September 1, 2023

Happy Friday, Parents,

We have had another great week at SCMS. Thank you for getting your students here on time in the morning and picking them up on time in the afternoon. Our buses have been exceeding expectation. When students are here on time and leave on time, learning is maximized in class and at home.

Parents, I humbly ask for your support with the following:
For safety reasons and for the respect of SCMS’s neighbors, if you are picking your student up from school, you are not using our car line and are parking on WOODFOX, park on one side of the street, not in front of any driveways, and not in NO PARKING areas. Please park approximately four houses away from Strawberry Lane and on one side of the street. If you are parking on Strawberry toward the ENCLAVES, park on one side of the street and do not block driveways or entryways.

Going forward, we will release the walkers to the cars that are parked correctly.
Also, our buses arrive by way of WOODFOX. They need total access without fear of an accident and also do not need to be delayed due to cars parking on both sides of the street.

Students will be given lockers next week. All sixth graders will be required to use a locker. For seventh and eighth graders, lockers are optional and homerooms will issue them if students request them.

Please contribute to the CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. We use the funds from the CAPITAL CAMPAIGN for various projects throughout the year. PTO will post pictures of completed projects and will answer any questions regarding how the funds are applied. We want the most for your students, the most of everything as it relates to academics, social interaction, behavior, etc. We depend on the CAPITAL CAMPAIGN to ensure we provide the best for your students. Click here for more information: https://www.scmspto.org.

School Fees are due. Information was sent home with your student on the first day of school. These fees assist us with the necessary items for your student throughout the year such as technology, workbooks, software access, lockers (if applicable), etc. We appreciate the PTO collecting these funds for us.
For more information: https://www.scmspto.org.

Curriculum nights are coming soon. If you have not, please mark your calendars: September 19th and 20th. September 19th will be the night for sixth grade parents and September 20th will be the night for seventh and eighth grade parents. We will have a brief meeting and then parents will meet the teachers. Be sure to know your student’s schedule.

Your students will visit the BOOK FAIR this upcoming week. BOOK FAIR is so exciting. We hope all students are able to enjoy the BOOK FAIR and purchase as many books as possible.

I hope all of you have a great weekend.

Lisa Bailes, Principal
South Charlotte Middle School
https://www.cmsk12.org/southcharlotteMS
Cell Phone Policy

Student use of personal cell phones and electronic devices is prohibited during the school day. Please refrain from repeatedly calling and/or texting your child during the school day. South Charlotte has ample school phones available for student use. Students may not use cellular telephones, or other electronic devices (e.g., laser pointers and attachments, personal digital assistants and other devices designed to receive and send an electronic signal, Ipads, etc) during the school day for personal use. Students arriving at homeroom at 8:15 a.m. until dismissal at 3:30 p.m. constitutes the school day. This policy applies, but is not limited to, restrooms and common areas, such as the gymnasium and cafeteria. Students and parents/guardians are expected to read and understand the policy regarding the use of cell phones and electronic devices.

Consequences for violation of cell phone policy ([CMS Code of Conduct, Rule 5; UB: Cell Phone Use])

1st Offense
- Students will be reminded daily in the first ten days of school about the cell phone policy, SCMS staff will consider the first 10 days as the verbal warning
2nd Offense: Cell phone confiscated for parent pick-up in main office
3rd Offense: Cell phone confiscated for parent pick-up in main office
- Student “checks in” cell phone upon arrival in the main office for the following week
4th Offense: Student not permitted to bring personal technology on campus for the remainder of the academic year.
- Office referral, In-School Suspension 1-3 days
5th Offense: Student not permitted to bring personal technology on campus for the remainder of the academic year.
- Office referral, Out-of-School Suspension consideration

School personnel will not be responsible for conducting a search for lost or stolen cell phones or electronic devices.

Early Dismissal

Parents must send a note stating the student’s name, time and reason for dismissal. The student is to bring the early release request to the main office when they arrive at school. Failure to turn in a note will result in an extended delay while waiting for your child. Your student will meet you in the front office at the time requested. If you do not come for your child at the time requested, the student will be sent back to class. If you arrive after 2:15pm to pick up your child, you will be asked to wait until afternoon announcements for your child to come up.
DRESS CODE

Students at South Charlotte Middle School are expected to continue a tradition of appropriate dress for school and school-related events. The following should be used as guidelines for what is considered acceptable school attire.

- Clothing must completely cover all undergarments and may not expose any part of the midsection (no core exposed, hem of the shirt overlap waistband), or bust. Sheer or see-through clothing that also exposes these areas or shows undergarments through fabric is not permitted.
  - Halter top, tube tops, and spaghetti straps are not permitted.
  - Pants/shorts/skirts must be worn unrolled, at the natural waistline, and securely fastened.

- Skirts, shorts, and dresses should be reasonable in length, using palm length (bottom of your palm to fingertips) as a general rule.
  - Shoes are required at all times.

- No abusive, suggestive or profane language, symbols of illegal drugs, or any other words, symbols or slogans on clothing or jewelry that disrupt the learning environment.
  - Athletic uniforms worn to school must conform to dress code.

- Jeans/pants with tears or holes above palm length must have an article of clothing beneath, like leggings/tights.

- Pajama pants, blankets, bedroom slippers, “scrubs”, or other loungewear are not permitted.
  - Undergarments should not be visible.
  - Hats and hoods are not permitted.
  - Bandanas are not permitted.

