Dear Parents,

Although the budding trees and flowers are telling us it is spring, we have an important fourth quarter ahead of us. Fourth quarter begins on Monday, and we are counting on our students to stay focused and to finish the year well. Our important MAP tests are scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 5. The MAP tests are given in the fall, winter, and spring so teachers and students can track student progress throughout the year. The MAP results also help us know which skills students have mastered and which skills need more instruction. In addition, for our current 6th and 7th graders, these MAP percentiles will be used to help determine placement into standard plus and honors courses next year. To review the honors rubrics, please see the parent night presentations listed on our school website under “School Documents.”

School will be closed on Friday, April 7 for a teacher workday and closed the following week, April 10-14, for Spring Break.

Regards,
Lisa Bailes, Principal
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What's the Issue?

We may think of our kids' online, mobile, and technological activities as "digital life," but to them, it's just part of life. Their world is as much about creating media as it is about consuming it. Media devices have converged and become extremely powerful and portable. Phones aren't simply for phone calls anymore but for listening to music, sending texts, filming videos, snapping and sharing photos, and accessing the Internet. Our kids use their computers to do their homework, but they also use them to socialize, stream video, and create movies and songs. And they can connect and communicate 24/7 from just about any location.

Why Does It Matter?

We want our kids to make good decisions so they can take advantage of the powerful technology that fills their lives. In order to make good choices, kids must know how the digital world works. The very nature of the constantly connected culture means kids must understand the concept of privacy, so that what they post and create won't hurt or embarrass them at some point in the future. The fact that much of digital communication is anonymous means that consequences that might seem obvious in face to face interactions may not be as clear online. Much of the task of childhood and adolescence involves figuring out who you are. But in digital life, anything said or posted can live on indefinitely and create undesired consequences.

The stakes are high because our kids' technological abilities can be greater than their maturity and judgment. Having unrestricted access to information and people can result in gaining a wealth of information and experiences. But it can also mean accessing inappropriate content and contexts. The difference between a great experience and an iffy one lies in the decisions kids make. Just as kids learn to eat properly, swim safely, or drive a car carefully, they need to know how to live in the digital world responsibly and respectfully. Their ultimate success depends on their abilities to use digital media to create, collaborate, and communicate well with others. Those who master these skills in using digital tools will be able to harness the digital world's awesome power.

common sense says

Teach kids the skills they need to use technology wisely and well. It's hard to be a gatekeeper in a world with no fences. Parents have little control over the flow of information to their kids, who see too much, too soon. We no longer hear conversations or see what our kids create and share with others. Since we cannot cover their eyes, or shadow them everywhere they go, we need to teach them how to behave responsibly in the digital world.

Keep an open mind. We don't see the world the way our kids do. And we don't help our kids when we judge their lives through the lens of a non-digital world. It's important for us to understand that our kids will spend much of their lives in a connected world, where everyone creates and communicates.

Don't be afraid. Parents can't afford to be technophobic. Our kids adopt technologies faster than we do. That means they're often way out in front of us. This fact can upset the parent-child relationship. So get in the game. Have your kids show you how to do something online if you don't already know.

Share wisdom. Kids often don't understand the implications of their actions. But we do. So we have to remember to extend our basic parenting wisdom to the digital world. We teach kids to choose their words.
Attention all 7th Graders!

Do you have what it takes to represent South Charlotte Middle as a member of the National Junior Honor Society?

Submit your application for consideration today!

Mrs. Yasurek, the NJHS faculty advisor, is currently accepting applications for South Charlotte’s 2017-2018 Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Students who are interested in membership will need to complete the application form in its entirety and submit it for consideration to Mrs. Yasurek in room 312 by the April 5th due date.

