



Weekly Newsletter of
South Charlotte Middle School

March 24, 2023

Dear Parents:

I look forward to next week as we are focusing on KINDNESS. Our counselors, student council, and the Kindness Committee have worked diligently to provide an intentional opportunity for our students to focus on a quality which can shape our students, our community, our world, KINDNESS.

Spring has sprung and students are ready for spring break. It is an exciting time and a critical time relative to academic progress this year.

I ask you to please remind your students each day to be on time, work diligently academically and bring their best self to school each day. Parents, we need your help on a couple of other things as well.

First, if you are in the car line and realize your student will not be able to make it to class by 8:30, please have them exit the car. I will be at the corner of 51 and Strawberry Lane or an adult will be there. We are trying to ensure all students are on time for school. Each minute missed in class results in 10 minutes of lost engagement according to research. Students coming in late to class interrupts the attention span of other students as well. Thank you for assisting us with this.

Next, I would ask that you please reinforce with your student that they should report to the office if they are not feeling well. We currently have students texting their parents asking them to come to school and pick them up. Cell phones are meant to be a positive for students. We do not like to take them from them; however, if the cell phones are being used during the day, this is a negative choice and a consequence for the behavior will ensue. If they are calling you or texting you during the day, they are disobeying the cell phone policy. We want your students to go home if they are ill and we want you to connect with your child if necessary. Our front office clerical ladies are wonderful and will assist you and your child, whatever the situation. Thank you for assisting us with this expectation as well.

As always, thank you for allowing us to serve your student. When observing classes today, I was reminded just how great these students are. They are smart, talented, and eager to learn. Thank you for the job you do as parents. It shows up every day..

Best,
Lisa Bailes

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay informed and follow us on:

Facebook & Instagram



03/27 Teacher Workday; No school for students

03/28 Baseball and Soccer HOME game @ 5pm (girls play first)

03/29 Baseball and Soccer HOME game @ 5pm (boys play first)

03/30 Spring Pictures ONLY FOR STUDENTS PURCHASING PICTURES

03/31 Kindness Day



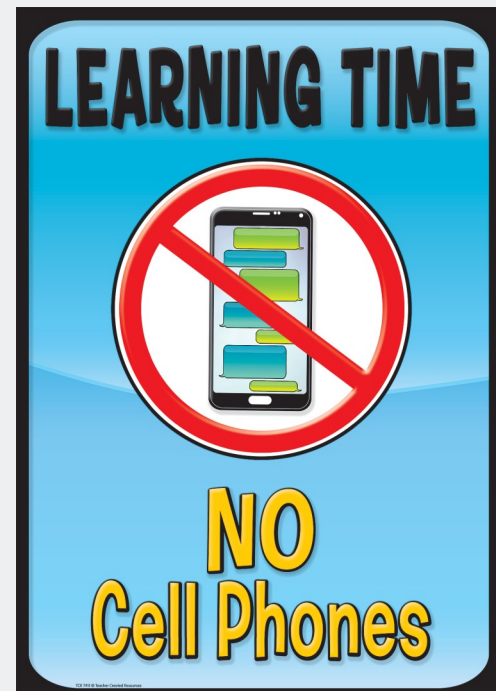
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SCMS Cell Phone Policy:

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.





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>

Please make sure you are registered to volunteer; use the link below to register. If you have any questions regarding your volunteer status please email Carrie McKenzie; carriej.mckenzie@cms.k12.nc.us

<https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/>

Congratulations to the SCMS orchestra that received the highest score of the Excellent-rated group of the Middle School Orchestra on the National level of Carowinds Music Festival Performance Adjudication on March 17, 2023.



Kindness Week, Spirit Week:

Show your Spirit of Kindness Week!

Tues-(3/28) Kindness Ties Us Together: Wear a tie or tie-dyed

Wed-(3/29): L.O.O.K. for Kindness: **L**et **O**ut **O**ur **K**indness

Look for: Staff to Student acts of kindness, Student to Staff acts of kindness, Student to Student acts of kindness, Staff to Staff acts of kindness

Thurs-(3/30): S.H.O.W & S.H.A.R.E Kindness

Speak **H**ope **O**ut **W**henever & **S**ee **H**ow **A**ll kindness **R**ewards **E**veryone

Give a kind smile, a kind word to another student or a staff member

Fri-(3/31): Wear Kindness on your Sleeve

Wear a shirt with a kindness slogan or quote.
(Don't have one, create one!)

Canned Food Drive:

Student Hunger Drive

Tuesday, May 28th is the last day to donate

We are partnering with PHS to support

Second Harvest Food Bank

Collection boxes are available in the mornings near the school store.





Providence High School

Attention Rising Providence High School 9th graders and Parents

Providence High School will host "Panthers on the Prowl" for rising 9th graders and their parents on **Thursday, March 30th 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 Tuesday, April 4th**.

Upcoming PTO items:

Spring Book Fair- 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.

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!

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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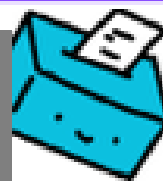
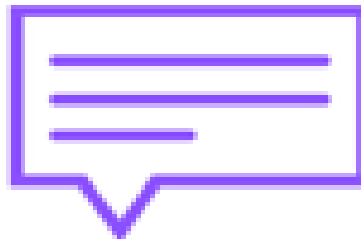
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TEEN LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH – SUNDAY, MAY 21ST
at YMCA Camp Thunderbird

IGNITING
YOUR
POWER

Since the summer of 2016, Teen Health Connection has offered a unique leadership opportunity for teens and the adults who work with them, through our annual leadership summit. The Empower: Teen Leadership Summit is led by trained teens and supportive adults who believe in empowering every adolescent to be healthy, safe, and successful. Rising 8th through 12th-grade students who attend will:

- Hear from motivational national speakers
 - Develop leadership skills
 - Engage in empowering workshops
 - Connect with other teen leaders
 - Have fun!

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Click [HERE](#) to register!

For more information visit:

<https://teenhealthconnection.org/teen-leadership-summit/>

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>



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 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