



AUGUST 2021 ISSUE

# THE SHOCKER

SCMS PTO NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates

**AUGUST 23RD**

Open Houses - click here for more info!

9:00-10:30AM - 6th & 7th last name A-K

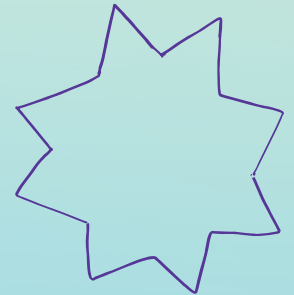
12:00-1:30PM - 6th & 7th last name L-Z

2:30-4:00PM - 8th Grade

**AUGUST 25TH** First Day of School

**SEPTEMBER 6TH** Labor Day Holiday

**SEPTEMBER 16TH** Teacher Workday



## Note from the PTO Co-Presidents:

Welcome back to school! I am sure everyone is excited to have a more "normal" school year! Your SCMS PTO is here to help inform you on what is happening all year long. This Shocker Newsletter is published 3 times a year. You should be able to find out everything you need to know to start your year successfully! As a PTO we are responsible for raising funds for our teachers, staff and beautifying

the school property. Currently we are busy painting planters, mulching the grounds and planting flowers around the campus!

During the summer months we order things like student agendas and Chromebook bags. All of which we pay for upfront so the school doesn't have to. We then ask that families reimburse us for those items in the REQUIRED school fees. You will find information regarding how to pay for the school fees on [Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://Pay4SchoolStuff.com). This year, as a perk, if you show your payment receipt, we will give your child a Full Size Candy of their choice at OPEN HOUSE on Monday. Look for the PTO table in the Atrium when you get inside! If you need access to a computer, you can do that at OPEN HOUSE as well. We will have that ready for you. You can also download the Pay4SchoolStuff app on your smartphone. This is super easy!! PTO wishes everyone a safe and healthy school year! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely, Kim Zusi & Christy Hair- PTO Co-Presidents



# Hello South Charlotte Middle School Families!

The South Charlotte team is eagerly preparing to welcome our students and families back to school! We are looking forward to a school year with many of our familiar routines and traditions back on the calendar. I am sure you have many questions about the upcoming school year. Families can expect to receive information frequently to keep you informed. We will also continue to provide information on the website.

CMS continues to partner with the Mecklenburg County Health Department and NCDHHS to implement strategies to reduce the risk of the transmission of COVID-19 at schools. Many of the COVID protocols and restrictions have been removed, or revised, from the guidance provided in the Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit. This will mean a much more typical school experience for students, staff, and families.

Face coverings will be required for all staff, students, and visitors while indoors on all CMS school campuses and school buses. Additionally, frequent hand washing/sanitizing and distancing (at least three feet) will be in place during breakfast and lunch when masks can't be worn. I know that we are all eager to be done with face masks, but we're not there just yet. Our most important priority is to protect our students from illness and have them at school!

## **With the above measures in place, we will NO longer be required to:**

- Maintain physical distancing in the classrooms
  - Limit sharing of materials and equipment
  - Plan for periods of remote learning
- Refrain from allowing visitors and volunteers for events and school activities (face masks must be worn)
- Direct quarantines for close contacts of positive cases identified at school (when universal masking has been implemented)

We look forward to resuming clubs and athletics, and welcoming families and volunteers back on campus. Information about athletics went out by way of the Connect Ed message and is posted on our website. If you are not a registered CMS volunteer, please do so as soon as possible.

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# PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**August 4:** Deadline to complete bus transportation enrollment form.

**August 16:** Mailings go out to families with back-to-school information (homerooms, bus stickers)

Please allow several days to receive this information.

## **August 23:** Open Houses

**9:00-10:30 AM Session 1:** 6th grade (Last name A-K in cafeteria)  
7th grade (Last name A-K in gym)

**12:00-1:30 PM Session 2:** 6th grade (Last name L-Z in cafeteria)  
7th grade (Last name L-Z in gym)

**2:30-4:30 PM Session 3:** 8th grade (Last name A-K in cafeteria)  
8th grade (Last name K-Z in gym)

**VIRTUAL OPTION:** Prerecorded for families who are unable to attend. Will be available on the school website.

Families and students will hear information from various school staff, then move to their assigned homerooms. You will have the opportunity to join the PTO and buy school spirit wear. We will also have bus information available. Students will receive their schedules on the first day of school in their homerooms. Face coverings must be worn throughout the open houses.

## **August 25: First Day of School**

I am looking forward to working with the staff at South Charlotte, as well as our families and students! Please use the following links for further information:

**[CMS Volunteer Registration Link](#)**

**[CMS 2021-2022 School Calendar](#)**

**South Charlotte Middle 2021-2022 School Supply Lists:**

**[6th Grade](#) | [7th Grade](#) | [8th Grade](#)**

Sincerely,  
**Dr. Sharon Dougherty, Interim Principal**

## 2021-2022 SCMS BACK-TO-SCHOOL FEES

Students will be required to use agenda for school assignments and organization. Chromebook bags are paid for in your fees over your student's three years at South Charlotte. PTO covers the costs in advance.  
To complete your order, **PLEASE** pay with credit or debit card on [www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com).  
Checks payable to SCMS PTO & cash will be accepted if you are unable to go online.  
Payments are due **Friday, September 3rd**.