Copies of the application form are available online at: 

The National Junior Honor Society is the nation’s premier organization which recognizes outstanding Middle School students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

The standards for selection are established by the National Junior Honor Society of the United States and by the South Charlotte Middle School NJHS by-laws. As stated in the National Junior Honor Society Handbook, “Selection to the National Junior Honor Society is a privilege and not a right. Students do not apply for membership in the National Junior Honor Society; instead, they provide information to be used by the local selection committee to support their candidacy for membership.”

Materials submitted by the candidates will be reviewed by the NJHS faculty panel. Candidates will be notified of their status by early May.

For more information, please visit: http://scms-njhs.weebly.com/how-to-apply.html.
Yearbook Applications

Yearbook applications are available in the main office and online (school website) for the 2017-18 school year. Please complete and return to Mrs. Walker no later than Wednesday, April 19th—no exceptions!

Mrs. Walker is seeking students who enjoy writing, taking pictures (before, during, and after school), as well as students who are good proofreaders. If you are unable to attend athletic events after school, please do not apply. If you are unable to meet homework and project deadlines, the same applies. Mrs. Walker is looking for hard-working, responsible students who take pride in their work.

Applications will not be accepted unless a copy of your 3rd quarter grades is attached. Once applications are completed, the interview process will begin.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Walker via e-mail or in Room 211

~Mrs. Heather Walker
Our Lost and Found Closet is once again overflowing! Please have your children check the Lost and Found Closet located in the front office for clothing or articles they may have misplaced. All items not claimed will soon be taken to our charity of choice.

Mrs. Seaman would like to thank Brian and Liz Sterling for coming and speaking to her Exploring Business Activities classes about their careers in accounting. In CTE, we like to bring the world of work into the classroom. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling, for sharing your knowledge and pushing our students to think about their future careers.

Mrs. Seaman would like to thank Jean Thompson, Maria Swinson, and Kathy Harborne for helping with Spring Picture Day this past Tuesday. The faculty and staff at SCMS appreciate volunteers who help make our jobs much easier. We couldn’t do what we do without your time, effort, and commitment! You rock!
Let us take steps to encourage our South Charlotte Middle School family to be the best we can be. Please share your favorite fitness/health app, heart-healthy family recipe and student/family active fitness photos by emailing entries to kristin.kissmann@cms.k12.nc.us.

**Quote of the week**

“TODAY is my Tomorrow. It’s up to me to shape it, to take control and seize every opportunity. The POWER is in the choices I make each day. I eat well, I live well. I Live Well. - unknown

It’s That Time Of Year….

**Non-traditional allergy relief.**

http://www.foxnews.com/health/2017/03/21/non-traditional-forms-treatment-may-offer-relief-for-allergy-sufferers.html

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**PE/Health Outstanding Student Profiles**

This week’s Physical Education student profile is about Ashley Vohra, an 8th grader at SCMS. Ashley’s motivation this year is personal improvement in the area of muscular strength. She is most proud of her success improving the number of push-ups she can now do compared to last year.

Ashley excels at sports participating in softball and basketball for SCMS and outside of school. In addition to those active hobbies, she likes going to Carowinds and watches professional football supporting her favorite team, the Denver Broncos.

Ashley, like a lot of middle school students, uses music to help her “zone out” and relieve stress on a daily basis. Television episodes of Full House also assist her in relaxation from stress.

All students have a uniqueness about them and Ashley shared that something people might not know about her is that she was somewhat of a mystery when she was born. For the first few weeks of her life, Ashley’s parents were not sure if she could hear things.

After high school, the University of Florida is Ashley’s college destination of choice. She plans to work hard to become an Orthodontist and says Florida is a good school to learn about that profession.

A cruise her family went on was the favorite family vacation Ashley recalled because they “had some family time and one week with each other all day.” In the future, she would like to go to Hawaii because she thinks “it would be a chill and fun vacation.”
It was a busy week as baseball and soccer both played back to back days on Monday and Tuesday, while track was away for a second straight meet on Wednesday.

