



# SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL FALCONS

November 2018

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/10 Robotics @ Pickens Middle
- 11/11-13 Youth in Gov. to Columbia
- 11/12 & 13 7th Gr. Vision Screening
- 11/13 Softball Student Info Mtg.  
FBLA Mtg
- 11/14 GTT IED to Meyer Ctr.
- 11/15 & 16 7th Gr. field trips to RMSC
- 11/16 Washington Trip Payment due  
Student Council Mtg.
- 11/17 Robotics to JL Mann
- 11/19 Food Drive No Collar Day  
7th Gr. Beautification Day
- 11/20 Erins Law Presentation
- 11/21 - 23 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/26 7th Gr. Internet Safety Prog.
- 11/27 2nd Qtr. Progress Reports  
Flight of the Falcon 6pm
- 11/29 6th Gr. Julie Valentine Prog.
- 11/30 New Enrichment begins  
Fitness Challenge #3
- 12/7 No Collar Day  
8th Gr. Orchestra to Taylors  
Elementary & Paris Elem.  
SIC Mtg. 12:40pm  
6th Gr. Mixer 3:30 - 5:30
- 12/11 Chorus Concert 6:30pm
- 12/13 Band Concert @ WHHS
- 12/18 Strings Concert @ WHHS



### Thanksgiving Menu 11/15/16

Sliced Ham or Turkey Pot Roast  
Mashed Potatoes w/ Brown Gravy  
Stuffing/ Dressing  
Dinner Roll  
Cranberry Sauce  
Green beans  
Cobbler/  
Fresh Fruit



## FLIGHT OF THE FALCON

An Academic and Related Arts Showcase  
Presented by Sevier Middle School Faculty and PTA

**5TH GRADERS and PARENTS are invited to join us on November 27th, at 6:00pm to view the challenge and excitement of middle school through the sharp eyes of the FALCON!**

- > Learn about STEAM, project-based learning, and 1 to 1 computing
  - > Visit our Engineering, Computer Science, and Digital Media labs
  - > Tour the locker rooms & the gym!
  - > Meet school leaders and investigate student activities
  - > Get a glimpse of Enrichment and support opportunities
  - > How about a locker for your Band or Strings instrument?
  - > Don't forget your Homeroom locker!
- 6:00 - 6:20 Meeting in the Cafeteria for Itinerary and Academic Overview
  - 6:20- 6:45 "Search for the Falcon's Feather" — Meet teachers while you complete a scavenger hunt in 6th Grade and Related Arts classes

## Planning for the Holidays

**As the holidays get closer. We want to remind parents and students of our attendance and early dismissal policies.**

### Attendance Policy

Sevier Middle School students take 6 classes daily (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, & two Related Arts per semester). The school year contains 180 days. To earn credit, students must attend 85 days of each 90-day (semester) course and at least 170 days of each 180-day course. Any absence in excess of ten (10) days may cause the loss of credit for the year. A parent may provide up to 10 parent notes excusing a student illness or an absence related to an immediate family member's illness or death. However, in order for any subsequent absence related to an illness to be lawful it must be supported by a physician statement/medical note.

### Procedure for Absences

If your child misses a day of school, please make sure that your child returns with an excuse note for the absence. As unexcused absences can so easily accumulate, even if the reason for absence is unexcused, the submission of a parent note allows for a lesser chance of truancy. The absence excuse note should contain the following: Student's full name, date(s) of absence, reason for absence, contact information & parent/guardian signature. Notes are to be turned into the front office prior to entering class. Students are responsible for requesting and making up missed assignments in each class.

Please remember that all parent notes are not excusable. Absences due to personal reasons such as family vacations, trips out of town, club sports competitions, student birthdays, etc. are considered an unexcused absence.

### Early Dismissal Procedures

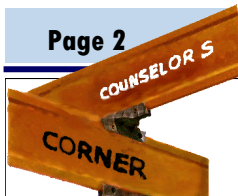
Parents are reminded to send a note with your student to be given to the front office as they arrive at school. The note should contain the student's name, the time of dismissal, reason for dismissal, parent signature and phone number. Please note that walk-in dismissals and call-in dismissals will require students to be released at class change. The office staff are not permitted to call into a classroom during instructional time.



Sevier would like to give a huge thank you to all the students, staff, parents, and volunteers who helped make our Veterans Day event a success. We had over 230 guests in attendance that include our honored veterans, Sevier families and community members. We had several guests comment that they were impressed with the hard work that went into this event and the excellence of our students. This was a proud day at Sevier.



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The ACE Awards (Advocates for Character and Education) is an annual banquet honoring 70 male and female students in grades 8 and 12 from each of the 35 Greenville County middle and high schools. This award is designed to recognize true "unsung heroes" who all too often are not recognized for their accomplishments.