<b>SCMS REQUIRED Student Fees</b> Fee covers SCMS-required items including lockers, agendas, and Chromebook bags.	\$30
<b>PTO Membership</b> (one membership per family) PTO pays \$600 per year to PTO Today!	\$5
<b>6th Grade Enrichment Fund</b> (6th grade only) Covers cost of grade level celebrations, helps with the cost of field day & special events.	\$15
<b>7th Grade Enrichment Fund</b> (7th grade only) Covers cost of grade level celebrations, helps with the cost of field day & special events.	\$15
<b>8th Grade Enrichment Fund</b> (8th grade only) Covers cost of grade level celebrations, helps with the cost of special events & graduation.	\$20

### Annual Fund Donation - Building a Legacy

Platinum (\$750+) Gold (\$500+) Silver (\$250+) Bronze (up to \$250)

Support SCMS PTO by being an Annual Fund Donor. A few examples of what your donations go towards are: gym sound system, landscaping, staff development, classroom support, health room supplies, library books, teacher supplies, hospitality, etc.

Payable online at [www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com)

### SPIRIT WEAR

Show your SCMS pride with new gear from our online store! The online store offers continuous access to sizes, colors, and styles. Multiple color options and personalization are available. Products are delivered to your home or to school for a nominal fee within two weeks of ordering. A portion of the proceeds from the store goes to the SCMS PTO! Shop now at [www.southcharlottemiddlespiritwear.com](http://www.southcharlottemiddlespiritwear.com)

**amazon smile** Shop on Amazon.com? Please link your purchases to South Charlotte PTO. A percentage of your payments comes directly to our school!



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[www.SCPTO.WORDPRESS.COM](http://www.SCPTO.WORDPRESS.COM)

FACEBOOK: @SOUTHCHARLOTTEMS

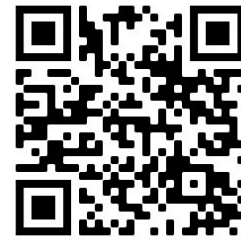
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# Pay your required fees online!

# Or download the Pay4SchoolStuff app

# Follow this link!

# Or scan this code!



# Stay Connected!



# Have a question? Reach out!



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EMAIL: [SCMSPTO8040@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SCMSPTO8040@GMAIL.COM)

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Get your SCMS Gear @

[www.southcharlottemiddlespiritwear.com](http://www.southcharlottemiddlespiritwear.com)

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS 2021-22

Tryouts are open to any 7th and 8th Grade students that have completed a pre participation packet (completed online) and have an up-to-date physical (395 Days) turned in to the school NO LATER than 3:30 pm August 26

**[Click here for more information!](#)**

**[Forms are online here!](#)**

## Fall

[Click here for more information](#)

**Football**

**Cheer**

**Volleyball**

**Golf**

**Softball**

**Tryouts start  
8/26/2021 after  
school till 6pm**

## Winter

[Click here for more information](#)

**Girls Basketball**

**Boys Basketball**

**Cheer**

**Tryouts start 11/8 after  
school till 6pm**

## Spring

[Click here for more information](#)

**Baseball**

**Soccer**

**\*\*Track & Field**

**Tryouts start 2/14  
after school till 6pm  
\*\*Tryouts start 2/22  
after school till 6pm**

Football coach: Corey Brown | email: coreybrown1016@gmail.com

Cheer coach: Lindsay Rodolico | email: lindsay.rodolico@gmail.com

Baseball & golf coach: Jason Wishnefsky | email: coachwish@gmail.com

Softball coach: Dionisio Tolentino | email: dionisio1.tolentino@cms.k12.nc.us



# CLUB SPORTS

**are open to 6-8th grade students.**

Clubs are run by outside organizations that are not affiliated with CMS or the SCMS Athletic Dept. Reach out to the following for more information.

## Fall

**Field Hockey**

**Girls Tennis**

contact Julia Woolf at  
JWOOLF60@YAHOO.COM

**Fit180  
Cross Country**

[Click here for more  
information.](#)

## Winter

**Rugby**

email Erik Saxon at  
erik@charlottejuniorrugby.com  
with questions

## Spring

**Lacrosse**

**Boys Tennis**

Contact Kelly Perrone at  
kperrone1111@gmail.com  
or Lesley Quick at  
lgeerquick@gmail.com

**LOOKING FOR PARENT HELPERS AND PLAYERS FOR GIRLS TENNIS AT SCMS FOR FALL 2021.  
PLEASE CONTACT JULIA AT JWOOLF60@YAHOO.COM IF INTERESTED.**

