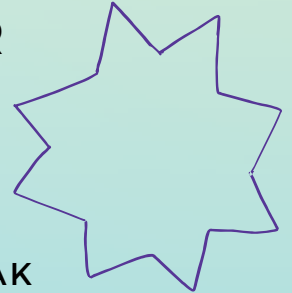




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Important Dates

MARCH 26TH - NO SCHOOL

APRIL 11-18 - NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

Note from the PTO Presidents:

SCMS Families,

It's hard to believe we are already into the 3rd quarter. PTO has been hard at work supporting staff and students at South Charlotte. As you will see below, your Annual Fund Donations have been hard at work. We asked administration and staff to create a wish list of things they wanted either for their classrooms or the school. We are doing our best to fulfill as many wishes as possible!

Staff Appreciation week is February 28-March 4! PTO is now collecting donations that will go directly to your teachers and staff. We all know that the past few years have been very hard on teachers and students, let's do our best to show them how much we appreciate all their time and hard work! To make your donation to Staff Appreciation Week please [Click Here!](#)

The PTO Executive Board meets once a month with SCMS admin to discuss the needs of staff and students. It is a great way to stay connected, meet new people and be involved in your child's school. In the next couple of months, we will be looking for new members to join the team. If you are interested, please reach out to scmsptonominating@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support! We look forward to finishing out the year strong!

Sincerely,

Kim Zusi & Christy Hair - PTO Presidents

Letter from the Principal

Dear South Charlotte Families:

It has been such a pleasure serving the students and families of SCMS as interim principal this school year. Despite the challenges we've had to navigate with Covid-19 and inclement weather, our staff and students continue to bring teaching and learning to new levels. Parent support is strong and so appreciated. We couldn't do this without that support which is key to helping our students be successful academically, emotionally, physically, and socially. Being out of school for 18 months taught us many lessons as well, and our social-emotional learning strategies are now more important than ever as we come back together for in-person learning.

South Charlotte Middle School has been re-designated as a School to Watch. Based on the re-designation application and site visit in December, many strengths were noted. These included a positive and collaborative learning environment where students' developmental needs are emphasized, a growth mindset among stakeholders where student growth is the priority, and a student-centered culture where high expectations for all students is the norm. This is an outstanding accomplishment and will be celebrated at both the North Carolina Middle Level Conference, as well as the National Forum Schools to Watch Conference in Washington, D.C. in June.

Our students shine in many areas. These areas include, but are not limited to, writing, math competitions, the arts, athletics, and community service. We've held many focus groups with students this year to collaborate on school activities and extra-curricular groups. Students are truly taking ownership of their learning and taking on a variety of leadership roles. Our goal is to help students to understand that learning also takes place outside of the school building.

Again, I want to thank you for your support. Your generous donations to the capital campaign allow teachers and students to be provided with supplies and other materials. Staff has been provided breakfast by the PTO at our early morning faculty meetings, and the addition of new picnic tables will allow for more students to eat lunch outside on the patio. We appreciate the parent volunteers who have offered to help us supervise lunches!

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with your children. I have truly enjoyed getting to know the students and I remain in awe of the hard work I see being done each day by this staff. Your support as parents is valued. Working together, we truly are making a difference for each child, every day. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a wonderful school community.

Kindest Regards,
Dr. Sharon Dougherty

**[Click here for CMS
Updated COVID-19 Safety Measures and Protocols](#)**

Thank you SCMS Families!

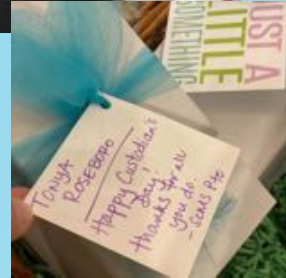
We raised \$31,124 for Annual Fund

Focused on School/Student-Life Improvements & Staff/Student Morale

- ~ Spiritwear for new staff
- ~ Bike rack
- ~ 3 Picnic tables
- ~ 6 Umbrellas and 9 stands
- ~ Microwave for staff
- ~ Gifts for Staff Appreciation Days
- ~ Mulch/Plantings around school
- ~ Gaga Ball Pit
- ~ 4 Basketball Hoops
- ~ Kickball Bases for each grade level
- ~ Donuts for entire school
- ~ Supplies for Pie Your Teacher in the Face
- ~ Candy for Counselor Incentives
- ~ Treats for Staff Meetings
- ~ Holiday Cookies for all Bus Drivers
- ~ Holiday Lunch for teachers
- ~ Surprise Staff Pizza Lunch from 800° Pizza Kitchen

On Order-

- ~ Sound System for Cafeteria/Stage
- ~ Walkie Talkies for each grade level
- ~ Mulch
- ~ Gaga Ball Pit for lower fields



