



Weekly Newsletter of
South Charlotte Middle School

April 6, 2023

Good evening Parents,

Spring Break is here. Our students are ready for a refreshing break as well as the staff. I hope you are able to get away or have a wonderful stay-cation with your family.

As we leave for break, I want to remind you of a few things and share with you some things that you may not know.

In this letter there is information regarding redistricting for the South Charlotte Area (to include several schools including South Charlotte Middle School). Please pay close attention to this information as South Charlotte Middle School will be impacted if the boundary proposal currently in place is approved. Our feeder schools will change. I encourage you to stay informed.

Our teachers and staff welcomed the Caring Schools Committee (CSC) which includes two CMS representatives and one representative who supports the entire Southeastern United States. The purpose of the visit was to assess our ALL IN time, the twenty minutes each day our students and teachers are engaged in the Caring Schools Community work which focuses on Social and Emotional Health. I am pleased to announce the CSC indicated we could be a model school in the Southeast for this initiative. Social and Emotional Health of our students is a personal passion of mine and I am pleased that our school community finds the value in this as well. I want to thank the staff and students for being ALL IN in this work. Our goal is to become a Caring Schools exemplar within two years. We are well on the way and will probably achieve this goal before the two year window expires.

For our car pool families, thank you. I enjoy seeing a lot of you as you drop your students off in the morning. Thanks to Officer Little, we were able to adjust the traffic lights so that we can get your cars in as soon as possible. I continue to encourage you to have your students exit the car as soon as possible as long as an adult is present. In addition to the car lines being more safe and faster, this is getting our students in class quicker. This is so important. Every minute late equates to five minutes of lost instruction. Please help me get your students in class on time.

For our eighth grade families, some of your students will be in Washington DC beginning April 18th. To those of you who have students not going on the trip, there have been questions regarding what will take place in classrooms. There will be teachers who will be with your students and there will be instruction during this time. Some of you have asked about traveling for educational opportunities for your child during this time. I will approve this. Please let Ms. McKenzie know (in the front office). You will submit a simple form for me to sign.

I am asking the staff to unplug during the break. The staff needs this time for reflection and rejuvenation. If you need to email them, please wait until Monday, April 17th. I want our staff and students to finish well. In order to do this, there needs to be time away. I appreciate your understanding this. If you have an emergency, please email me @ lisab.bailes@cms.k12.nc.us.

Again, I wish for you and your family a very happy spring break, Easter, Passover, whatever you celebrate or love during this time. I look forward to seeing all of your students on Monday, April 17th.

Thank you for allowing us to serve your students each day.
Lisa Bailes, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

04/07-16 No School; Spring Break
04/18-21 8th Grade DC Trip
04/24 Baseball/Soccer HOME VS
Southwest @5pm (Girls play first)
04/25 MAP Testing– Reading
04/26 MAP Testing– Math
4/28 8th Grade Dance 7-9pm

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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/>



This week we celebrated two amazing people at SCMS.

April 4th was Media Specialist Appreciation day and April 3-7th is Assistant Principal Appreciation week.

Thank you Mr. Plaisance and Ms. Smith for all you do at SCMS. We are lucky to have you!



Upcoming PTO items:

6th Grade Honor Roll celebration Thursday, April 6.

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.

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!

Beautification will have a volunteer day after Spring Break to do some planting. More information 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.



Phase II South County Relief

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

CMS SOUTH COUNTY RELIEF SCHOOL UPDATES:

(View Proposed Changes on next page)

CMS is currently building a new high school as well as proposing a new middle school, in order to relieve overcrowding at middle and high schools in the South County region of CMS. The Relief High School is scheduled to open in the 2024-2025 school year, and the Relief Middle School could potentially open in the 2025-2026 school year.

These new schools will impact boundaries for many elementary, middle, and high schools in our area. The CMS Planning Department is working closely with CMS leaders and community workgroups to prepare scenarios to share with the impacted communities for public feedback sessions.

The current proposed scenario is DRAFT 1 and was presented to the public last week. Based on feedback from the DRAFT 1 scenario, a DRAFT 2 scenario will be created and presented the week of April 17.