Nominations were opened October 15 at [coaches4character.com](http://coaches4character.com) and will end January 31st, 2018.

## Nominate and honor Sevier middle school 8th grade students!



**November we are honoring students who show Discretion.** Students who show discretion recognize and avoid words, actions, and attitudes that could have undesirable consequences. Students think about what they say and do and consider the consequences. Pictures of these students will be displayed in our hallway and students will be given a student of the month bracelet.

- 6th Grade: Carrigan Dowling & McKinley McFadden
- 7th Grade: Nhu Nguyen & Omar Pluma
- 8th Grade: Jasmine Marks & Brock Best



### The South Carolina Attorney General's Offices' Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

will be presenting an educational program to our 7th grade students on November 26. This program focuses on

the positive messages about responsible technology uses while also providing real-world examples of issues that they have seen first hand. They cover topics such as Personal Information, Social Media, On-Line Predators, Cyberbullying, Inappropriate images, and Personal branding, with each subject modified to best reach the intended audience. We are very excited to have them provide this information to our students.



Our Counseling Department hosted a Lunch & Learn on October 30th. Students that attended enjoyed a presentation regarding careers in Health Science, presented by Barbara Nichols, Assistant Dean of Health and Wellness at Greenville Tech.



On October 30 students were recognized during Gathering of the Falcons for Character, All As and AB honor roll, perfect attendance, as well as many other academic and related art

recognitions. Students were given their awards to go home with their 1st quarter report cards. We are very proud of all of our students.



### Attention 8th grade Students:

The Fine Arts Center 8th grade visitation day is Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 9:15-11:05am. Visiting students must get signatures of parent/guardian, each teacher whose class they will miss during the visit, and the principal's signature on a Prearranged Absence Form. These can be picked up in the counselor's office. Students must make their own arrangements for transportation.



## IGP CONFERENCES

### Individual Graduation Plan Conferences

for all 8th grade students will continue through the month of November. If you did not sign up for a conference through our sign-up genius a time was scheduled for your child.

These dates and times were mailed home November 1st.



**Erin's Law:** In 2014 the South Carolina Legislation passed Erin's Law, as part of Health and Safety Education. The purpose of the law is to ensure that all students receive this prevention instruction during the academic school year. The intent of the law is to equip students with the knowledge and skills to remain safe from sexual assault and how to make a report if an assault occurs. **Sevier 7th grade students** will receive this information on **November 20** in their science classes.



The Julie Valentine Center will be coming to meet with the **6th grade students** on November 29 to address harassment and sexual harassment for 6th grade students. The Julie Valentine

Center has been providing programming in Greenville County Schools since 1991 with school district support and approval.



Jami Crisman, 6th grade School Counselor, 355-8485  
Tomiko Long, 8th grade School Counselor, 355-8377

Darcy Storm, 7th grade School Counselor, 355-8203  
Melinda Howard, Counselor Office Clerk, 355-8204

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# Basketball Schedule



Girls games begin at 5:30pm. Boys games follow directly afterward (approx. 7pm) Admission is \$3. Concessions are sold. Students attending the game must have their ride onsite ready for pick up no later than 8:00pm.

11/26/18 vs Greer Middle  
 11/29/18 vs Northwest Middle  
 12/6/18 @ Tanglewood Middle  
 12/10/18 @Lakeview Middle  
 12/13/18 vs Berea Middle  
 12/17/18 vs Tanglewood Middle  
 12/20/18 vs Lakeview Middle  
 1/10/19 @ Berea Middle  
 1/14/19 vs Northwest Middle  
 1/22/19 vs Riverside Middle

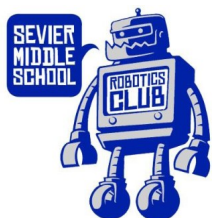
## Falcon & Lady Falcon Basketball

### Falcons Basketball Team

Wells Anderson  
 KJ Banks  
 Brock Best  
 Jonah Bishop-Pirrone  
 Parker Buff  
 Nolan Childers  
 Nykel Franklin  
 Davis Harvey  
 Daylon Johnson  
 Will Kirven  
 Daniel Obi  
 KD Owens  
 Keyshawn Robinson  
 Trevor Sanders  
 Tripp Terry

### Lady Falcons Basketball Team

Ansley Addis  
 Mashayla Barnes  
 Cheyenne Bliss  
 Royton Boulware  
 Olivia Costello  
 Soheila Feliciano  
 Madison Freund  
 Acoyia Griggs  
 Mikhala Herbert  
 Nikki Terry  
 Savannah Thomas  
 Malaysia Watson  
 Sasha Younginer



## Sevier VEX Robotics & VEX IQ

VEX IQ teams competed recently in Fort Mill, SC. Congratulations to VEX IQ team 8686T *The Gladiators* being named the Team Work Champion & Skills Champion. Congratulations to 8686N *The Harry Botters* for receiving 2nd Place in Team Work and the Excellence Award.