On Monday evening, the baseball and soccer teams hosted Alexander Graham Middle School. The baseball team rallied from a 2-0 deficit to win 6-2 as the Shockers beat AG for the first time in 4 years! AG took both soccer contests; 2-0 in the girls’ game, and 1-0 after PK’s in the boys’ game. Both matches were well played by both teams.

**Girls Soccer**
AG 2 0 - 2  
SC 0 0 - 0  
Goals: N/A

**Boys Soccer**
AG 0 0 - 0  
SC 0 0 - 0  
AG won PK round 3-1.  
Goal: **Rothenberger** (PK)

**Baseball**
AG 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 - 2 5 0  
SC 0 0 0 0 6 X - 6 5 4  
W: **Wilson** (1-0)  
Leading Hitters: **Gordon** 2-2 2 RBI, **Knepp** 1-4 2B 2RBI, **Wilson** 1-4 2B RBI

On Tuesday night, the baseball and soccer traveled to Southwest for the second game of a back to back. All three teams jumped out to early leads as baseball won 12-1, Boys’ Soccer won 4-0, and Girls’ Soccer won 8-1. **Tanner Rothenberger** had a hat trick for the boys’ soccer team while **Riley Nygren** tallied 5 goals for the girls’ soccer team!

**Boys Soccer**
SC 3 1 - 4  
SW 0 0 - 0  
Goals: **Rothenberger** 3, **W. Girling** 1

**Girls Soccer**
SC 3 5 - 8  
SW 0 1 - 1  
Goals: **Nygren** 5, **Roess** 2, **Bashore** 1
**Baseball**

SC 0 8 4 0 0 - 1 2 6 1
SW 0 0 0 0 1 - 1 6 2
W: **Budnick** (1-0)

Leading Hitters: **Budnick** 2-3 2B 2RBI, **Wilson** 2-3 2 RBI, **Garfinkle** 1-3 2 RBI

Both the boys and girls track teams traveled to Quail Hollow on Wednesday night to battle in a dual meet. Both Girls’ and Boys’ teams were victorious to earn their first win of the season!

**Girls Track**

Team Scores: South Charlotte 65 Quail Hollow 35

Individuals: 1st Place (Fasan Shot Put, S. Thomas Discus, Ryan Long Jump, Ryan High Jump, Desyatnikov 100, Tate 1600, Miller 800, Desyatnikov 200), 2nd Place (Coppage Discus, B. Thomas High Jump, Bennett Long Jump, Wheeler Hurdles, St Amand 1600, St Amand 800) 3rd Place (B. Sterling Discus, Miller High Jump, Gray Long Jump, St Amand Hurdles, B. Thomas 1600, Arrington 800, L. Sterling 200)

**Boys Track**

Team Scores: South Charlotte 64 Quail Hollow 36

Individuals: 1st Place (Gutknecht Long Jump, Huffman Hurdles, Gutknecht 100, Hatch 1600, Aycock 400, Hatch 800, Hagerty 200), 2nd Place (Boardman Shot Put, Boardman Discus, Trent Hurdles, J. Baumann 400, Perry 800, Trent 200) 3rd Place (Aycock Shot Put, Patton 100, A. Baumann 1600)

**SCMS Booster Club**

The South Charlotte Booster Club works in conjunction with the South Charlotte Athletic Department to ensure the best experience possible is provided for athletes and fans of South Charlotte Middle School’s athletic program. Your contribution will strengthen the ability of the Booster Club to provide for the needs of the student athletes and continue the tradition of South Charlotte Middle School as the premier middle school sports program in CMS!
Start the 2017-2018 school year by staying informed with your South Meck High School PTSA. Visit www.southmeckhsptsa.com to join the PTSA, get updated parent news, or to sign up for our Sabre PTSA Blitz.
Providence High School will host “Panthers on the Prowl” for rising 9th graders and their parents on **Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30pm in the PHS auditorium.** “Panthers on the Prowl” is an orientation to Providence which will provide information about the differences between middle school and high school, specific curriculum highlights for 9th graders, a look at electives that students may want to consider, as well as an opportunity to explore clubs, sports, and fine arts extra-curricular options. The program will begin promptly at 6:30pm with a meeting in the auditorium. Please arrive a few minutes early so you can park and be in the auditorium by 6:30pm. The event will conclude at 8:30pm.

