



SEVIER FALCONS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8/11 - 13	Volleyball Tryouts 3-5pm
8/14	Back to School Orientation 6th Gr. 1 to 1 Orientation 2:15 8/7 Gr. 1 to 1 Orient. 5:30
8/18	First Day of School 6th Gr. & Parent Orient. 8:30 One to One Mtg. 9:00am One to One Mtg. 5:30pm PTA Fuss Free Fundraiser
9/3	8th Gr. Mixer 3:30-5:30
9/7	Labor Day—No School
9/8	Volleyball @ Greenville
9/10	\$1 No Collar/Spirit Day Volleyball @ Home vs League
9/14	Volleyball @ Home vs Tanglewood
9/16	PTA Board Mtg.
9/17	Volleyball @ Berea
9/21	PTA Volunteer Orientation
9/23	Box Tops Collection

NEW: Book Sacks, Laptop Sleeves, and Book-bags

All students will keep their textbooks at home after issue in August. Classroom sets are used at school. Each day, students will carry notebooks, Laptops or Chromebooks, calculators, and materials. Students may carry a cinch bag and a laptop sleeve, OR a book bag that is compact enough to store underneath the seat of the desk. The aisles must be left clear for safe movement around the room. The under-desk basket allows for a filled book-bag no thicker than 7" when stowed on its back. Please **think compact** when you purchase. The 6th & 8th grader Dell Chromebook 11 is 12" long, 9" across, and 1" deep. 7th grader Dell 3340 13" laptops are 13" long, 10" across, and 1 1/2" deep.



School supply lists are available on our website or go to <http://qoo.gl/UsnRu5>

Back to School Open House

6th graders - Friday, August 14, 1:30-3:30
7th & 8th graders - Friday, August 14, 3:30-6:00

Meet your **teachers**, pick up your **schedule**, and get carline number.

Make your **school picture** and your **I.D.**
Add **money to your lunch account**.

Buy your **P.E. uniform**. Yearbooks, PTA memberships, and Spirit Gear will be on sale.

7th graders will complete required **vision screening**.

Attend **One-to-One Device Orientation** in the Gym.

Pay the one-time \$25 computer insurance fee.

6th Grade at 2:15pm; 8th grade plus first-fee 7th graders at 5:30pm.

Enter parent contact information, sign up for Remind accounts and Volunteer Spot at stations school-wide.

School starts on **August 18**. School start time is **8:30**. Classes end at **3:25**. Buses will pick up and drop off on the same schedule as last year.

PLAN YOUR SCHOOL WARDROBE WISELY

Please note the following **excerpts** from the Sevier Middle School Dress Code. As you look toward August, plan your purchases carefully.

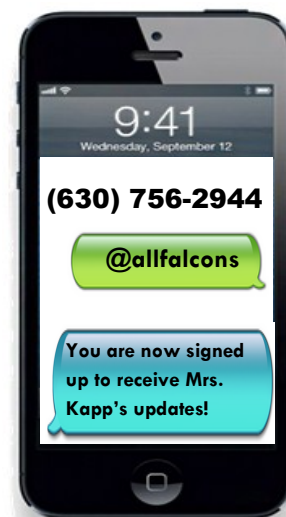
- All students will wear a polo-type or button front sport shirt.
 - a) This **collared** and **sleeved** shirt or pullover top must be designed to fully close across the chest to the neck if completely buttoned, snapped, or zipped. Shirts with attached turtlenecks and mock-turtlenecks are allowed.
 - b) Shirts cannot be too tight across the body or show cleavage. Students may not display a tank top under an open shirt front, nor tie up the shirt to expose an undershirt.
 - c) Sweaters, hoodies, fleece over-shirts, or warm-up jackets may be worn over a collared shirt, with collar showing.
 - d) If a T-shirt or athletic jersey is worn, it must be over or under the buttoned up collared shirt.
- Clothing must cover the waist and back with no skin showing between the top and bottom garments, to include while seated or raising your hand.
- Pants, jeans, shorts, and skirts:
 - a) Wear at the natural waistline --undergarments (including athletic shorts) may not be visible
 - b) Wear a belt if necessary to keep pants in place
 - c) May not be too baggy nor immodestly form to the body
 - d) Skin tight pants, thin or clingy warm-up pants, or stretchy, fitted pants are not allowed
 - e) Running shorts and pajama pants are not allowed
 - f) Opaque leggings (or "jeggings") are allowed **under a skirt, shorts, or top reaching fingertip length**
 - g) No tears, shreds, or holes in lower garments may show above the fingertips
 - h) Skirts and shorts must be fingertip length, AND must assure modesty when seated, travelling the stairs, or managing daily activities
- Students must wear shoes, sandals, or sneakers. Flip flops, athletic slides, & bedroom shoes are not allowed. No heels higher than 2 inches are allowed.
- Facial jewelry is permitted to be worn only on the ears.
- The **administration will make the final judgment** on the appropriateness of clothing and/or appearance and reserves the right to prohibit students from wearing any articles of clothing or other items that lead to or may result in the disruption of or interference with the school environment. In the event the administration determines a student's dress is inappropriate for school in accordance with this policy, the administration either will require the student to change or will inform the student not to wear the garment to school again.

