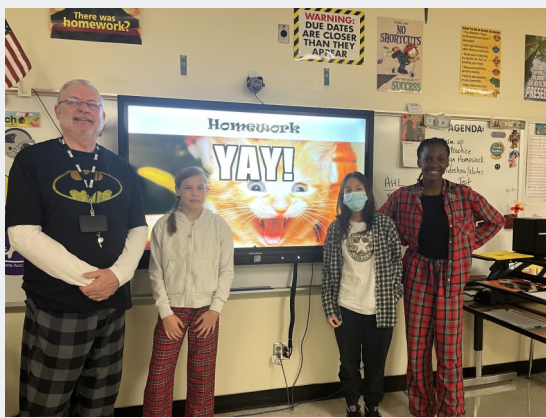
FESTIVAL SPIRIT AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN THEATER WITH A MESSAGE
EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN CONCEPT
EXCELLENCE N DESIGN AND PRODUCTION-STAGE
MANAGEMENT-ANASTASIA KOLESNIKOV
EXCELLENCE N DESIGN AND PRODUCTION-SOUND-STELLA
ZAMORSKI
EXCELLENT OVERALL RATING



Congratulations to the SCMS honors orchestra that received the highest score of the Superior-rated group of the Middle School Orchestra on NC Western Region Music Performance Adjudication on March 8, 2023.



Spirit Week Fun:



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 South 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