



Weekly Newsletter of
South Charlotte Middle School

September 1, 2023

Greetings,

Parents, thank you for all you did to prepare your students for the opening of school this year. We have had a successful opening and I so look forward to the year ahead. The students are kind and prepared and going into classrooms observing their work and engagement, speaks so much for you as parents. Our teachers have done an amazing job preparing as well. This year's staff is second to none. Your students are in a great place to learn more than ever and increase their study skills, organization and test preparation.

For parents who are new, I would like to express how we value Kindness and Safety above all else. As we increase the academic skills of students, we also want them to be great citizens. All students learned about this in the assemblies this week. The grade level administrators lead the assemblies, defining expectations; however, the first item presented was relative to KINDNESS. We will have a KINDNESS campaign in the near future and after this, students will be able to accrue SHOCKER SLIPS. These slips will be given to students when an adult witnesses something KIND that a student is doing. At the end of each week, students will be recognized if they received a slip or slips. A culture of care and KINDNESS is not just for the students, it is for the adults as well. At SCMS, it is "Cool to be Kind".

Thank you for your patience as we have tried to ensure safety and swiftness for the car line. With the weather this week and the system changing, I just want to say thank you. We had a great day yesterday. We will continue to decrease the time you have to wait. Also, please be sure to not block the intersection at 51 and Strawberry Lane. This was reported to us. Fortunately, I am not a cop and I cannot ticket anyone or even require anyone to obey the law; however, I am asking that you do. Also, for the parents who have walkers, please only park on one side of Woodlawn and not in front of mailboxes.

We are excited about a long weekend. We can assess the week and plan for the future. We appreciate you for choosing SCMS for your student. We will do all we can to ensure your student is safe and has a great experience in all facets of the school year.

Best to you...

Lisa Bailes, Principal
South Charlotte Middle School

<https://www.cmsk12.org/southcharlotteMS>

UPCOMING EVENTS

09/04 Labor Day Holiday; No school for students and staff
09/07 Addams Family Audition Workshop 7am
09/11 Softball/Volleyball VS Alexander Graham at 5pm
09/11-15 Addams Family Auditions
09/21 Fall Picture Day

Stay informed and follow us on:

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Student Council

Students who are interested in Student Council this year will need to fill out an application form. Forms will be available outside of room 307 on Thursday and due back

Tuesday,
September 5th.

If you have questions about Student Council, please email Mrs. Barrera:

Erinb.barrera@cms.k12.nc.us

Important **INFORMATION** **[NEW] 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

(First 10 Days): 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

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PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

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Thursday, September 21, 2023
South Charlotte Middle School



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Providence High School Marching Band Presents...

8TH GRADE NIGHT WITH THE BAND



Football Game@

Providence High School

7:00 pm Kick-Off

Pregame 6:45

Thursday, September 14.

Arrive by 5:30 pm in the
"Mall"

Providence High School
1800 Pineville-Matthews Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28270

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 half-time 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!



SCMS PTO | South Charlotte Middle | 8040 Strawberry Lane, Charlotte, NC, USA

[scmspto.org](https://www.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](https://www.scmspto.org/get-involved)





SCMS FALL 2023 GIRLS' TENNIS

Club Tennis for
6th, 7th, 8th Grade Girls

- Practice 2x/week @ Raintree CC
- Tennis Experience Required
- Prior Match Play Preferred

For more info contact Katie Russell
katierussellrealtor@gmail.com



SCMS News Auditions Friday, September 8th at 7:15 A.M.

Do you like to get the scoop first?
Do you wish to be in the spotlight?
Do you like to work with high tech equipment?
If you answered yes to any of the above questions then the
SCMS NEWS TEAM is for you!

At SCMS News we conduct a daily broadcast of news around South Charlotte Middle School. We announce club meetings, sports stats, arts awards, service projects as well as celebrate cultural heritage months and other special happenings.

SCMS NEWS is a year long commitment and is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. We have positions for broadcasters and tech crew. Broadcasters are usually on camera for one week every 6-8 weeks. Technical staff typically work one week every 3-4 weeks.

Audition to be on our SCMS News team as a broadcaster or tech crew on **Friday, September 8th at 7:15 A.M.** Sign up outside the Drama room 101 or in the library and pick up an audition form.

Questions? Email Ms. Binder: sunnys.binder@cms.k12.nc.us or Ms. Newburger: lisa.newburger@cms.k12.nc.us



SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

ANNUAL FUND **\$10,185**

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!

\$45,000!!!

\$40,000

\$35,000

\$30,000

\$25,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

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**AS OF
SEPTMEBER 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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The Ennis Family
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The Hadley Family
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The Polston Family
The Russell Family
The Zierler Family
Tim & Laurie Moore
Zach Althofer



2023 - 2024 Bell Schedule

6th Grade

8:30	9:42	1st Block
9:45	10:30	AE
10:33	11:43	2nd Block
11:46	12:11	HL
12:14	12:39	Lunch
12:42	1:52	3rd Block
1:55	2:15	SEL
2:18	3:30	Electives

7th Grade

8:30	9:42	1st Block
9:45	10:30	AE
10:33	11:43	Electives
11:46	12:11	Lunch
12:14	12:39	HL
12:42	1:52	3rd Block
1:55	2:15	SEL
2:18	3:30	4th Block

8th Grade

8:30	9:42	1st Block
9:45	10:30	AE
10:33	10:58	Lunch
11:01	11:26	HL
11:29	12:39	2nd Block
12:42	1:52	Electives
1:55	2:15	SEL
2:18	3:30	4th Block

Elective Team

8:30	9:42	Plan
9:45	10:30	AE
10:33	11:43	7th Gr
11:46	12:11	Duty/Lun
12:14	12:39	Duty/Lun
12:42	1:52	8th Gr
1:55	2:15	SEL
2:18	3:30	6th Gr

SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL
8040 Strawberry Lane
Charlotte, NC 28277 Phone: 980-343-3670 Fax: 980-343-3725
Office Hours: 8:00 am—4:15 pm Phones answered from 8:00 am—4 pm



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...*

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