All students will be responsible for following the dress code as established by South Charlotte Middle School and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Student dress or grooming that is deemed by the staff as disruptive or inappropriate is not permitted. Failure to comply with the dress code will result in disciplinary action.
Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family whom her parents have never met. She confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he’s never done before—keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday’s “normal” boyfriend and his parents.

**SHOW DATES:** JANUARY 19-20, 2024

**AUDITION WORKSHOP:** SEPTEMBER 7TH 7:00-8:10 AM

**AUDITION DATES:** SEPTEMBER 11TH-15TH 7:00-8:10AM

Sign-ups sheets for cast and crew auditions will be outside the Drama room (101) or at the stage.

Auditions are open to ALL grade levels.
Remember to pick up an audition or crew form.

Questions?
Email Ms. Binder at **sunnys.binder@cms.k12.nc.us**
PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA FOTO!

Thursday, September 21, 2023
South Charlotte Middle School

Scan to order!
¡Echa un vistazo para encargar!

How it Works:

Pre-order today on mylifetouch.com using your Student ID or Picture Day ID: EVT78J3NK

Students are photographed on Picture Day

Orders will be sent home with your student after Picture Day

Cómo funciona: Encarga de manera anticipada en mylifetouch.com usando tu ID de estudiante o la ID del Día de la Foto. Los estudiantes son fotografiados el Día de la Foto. Los pedidos serán enviados a tu casa con tu estudiante después del Día de la Foto.

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-us. Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.


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The Providence High School "Pride of Providence" Marching Band, and the Band Boosters, would like to invite you to participate in this year’s 8th Grade Night with the Band/Color Guard at Providence High School. Join us as we play against Charlotte Catholic High School on Thursday, September 14th, 2023 and experience being a PHS Honorary Band Member. Plan to arrive at 5:30pm for sign in, name tags, and warm up. Enter at our "Mall" which is located in the main building on the student side of the parking lot.

Parents are welcome to visit with the Band Booster parents by the mall entrance between 5:30—6:30 pm, for a meet and greet and an opportunity to answer any questions they may have about the marching band from a parent perspective.

All 8th grade students should wear jeans and their middle school band shirt, black t-shirt or sweatshirt. (weather appropriate). Horn-line students must bring their instrument and music. Percussion students need to bring their sticks. Color guard should wear jeans and a black shirt.

While it is not required for parents to attend the football game, we hope you will stay to cheer on your child and our Panthers. Price of admission is $8 per person (free parking) and tickets must be purchased ahead of time online using the Hometown Fan app. Concessions are available (students may want to bring money). 8th Grade Honorary Band Members are admitted free to the game and will march to the field and play during the game with our band in the stands. After the band performs their halftime show, 8th graders will enjoy a break/concession during the 3rd quarter. Roll call will be taken to ensure all students are present.

Music selections will be provided to your band teacher. All students must conduct themselves properly and have fun!!! If you have any questions, you may email Diane Racioppo at 250706@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Providence High School’s 8th Grade Night with the Marching Band!!

Mr. Nick Blackwood
Providence High School Band Director

Email your student name, instrument and middle school to Diane Racioppo at 250706@gmail.com.
Complete our PTO volunteer form to have your name added to various PTO committees!

We can then contact you when help is needed for the areas you selected.

Committees include:

- Beautification
- Book Fair
- Grade Level Teams
- Hospitality
- Media Center
- School Store,
- Spirit Wear
- Yearbook

SIGN UP HERE:
https://www.scmspto.org/get-involved

Please visit the PTO’s website for all updated information and sign-ups to volunteer and upcoming events!

News and Announcements
scmspto.org

SIGN UP FOR PTO COMMITTEES

READY TO HELP OUT AT SCMS?

Complete the PTO Volunteer Form to have your name added to select PTO committees, so we can contact you when help is needed:

WWW.SCMSPTO.ORG/GET-INVOLVED
2024 YEARBOOK

Don’t miss out — reserve your copy today!

WAYS TO ORDER:

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JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM

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CALL
1.877.767.5217
8AM-5PM CST
MONDAY-FRIDAY

OTHER HELPFUL INFO:

JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM
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, every donation helps to support teachers, purchase innovative technology, keep our media center updated, provide funds for continuing education classes, beautify school grounds, and much more.

54 families have donated!

What Should I Contribute?
The short answer: give what you can. Contributions can range from $5 to over $1,000. While every year varies, the PTO can spend an average of $60.00 per student per year. Please give as generously as you can.

To Donate:
Donate online at www.scmspto.com.

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

AS OF SEPTEMBER 29
22% TO GOAL

*Through September 29, 2023 (total includes pending matching gifts)
Thank you to the families who have contributed to the 2023 - 2024 Annual Fund!* 

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay informed and follow us on:
Facebook & Instagram

09/11 Softball/Volleyball VS Alexander Graham at 5pm
09/12-13 MAP Testing
09/11-15 Addams Family Auditions
09/19 6th Grade Curriculum Night 6:30pm
09/20 7th & 8th Grade Curriculum Night
09/20 Early Release Day
09/21 Fall Picture Day

Meet our Student Services Team:
Amanda Jones– 6th Grade Counselor
Emma Parkes– 7th Grade Counselor
Whitney Matthews– 8th Grade Counselor
♦ 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.aspx

♦ Need a tutor? Check out our website for a great list.