



SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL FALCONS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8/17	6th Gr. Open House
8/18	7th & 8th Gr. Open House
8/21	Total Solar Eclipse 2:38pm
8/22	First Day of School
8/28	PTA Chair Meeting 5:30pm
8/29	Volleyball @ Home vs. Beck
8/31	Volleyball @ Bryson
9/4	Labor Day - No School
9/5	Volleyball vs. Lakeview
9/7	Volleyball @ Northwest
9/13	PTA Board Mtg
9/14	\$1 No Collar Spirit Day Volleyball vs Tanglewood
9/15	8th Grade Mixer
9/21	1st Quarter Progress Report

6th Grade & New Parent Orientation

Parents are invited to attend the opening remarks to 6th grade student & to participate in a brief Parent Orientation on August 22, from 8:30-9:15m in the amphitheater. 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 are also encouraged to attend.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

The Sevier Faculty and Staff are busy at work preparing for your *BEST SCHOOL YEAR YET!* We are privileged to have you with us and look forward to your return.

Our school has grown! With our high quality curriculum and focus on project-based learning, we have become the "go to" school. We have added 3 teaching positions this year to support our students. Thank you for your continuing support of our efforts to prepare your children for their greatest success.

Please review the contents of this newsletter, so that your preparations are informed and productive. We need the help of everyone to make our school safe and to support a high quality learning environment. Let's enjoy another very smooth opening!

Join Us for Back to School Open House!!

6th Grade
Thursday, Aug. 17
4:00 - 6pm

7th & 8th Grade
Friday, Aug. 18
3:30 - 6pm

- ☐ Pick up Class Schedule & meet your teachers
- ☐ Complete online contact information form
- ☐ Purchase PE Uniforms (\$25 for shirt/shorts set, or \$15 shirt & \$12 shorts)
- ☐ Add money to your lunch account.
- ☐ Complete One to One Device Orientation & pay \$25 annual insurance fee
- ☐ Pick up your dismissal number card & bus riders confirm your bus route
- ☐ Take Yearbook Picture & Take ID Badge picture (separate photos, go through both lines)
- ☐ Purchase Yearbooks, Spirit Gear, & PTA Memberships
- ☐ Participate in the PTA Fuss Free Fundraiser & Learn about PTA Chair & Volunteer Positions
- ☐ Visit the various booths to talk with representatives & pick up information
- ☐ 7th Graders will complete required vision screening
- ◆ 7th graders must turn in their Tdap immunization record by Open House to receive their class schedules.

Laptops & Chromebooks

Students will be issued devices for school use. 6th and 7th graders use a Dell Chromebook 11 and 8th graders use a Dell 3340.

Before students may take home the device, parents must complete an online One to One Device Orientation video, sign the user agreement, and pay the annual \$25 Insurance Fee.

Parents, take advantage of your wait time while students take their Yearbook and ID Badge pictures! Computers will be set up on the stage in the cafeteria to allow parents to watch the online One to One Device Orientation video. After completion of the video, parents may sign the user agreement and pay the \$25 annual Insurance fee.

ID BADGES

SPECIAL SALE
Pre-Paid ID ACCOUNT

August 17 & 18
During Open House

4 ID's for \$10.00
10 dollar minimum

*These badges may be redeemed
as needed thru 8th grade.
Individual badges are \$5.*

Required Proof of 7th Grade Tdap Vaccine

S.C. Immunization Law requires that all students, starting with 7th grade, must show proof of their **Tdap Vaccination** to attend school. Without this, the student will not receive a class schedule during Open House nor on the first day of school. Documentation must be received before a student will receive a class schedule.

DRESS CODE - SEVIER T-SHIRTS ALLOWED!

Official and unaltered Sevier T-shirts or closed-neck Sevier hoodies will be allowed without a collared shirt on any school day. On game days only, school athletes (MS or HS) may wear their jerseys (with sleeves) without a collar underneath.

Note key requirements of the Sevier Middle School Dress Code. See the website for full details.

1. All students wear a polo-type or button front shirt.
 - **collared and sleeved (NOW ALLOWING OFFICIAL SEVIER SHIRTS — SEE ABOVE)**
 - designed to close across the chest to the neck
 - turtlenecks and mock-turtlenecks are allowed
 - **not too tight or show cleavage**
2. Clothing must cover the waist and back - no skin showing between the top and bottom garments
3. Pants, jeans, shorts, and skirts:
 - At the natural waistline --undergarments and athletic shorts may not be visible
 - wear a belt if necessary
 - not too baggy, nor immodestly form to the body
 - skin tight pants and thin or clingy warm-up pants are not allowed
 - running shorts and pajama pants — not allowed
 - opaque leggings or "jeggings" **must be under a skirt or shorts reaching fingertip length**
 - no tears, shreds, or holes in lower garments may show above the fingertips
 - skirts and shorts must be fingertip length, AND must assure modesty when seated, travelling the stairs, or managing daily activities
4. No flip flops, athletic slides, or bedroom shoes
5. Facial jewelry is permitted only on the ears.

Book-bags & cell phones stay in locker

Book-bags and cell phones will go to the locker on arrival at the grade level hallway and remain until pick-up after the last Core Academic class.