Counselor's Corner



**SCMS Counselors are a great resource
for SCMS families**

6th Grade - Mrs. Matthews

7th Grade - Mrs. Jones

8th Grade - Mr. LeDonne

**Miss a Counselor
Coffee? You can
watch the
recordings!
[Click here >>>](#)**





Helping Hands Gift Card Drive
GRAND TOTAL - \$6,293!!!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PTO HELPING HANDS GIFT CARD DRIVE! WE SURPASSED OUR GOAL OF \$5,000 BY RAISING ALMOST \$6,300! THAT IS INCREDIBLE! THE GIFT CARDS WILL HELP MANY SCMS FAMILIES OVER WINTER BREAK. TO CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESS, THERE WILL BE A PIE THE COUNSELORS EVENT AND STUDENT-TEACHER BASKETBALL GAME COMING SOON!!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS, MS. MATTHEWS, MS. JONES, AND MR. LEDONNE, FOR LENDING A HELPING HAND TO COORDINATE THIS FUNDRAISER FOR OUR FAMILIES.



FALL/WINTER SPORTS

GO SHOCKERS!

Softball



Field Hockey



Football



FALL/WINTER SPORTS

Congratulations to our South Charlotte Golf Team - they finished the season undefeated and won the Southern Conference Championship!



Boy's Golf
Girl's Volleyball
Cheer



If you want to join
the Booster Club
Go to
Pay4SchoolStuff.com

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FALL/WINTER SPORTS

Girl's Basketball



Boy's Basketball



SCMS XC Season Highlights

- Girls' team tied for 1st (losing to Marvin Ridge in a tiebreaker) in the NC XC Championship
- Boy's team finished 4th in the NC XC Championship
- Lizzy Weltz won all 5 races, including the year ending NC XC Championship.
- She is the school record holder for a girl's 3k at a time of 10:58. She also set the 12 year meet record at the prestigious Hare & Hounds XC Invitational (the largest annual Middle School competition in the state).
- Matthew Perrone and Tokugen Drake led their team with top 15 finishes. Matthew became only the third boy in SCMS history to break 11 minutes in a 3K race. Tokugen ran one of the top five times in SCMS history.

Coaches Kurt Seufert and Kimber Arrington congratulate all the SCMS runners on a job well done!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS 2022

If any student is trying out for a Spring sport, they need to have everything completed and turned in to Coach Konko ASAP. The students need to visit the [South Charlotte Athletics webpage](#) and complete the 3 steps located in the first announcement in order to participate in try outs. Link below.

[Click here for more information!](#)

[Forms are online here!](#)

Baseball

Soccer

**** Track & Field**

**Tryouts start 2/14 after
school till 6:30pm**

****Tryouts start 2/22
after school till 6:30pm**

Baseball : Jason Wishnefsky | email: coachwish@gmail.com

Boys Soccer- Gereld Guy | Girls Soccer- Tia Cooper

If you have additional questions please reach out to Mr. Konko
jeff1.konko@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.

Boy's Lacrosse - Register [HERE](#)

Questions contact Coach Konko

Girl's Lacrosse

Email Coach Andrea

andrea@teamlacrosseacademy.com

Boys Tennis

Contact Kelly Perrone at

kperrone1111@gmail.com or Lesley Quick

at lgeerquick@gmail.com



SCMS CHORUS



Shocker Chorus students have been busy using their voices in the first semester of the school year! After a year of singing without concerts, chorus students were happy to make their way back to the SCMS stage! Chorus students put on two concerts, one in the Fall and a holiday concert in December, and honors chorus performed at the Kindness Assembly. Some chorus students were able to collaborate with our amazing Jazz Band led by Mr. Ratliff! Honors Chorus students are busy prepping for their Musical Performance Adjudication at Wingate University in March! Advanced and Honors Chorus students will also be attending the Carowinds Music Festival for feedback and scoring on their performance in May! There's a lot of singing left to do!

Make sure to come to our Spring concert on May 17!

Mr Barnhill





SCMS BAND

Fall Band Concert for the 7th Grade Symphonic Band, the 8th Grade Wind Ensemble, the 8th Grade Jazz Ensemble led by Mr. Ratliff



SCMS Mathcounts Team



This is a picture of our team that traveled to Community House Middle School to compete in the 2021-2022 Tri-Mathalon competition on Dec. 3, 2021. We came in 1st place in the JV division (out of a half dozen or so teams). This was our first competition in over two years and virtually all of the players had never competed before. Grace Liu and Tokegen Drake took 1st and 2nd places, respectively, for individual honors. We will be competing in more and bigger events in February and March. Good luck Shocker Mathletes! ~ Mr. Baker

SCMS Honors Art



Two students from South Charlotte Middle School Honors Art class won awards at the Pineville Fall Arts Festival in October. In the "Middle School" category, 8th grader Ishita Devara (left) won third place and 6th grader Nadia Lundell (right) won first place. Each received a monetary award.
~ Dr. Cooke

SCMS CTE Update

The CTE Business Department at SCMS is in full swing with winding up our Semester 1 and beginning Semester 2. Below is a re-cap of Semester 1 and the courses that will be available for the 2022-2023 school year.