Repeated violations of the dress code will be treated as disruptive behavior in violation of the District's Behavior Code.

6th Grade Student & Parent Orientation

Parents are invited to attend the 6th Grade Student & Parent Orientation on August 18, from 8:30-9:00am in the amphitheater. A One to One Device Orientation will follow from 9:00-9:30. Parents attending the meeting may accompany their child into the building through the entrance doors near the cafeteria. Staff members will be on hand to direct 6th graders and parents to the amphitheater. Parents new to Sevier may attend as well.

Sign Up for Remind.
Get Sevier updates!



Look for teacher Remind in classrooms.



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7th Grade Tdap Vaccinations

7th graders must turn in proof of their Tdap vaccination before the first day of school in order to attend. Schedules will not be given out to students who have not turned in this documentation.

PHYSICAL FORM

is available in the front office and on our website. All 3 pages are required and must be filled out completely and signed by appropriate authority before a student can tryout or participate on any athletic team. 7th and 8th graders trying out for high school sports should bring a copy of their physical to Sevier to have on file.



Volleyball Tryouts will be held August 11 – 13th from 3:00-5:00 in the Gym. Athletes must turn in the completed 3 page physical form and a birth certificate on the first day of tryouts to participate. Wear proper athletic shoes and clothing.



FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL STUDENTS

Free breakfast will be available to all students each school morning and will be served from 7:45 - 8:15am.

Students are not allowed to bring

outside food or beverages into the building for breakfast.

Students may bring only water to class in a clear water container. Water bottles will be permissible in class at the discretion of the teacher.



Please take time to stop by our PTA table at Open House. PTA will have volunteers selling Spirit Gear and PTA memberships and discussing our Fuss Free Fundraiser. Make sure to sign up as a PTA volunteer and receive volunteer updates through Volunteer

Spot. If you are interested in learning more about PTA Chair positions, please contact Karen Hege at 355-8212. We appreciate our Sevier PTA and their efforts; and for providing our Media Center with a new Chromebook Lab this school year.

PTA President: Tripp Edwards
Treasurer: Shelley Kender

Vice President: Tara Whitmire
Secretary: Brandee Sponseller

Counselor's Corner

Be connected! Use the Parent Portal to stay informed of your child's grades, attendance, and more! Parents may come by the front office with their driver's license or photo ID to receive their password and instructions to log-in.

Jami Crisman, 6th grade School Counselor, 355-8485
Darcy Storm, 7th grade School Counselor, 355-8203
Tomiko Long, 8th grade School Counselor, 355-8377
Melinda Howard, Guidance Office Clerk, 355-8204



Laptops & Chromebooks

All students will use individual electronic devices this year.

— 6th and 8th graders will use a Dell Chromebook 11.

— 7th graders will be re-issued their Dell 3340 from last year.

Before 6th graders, 8th graders, and new 7th graders may take home their device, parents must attend a One to One Device Orientation, sign the user agreement, and pay the one-time \$25 user insurance premium. Seventh graders who paid the \$25 premium last year will not have to pay a second time. Parents may attend one of the following meetings:

- August 14th at Open House
 - ◊ 6th Grade at 2:15pm in the Gym
 - ◊ 8th Grade and new 7th Grade at 5:30pm — Gym
- August 18th at 9:00am in the amphitheater
- August 18th at 5:30pm in the cafeteria

Where Do I Go?

On the first day of school, students should report to the following locations after given opportunity to eat breakfast in the cafeteria.

6th Grade: Amphitheater for 6th Grade Orientation. Staff will be ready to direct you. Parents may join you.

7th Grade: Gym

8th Grade: Remain in Cafeteria



IMPORTANT DETAILS for Back to School

School doors open at 7:30, classes start at 8:30, and dismissal is at 3:25.

All students take 6 classes daily (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, & 2 Related Arts per semester). On one day per week, class times are shortened to provide time for Enrichment - an opportunity for extra help and special interest.

Car Rider Drop-off and Pick-up – We need the help of every driver to keep our car pick-up system safe and efficient. Please be mindful of the following:

1. **Morning drop-off** for all car riders is in the *front* driveway. Cars will stack quickly. **Pull forward nearest the crosswalk** before you let your child out.
2. **Afternoon pick-up** for all 7th and 8th grade car riders is in the *front* driveway. Please do not stack in the front before 2:30.
3. **Sixth (6th) graders only** may be picked up in the rear driveway. No one may enter there to wait before 2:50. This pick-up closes at 3:40.
4. *All students must be picked up by 3:45. If a specific work condition or high school driver arrangement prevents this arrival time, you must contact bfalls@greenville.k12.sc.us to arrange other transportation.*
5. No student may be picked up along the road or across the street. Drivers must turn right leaving the front car line between 3:25 - 3:45 and leaving the back lot between 3:25 - 3:35.

Bus Rider Drop-off and Pick-up are in the rear of the school. We do not expect any change to bus routes or times for each bus stop. The Transportation Dept. will send information to confirm these times and you can view the map at Open House.

NOTE to ALL — If you have any change in your transportation arrangements for next year, you must submit a Transportation Change form to the Guidance Office. Thank you for your conscientious support.

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