We would like to encourage SCMS families to carefully review the DRAFT 1 plans and provide feedback directly to CMS through the Google Form linked below, as the proposed changes will impact the entire south county area of CMS. We also encourage you to attend the meetings for the DRAFT 2 Scenarios that will occur immediately after Spring Break.

All information for the new South County Relief Schools can be found here:

<https://www.cmsk12.org/Page/9342>

DRAFT 1 Presentation:

<https://www.cmsk12.org/cms/lib/NC50000755/Centricity//Domain/393/DRAFT%201%20Phase%20II%20South%20County%20Relief%20-%202023%20March%2027-31.pdf>

Google Form to submit DRAFT 1 feedback to CMS:

[Phase II: South County Relief Schools Community Questions and Feedback.](#)

Upcoming DRAFT 2 Scenario Public Meetings:

- April 19, 6:30 PM @ Ardrey Kell High School
- April 20, 12:00 PM - Virtual Presentation (link on CMS website)
- April 20, 6:30 PM @ Providence High School
- April 21, 12:00 PM - Virtual Presentation (link on CMS website)

Final Draft Public Hearing & Vote:

- May 9 – CMBE Final Draft & Public Hearing
- May 23 – CMBE Vote

Full List of Proposed Feeder Changes

DRAFT 1

Elementary	Middle	High	Proposed Change
BALLANTYNE	JAY M. ROBINSON	Relief HS	MS change (from Community House) in 25-26 and HS (from Ardrey Kell) in 24-25
ELIZABETH LN	CRESTDALE	PROVIDENCE	MS change (from South Charlotte) in 25-26
ENDHAVEN	JAY M. ROBINSON	Relief HS	From 3 MS (Quail Hollow, JMR and South Charlotte) in 25-26 and 2 HS (South Meck and Ardrey Kell) in 24-25, resulting in one intact feeder
HAWK RIDGE (North of Bryant Farms Rd)	RELIEF MS	ARDREY KELL	MS change (from JMR) in 25-26
LANSDOWNE (south of Alexander Rd & west of Providence HS)	CRESTDALE	PROVIDENCE	MS change (from South Charlotte) in 25-26
MCALPINE	JAY M. ROBINSON	Relief HS	From 2 MS (South Charlotte and JMR) in 25-26 and 2 HS (South Meck and Providence) in 24-25, resulting in one intact feeder
MCKEE RD	SOUTH CHARLOTTE	PROVIDENCE	MS change (from JMR) in 25-26
OLDE PROVIDENCE	SOUTH CHARLOTTE	PROVIDENCE	From 2 MS (Carmel and South Charlotte) in 25-26 and 2 HS (Myers park and Providence) in 24-25, resulting in one intact feeder
PINEVILLE	QUAIL HOLLOW	Relief HS	HS change (from South Meck) in 24-25
PROVIDENCE SPRING	SOUTH CHARLOTTE	PROVIDENCE	From 2 MS to one intact feeder (JMR and South Charlotte) in 25-26
REA FARMS STEAM ACADEMY (East of Providence Rd)	REA FARMS STEAM ACADEMY	PROVIDENCE	Boundary removed - this section goes to McKee Rd ES in 24-25 and Jay M Robinson MS in 25-26
REA FARMS STEAM ACADEMY (West of Providence Rd)	REA FARMS STEAM ACADEMY	ARDREY KELL	Boundary removed - this section goes to Polo Ridge ES in 24-25 and the Relief MS in 25-26
SHARON (South of Sharon View Rd)	CARMEL	SOUTH MECKLENBURG	Reassigned from Myers Park in 24-25

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!