The **Exploring Business Procedures and Leadership** classes first began studying etiquette, netiquette, ethics in the workplace, and ethical decision-making. Our next unit covered requirements for seeking, gaining, and maintaining employment. Students learned about the skills that employers are looking for in today's employees. They have completed a job application, a resume, a cover letter, and watched videos on how to answer those tough interview questions—"Tell me about yourself!" and "Why should we hire you?" In addition, students had a couple take-home assignments where they had to interview adults about their job searching strategies and workplace habits. Thank you to all those who answered these questions for our students. We ended the semester with a unit on leadership and team building skills.

The **Exploring Business Activities** classes started the semester studying accounting and finance careers and activities. Accounting is near and dear



to my heart because my dad was a CPA for 60 years. I shared many of his accounting stories with your students. Students worked on check writing, deposit slip completion, and checkbook transaction records. Our next unit covered careers and functions of business management, information technology, marketing, small business management, and entrepreneurship. Students worked in groups or alone on advertising projects. It was exciting to see their minds working together to come up with awesome projects which included at least 1 of the 15 advertising appeals. I am confident they will look at advertisements now and in the future in a different way.



The **Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing** classes worked hard to learn the alphabetic keys, numbers, symbols, and the numeric keypad. I did my best to break some bad typing habits—using the hunt and peck method of typing. Some students who stayed the course and practiced their typing skills every night, turned into awesome typists. The second half of the course was devoted to applying the keyboarding techniques and skills in typing memos, personal-business letters, business letters, and tables.

Curriculum Options for 2022-2023 School Year:

6th Grade:

Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing

7th Grade:

Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing
Introduction to Office Productivity
Exploring Business Activities

8th Grade:

Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing
Office Productivity
Exploring Business Procedures and Leadership

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SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL FINE ARTS NETWORK

Is your child taking a fine arts class (Art, Band, Chorus, Dance, Drama or Orchestra)? Have you paid their fees? You can easily pay online at www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com. If you are unsure whether you have paid all of your fine arts fees, you can check your online payments by selecting Parent Options → Generate Reports on the Pay4SchoolStuff website. If you have any questions, you can email scmsfan@gmail.com.

These fees help cover the costs of running our outstanding Fine Arts program at SCMS. The funds go toward purchasing various items such as art supplies, sheet music, instrument repairs, costumes and other materials.

Please reach out to an SCMS counselor or your child's Fine Arts teacher if you need support. Scholarships are available for anyone who needs assistance in paying their fees.

Spring 2022 FINE ARTS EVENTS

Feb. 10, 2022	7:00 PM	Winter 6th Grade Band Concert
Mar. 18-19, 2022	All Day	NCTC Play Festival
Mar. 29, 2022	All Day	MPA-Honors Chorus
Mar. 30, 2022	All Day	Broadway JR. Play Festival
Apr. 28, 2022	7:00 PM	SCMS Musical-Dear Edwina Jr.
Apr. 29, 2022	7:00 PM	SCMS Musical-Dear Edwina Jr.
Apr. 30, 2022	2:00 PM	SCMS Musical-Dear Edwina Jr.
Apr. 30, 2022	5:00 PM	SCMS Musical-Dear Edwina Jr.
May 5, 2022	All Day	Carowinds Music Festival-Chorus (Honors/Advanced)
May 10, 2022	6:30 PM	Orchestra Concert
May 12, 2022	All Day	Carowinds Music Festival-Orchestra
May 17, 2022	6:00 & 7:00 PM	Spring Chorus Concert
May 19, 2022	7:00 PM	6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Band Concert

Please check with the school for more details or any changes in the schedule.

Sponsor Shout Out

Please support these local businesses that sponsor SCMS



STAY CONNECTED TO THE PTO!!

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Link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to #1933
Get your SCMS Gear @
www.southcharlottesmiddlespiritwear.com

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question?
Reach out!**

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New Look!
More styles!



Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to #1933!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Shop on Amazon.com? Link your purchases to South Charlotte PTO and a percentage of your payments will come directly to our school!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for EOG testing, lunch duty and more. Please make sure you are an approved CMS volunteer. [Click here!](#)

STAY INFORMED



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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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[Check the Dress Code!](#)

2021-2022

SOUTH CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

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