This is the first opportunity to begin the exciting transition to Providence High School. You don’t want to miss it!

**PHS PTSO Welcomes Rising 9th Grade Parents & Guardians!**
Providence High School’s PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) would like to extend a warm welcome to all rising 9th grade parents and guardians for the 2017-2018 school year! The PTSO has many opportunities for you to participate in your student’s school by volunteering on the PTSO general board or for special projects. If you are interested, please go to [http://phsptso.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/Forms](http://phsptso.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/Forms) and select “2017-18 PTSO Board Intention Form.” This form provides a brief description of all board positions, along with the number of people on each committee. Questions? Please contact Mary Ann Kirchner, PTSO President at makirchner@carolina.rr.com. We look forward to meeting incoming 9th grade parents and students at **PHS’s Panthers on the Prowl** on **April 5th!**

**PHS Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Golf Classic is April 3**
Join us for the PHS Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Golf Classic on Monday, April 3 at Raintree Country Club! Our annual golf classic raises money through sponsorships and raffle items to support our student athletes. All proceeds go to the PHS Athletic Booster Club and fund 10 scholarships that will be given to graduating seniors. To date we have distributed more than $50,000. Join us for an afternoon of fun and excitement that will ultimately help high school seniors further their education. Sponsorship opportunities are also available!

The cost is $500 for a foursome and $125 for an individual and includes lunch, dinner and drinks, range balls, player prizes (Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin), team prizes (Low Gross, Low Net), and raffle prizes!

Registration begins at 11:00 am. Shot-gun start is at 12:00 pm. Click [here](#) for registration and sponsorship forms. Questions? Contact Golf Classic Chairman Pepper Pounds at 704-281-3590 or pepper.pounds@perficient.com.
**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LEARNING**

**A TITLE III FAMILY EVENT**

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**WHEN**  
Saturday, April 1st, 2017 from 10AM-2PM  
(Doors open at 9:30AM)

**WHERE**  
Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology  
1430 Alleghany Street, Charlotte, NC 28208

**WHY**  

- Enjoy a FREE, fun-filled day for the whole family!  
- Celebrate different cultures  
- Learn about community resources available to YOU!  
- Discover how to support your child at home

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Attend three class sessions for a chance to win prizes!

Eat at food trucks. First 500 people will get free lunch!

Wear something that represents your culture!
 TEAM Lacrosse Academy invites all elementary and middle school students to come out and learn the game of lacrosse!

TEAM Lacrosse Academy is built on the foundation of educating athletes through direct mentorship, both on and off the field, through personalized lacrosse training. Whether you’re picking up a lacrosse stick for the first time, or an advanced player with your sites set on playing collegiate lacrosse, TEAM Lacrosse Academy has proven success in mentoring student-athletes through customized youth lacrosse development programs for players at any level. Our lacrosse clinics are dedicated to the growth of each of our aspiring athletes to maximize their potential with the required skills and game understanding to become the best lacrosse player they can be.

Sat. 4/1 at 10am
Providence High School
1800 Pineville-Matthews Road

1st-8th grade boys and girls are invited to come learn more about the fastest game on two feet! Players will be separated based on gender, grade and skill level. Sticks are provided!

Time: 10-11am
Price: $25/player

Reserve your spot today by registering at: www.teamlaxacademy.com/events under Charlotte Beginner Clinics or email info@teamlaxacademy.com with any questions!
GOOD TO KNOW

- South Charlotte is a member of the South Learning Community. (980) 343-1463
- 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.

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