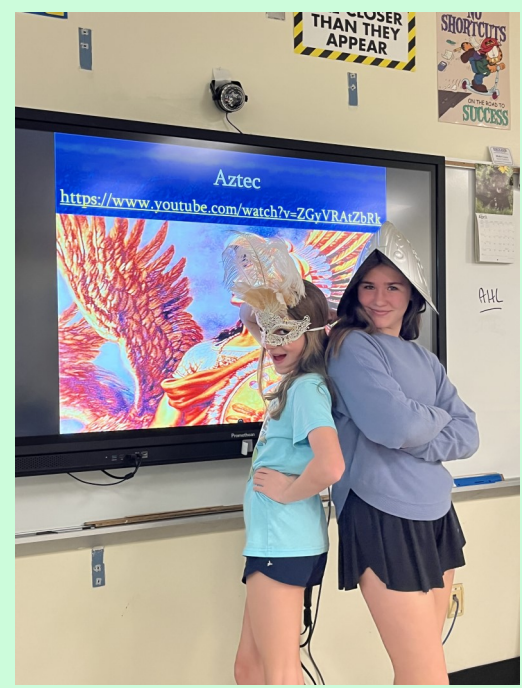
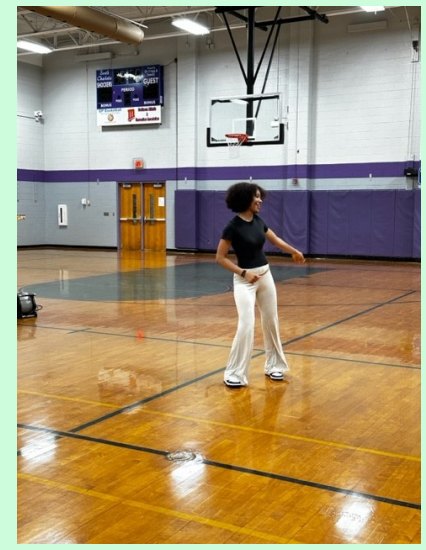
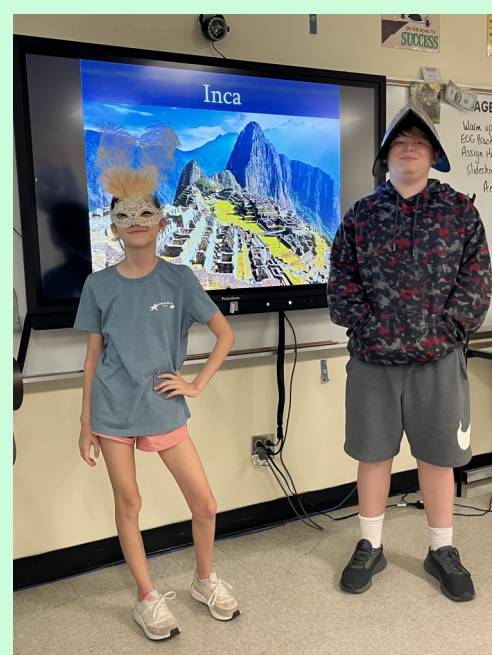
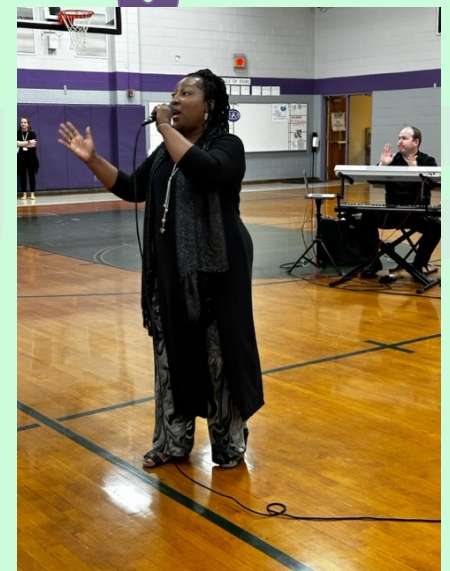
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Honors Art student Nadia Lundell is one of twelve students in North Carolina honored by Adams Outdoor Advertising by having their artwork exhibited on billboards. Here Nadia stands in front of her painting "Mother Nature's Mirror" along Route 74 (Independence Blvd.) in Indian Trail. The original painting is currently on exhibit at the Mint Museum Downtown because it won a Gold Key Award from Scholastic Art and Writing Awards last month. The exhibit runs concurrently with the Mint's exhibition of Picasso's greatest landscape paintings. Nadia is one of three students from South Charlotte Middle school to have their paintings exhibited as billboards.



Classroom Highlights:



SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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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

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Doing the **RIGHT** thing,
All Day *Every Day...*

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