## From the PE Department:

Clothes for PE: Students should wear clothes that are appropriate of movement in Physical Education Class and follow the school dress code. Examples of clothes that would be appropriate for class are:

- Shorts- (must stay up on the hips and follow dress code length)
- T-shirts- long or short sleeve- (Must be a CREW NECK- may NOT be v-neck, boat-neck, any low cut neck shirt or tank top)
- Sweatshirts- can be worn for outdoor units but will not be worn indoors for class
- Sweatpants- must stay up on the hips and not sag
- Yoga pants with shorts over them- shorts have to be worn over the top of yoga pants
- Running shoes or sneakers ONLY- shoe strings MUST be tied- NO EXCEPTIONS
- CLEAR small water bottle- Water bottle has to be see-through but may be a colored plastic as long as we can see contents through the bottle.

# SCMS | FAN

SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL | FINE ARTS NETWORK

## **Is your child taking Art, Band, Chorus, Dance, Drama, or Orchestra at any point during the 2021-2022 school year?**

If so, there are REQUIRED fees that have to be paid at the beginning of the year. These fees and the support of the Fine Arts Network (FAN) help defray expenses such as art supplies, paper, sheet music, scripts, instruments, costumes, transportation costs, clinics and much more. Thanks to past support, we have an outstanding Fine Arts program with opportunities for students to discover, perform and stretch their creativity! These fees should not stop a student from participating. Please contact your teacher or SCMS counselor if you need support in any way. Scholarships are available and no one should shy away from an opportunity due to funds.

- *Fees do not include participation in the musical for drama.*
- *Additional fees may be required to cover unplanned activities/opportunities (e.g., competitions).*

**Please visit: [www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com)**

**to pay your fees online.**

# SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

## SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE

## *Spirit Wear*



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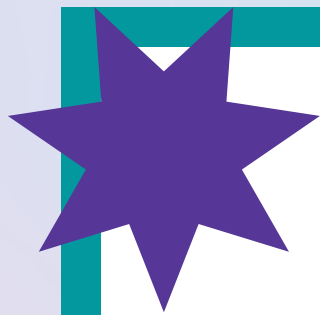
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Pay4SchoolStuff.com provides safe and secure shopping, and registration is quick and easy!

### **SIGNING IN**

First time users must create an account.

1. Go to [www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com). Click Login at the top of the page.
2. Select Create Parent Account.
3. Complete all necessary fields, and click Sign Up.
4. A confirmation email will be sent to your email address. Click the link in the email to activate your account.
5. Log in to your account and complete all fields on the Add a Student to Your Account screen. Click Submit. Repeat this step to add more students to your account.

Returning users must update their account.

1. Log in to [www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com) using your User ID and Password.
2. On the Welcome Screen, click Edit to update the Grade and Homeroom Teacher for your returning student(s). You can also add new student(s) in the Add a Student to Your Account section. Complete all fields and click Submit.

### **SHOPPING**

1. Log in to [www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com) using your User ID and Password.
2. Shop for your children individually. Select the student on the Welcome Screen.
3. On the Item Selection screen, click Select next to the first category, 2019-2020 Back-to-School Fees & Purchases.
4. Click the Select box for each item you would like to purchase. Complete any pop-up forms and specify Quantity. Volunteer Opportunities are selected with "zero cost".
5. Click Add to Cart when you've selected all of the items you wish to purchase.
6. Click Continue Shopping to shop for additional items or for your other students.
7. When you're done shopping, click Proceed to Cart to review your order and click Pay Now.

# STAY INFORMED



Ensure your address, email, and phone number are correct in Powerschool.



Like SCMS on Facebook! School news is posted often.  
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Look for the weekly school newsletter, The Shockwave, every Friday in your email.



Visit the SCMS, SCMS PTO, and teacher websites regularly.



Check your child's backpack the first week of school!



Like SCMS on Instagram! School news is posted often.  
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[Click here to learn about Early Dismissal Procedures!](#)



[Check the Dress Code before the first day of school!](#)

2021-2022

# SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

## EXECUTIVE & GENERAL BOARD

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Co-President	Kim Zusi
Co-President	Christy Hair
VP Fundraising	Suzanne Phillips
VP Communications	Theresa Joiner
Secretary	ML Stewart
Treasurer	Zoe Grabowski
Assistant Treasurer	Sandy Ferrara
Principal	Lisa Bailes

### GENERAL BOARD

Angel Tree	Meredith Doub
Beautification	Scott O'Connell
Book Fair	Sam Wallach
Critical Needs	Reyna Watson
Media Volunteers	Sam Wallach
School Store	Karen Webb
Staff Support	Kate Milheim
	Kristan Robinson
Team Parents - 6th Grade	Catherine Laurenzi
	Lisa Smith
Team Parents - 7th Grade	Francesca Totty
	Jennifer Meador
Team Parents - 8th Grade	Anje Seufert
	Jill McHaffie
Website & Social Media	Theresa Joiner
Yearbook	Christy Hair



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