Sevier hosted its 6th annual VEX Robotics Tournament and its first VEX IQ Tournament on Saturday, November 3, 2018. A huge thanks go out to Mrs. Plumier and our countless number of staff, students, parents, and high school volunteers that worked hard to make this event possible.

Great job to all our teams that represented Sevier in these two competitions. Congratulations to 8686P The Reapers for winning the Design Award and to 8686G The Fire Breathing Rubber Duckies for winning the Excellence Award. Congratulations to VEX IQ team 8686T The Gladiators for winning the Excellence Award and the Sportsmanship Award. All three teams have earned a spot at the state level competition.

Sevier will host another VEX IQ tournament on January 12, 2018.

Students will travel to Columbia for the annual YMCA **Youth in Government** conference from November 11th to November 13th. Students spent time researching, writing, and preparing bills to debate in a mock legislature with their peers from all over the state. This experience is truly a unique one where students immerse themselves in the state government procedures. Sevier has previously been awarded with both "Outstanding Delegation" and "Premier Delegation" recognition. Students hope to return with numerous bills passed into mock law and signed by the Youth Governor.



**6th:**  
 Addie Boling  
 Coleman Henry  
 Cameron Roberts  
 Taylor Robertson  
 Sarah Jane Sigmon  
 Davion Williams

**7th:**  
 Linda Black

**8th:**  
 Camden Aiken  
 Breanna Bayne  
 Will Brothers  
 Nolan Childers  
 Kennedy Deason  
 Madison Freund  
 Jannah Guay  
 Alexis Hudson  
 Loren Long  
 Adaline McCormack  
 Elijah Posner  
 Avery Rankin  
 Lily Rhodes  
 Elias Sigmon  
 Madison Stephens  
 Trip Terry  
 Savannah Thomas  
 Campbell Thompson  
 Kendra Wentzel  
 Sania Williams



### SOFTBALL

#### Student Interest Meeting

- November 13
  - 4pm ~ Rm 501
- For 7th & 8th graders interested in playing softball.

### BAND, STRINGS & PERCUSSION CONCERTS AT WHHS

#### ATTENTION: ALL BAND, STRINGS AND PERCUSSION STUDENTS:

Please be aware of your upcoming concerts. They will be held at WHHS at 6:30 pm. All students need to be dressed in their performance concert black and arrive at the high school at 6pm.

- ◆ 12/13/18: 6/7th band and percussion
- ◆ 12/18/18: 6/7th string and 8th grade full orchestra





**Recycle your Clean, Dry, Empty Plastic Bags and Film Packaging!**

**Plastics to Collect:**

- LDPE / HDPE Films
- Newspaper Sleeves
- Bread Bags
- Product Wrap
- Cereal Liners
- Food Storage Bags
- Ice Bags
- Pellet Bags
- Produce Bags
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Grocery Bags
- Case Overwrap
- Packaging Air Pillows
- Salt Bags



The recycling club will be participating in the **"Trex Recycling Challenge"** beginning on "America Recycles" Day (Nov. 15th), and will run through April 15th. We will be competing against similar sized middle schools to collect plastic bags to recycle. (ie. grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, ice bags, produce bags, etc.) Winners will be

announced on Earth Day! So...spread the word!!! Start collecting your plastic bags! Save the ocean....and help our school win a trophy and a really cool prize!!!

**Help Us Help Others!**  
**Food Drive No Collar Day on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Donation List:**

**No Collar Day Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>!**

**Bring 2 or more items on this list for a No Collar Privilege.**

~Sponsored by Beta Club

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Meats
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soup
- Pasta Sauce
- Rice
- Flat-Bottomed, recyclable Grocery Bags
- Hamburger Helper
- Mac-n-cheese
- Jiffy Cornbread mix
- Ground Coffee
- Sugar
- Powdered Coffee Creamer
- Cereal
- Dry Beans

**Turn into Mrs. Brown (501) or Mrs. Waddell (709) or bring at least 2 items on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## PTA News

Sevier Middle School PTA is reaching out to the community, inviting local businesses to become our sponsors. The Sevier PTA provides school supplies, technology, teacher grants, student incentives, teacher and student recognition programs, and volunteer services for school related activities. Funding is needed to sustain and expand these efforts. We are seeking from local businesses, a contribution of \$250, or in-kind services toward this endeavor. Your support and business will be recognized on banners upon our fence, on our school slide show, and on various forms of Sevier Middle's printed and social media. PTA has budgeted teacher grants totaling \$3000.



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