CINCH-BAGS, SMALL BAGS & DEVICE SLEEVES are the only bags allowed in classrooms. Bag must cinch by string at top to draw bag closed. No *Kahvu* or structured book-bag to class. String cinch may have shoulder pads. All bags must fit under desks during class. The compartment under the desks measures 10" x 8" x 14". If bags do not fit in this space they will need to be placed in lockers. Aisles must be left clear for safe movement around the room. Student must carry between locker visits:

- Issued textbooks, notebooks, supplies, PE clothes
- Devices must be carried separately from books to protect the screens

A device sleeve (parent purchase) is recommended. The 6th & 7th grader Dell Chromebook 11 is 12" long, 9" across, and 1" deep. The 8th grader Dell 3340 13" laptops are 13" long, 10" across, and 1 1/2" deep

Student Drop-off and Pick-up — SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

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.

Car Rider Drop-off and Pick-up – For safety, All students must be dropped off and picked up ON CAMPUS.

Your actions as a driver impact the safety and efficiency of this system. Please be respectful of others and comply with all procedures.

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. Drivers must turn right to exit from 8:10-8:30.

Afternoon pick-up

NEW: A 7th or 8th grader RIDING WITH a 6th grader may be picked up in the rear drive.

- **6th grade car pick-up** is in the **rear driveway. NO ARRIVAL before 3:00. Paris Elem. buses are still there.** This pick-up **closes at 3:40.**
- **7th & 8th grader car pick-up** is in the **front driveway.** You may double stack in the front driveway after 2:45.
- **No student may be picked up along the road or across the street.**

1. Drivers must **turn right leaving the front car line** between 3:25 - 3:45.
2. Drivers using the **rear line pick-up** will be routed through the faculty parking area for exit. You may not enter the Sevier bus area.
3. Rear pick-up drivers must be **cautious** when pulling out at the exit. Sunnydale Drive is narrow and buses will be passing sitting traffic to enter the drive.
4. At **3:45, all remaining car riders are called to the front sidewalk** for pick-up.
5. **All riders 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.

ALL Drivers, EVERYDAY: Follow all instructions of duty personnel. Through morning drop-off and beginning at 3:25:

Stop texting; put the phone down • Pull forward; tighten the line • Keep your younger children in the car • Watch all movement

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



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Where Do I Go on the 1st Day?



On the first day of school, students should report to the following locations after the 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



PE Shirt & Shorts Combo

Purchase your PE Uniforms
 \$25 for shirt/shorts set
 \$15 shirt only / \$12 shorts only

Cell Phones and Personal Devices

Cell phones and personal electronic devices are to remain **turned off and in the locker** until the last exit of the academic hallway. While attending 1st period or 6th period Related Arts, the phone must remain off and in the book-bag. The phone stays **off and in the specified place** from arrival at school until the **student exits the building** to go home after 3:25.

Any adult who finds a student in possession or use of a cell phone in violation of this policy **must report the student to the school administration. The adult or administrator will confiscate the device. The student may pick up the device following the announcements at the end of the day.** Repeat offenses will require parent pick-up of the device and result in disciplinary consequences.



FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL STUDENTS

Free breakfast is available to all students each 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 container. Water bottles will be permitted in class at teacher discretion.

COMPLETE YOUR FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

All students receive free breakfast. Student lunch meals cost \$2.50, reduced price is \$0.40. All are encouraged to complete a free/reduced lunch application. Paper applications will be provided at school, however **for quicker processing, complete the online application at <http://greenville.schoolslunchapp.com>.** Applications for free/reduced lunch should be returned before October 6, as the grace period for last year's participants ends at this date.

Counselor's Corner

Use the Parent Portal to stay informed of your child's grades, attendance, and more! Previous log-ins are valid. If you have never accessed, come by the front office with your driver's license to receive your password to log on.

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



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

All students take 6 classes daily (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, & 2 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. The first ten (10) days absences may be lawful, unlawful, or a combination. All absences beginning with the eleventh (11) must be lawful and can be excused only if they fall within the guidelines outlined in the Student Handbook.

Perfect Attendance Criteria (Revised May 2016):

The definition of an absence at a Greenville County Middle School is missing more than one-half of any single class period for which a student is enrolled, or multiple class periods for which a student is enrolled, during a school day. Absence in any part of the school day for a minimum of more than one-half class period, even if the student was present for all other portions of that same school day, by definition excludes a student from being determined to have Perfect Attendance.

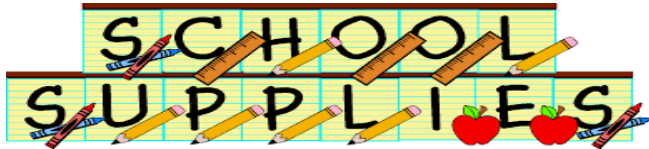
EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

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. The student will be given a dismissal slip to present to the class teacher as permission to be released from that class at the pre-arranged dismissal time. **Please note that walk-in dismissals and call-in dismissals will required students to be released at class change.** The office staff are unable to call into a classroom during instructional time. Our bell schedule is on the website in the Important Documents section in the Blue Box. After 2:25 p.m., the school will only release PREARRANGED dismissals.

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Get Sevier updates!



Text @allfalcons to 81010 to
receive Sevier Updates



School Supplies Lists for core classes are available on our website at <https://goo.gl/tiHN3e> Related Arts teachers will provide supply lists during the first week of school.

Forget Something??

Students who have contacted parents to bring an item **ARE RESPONSIBLE** for **REMEMBERING** to pick up the item **between class change**.



The **Sevier School Improvement Council** is seeking new members. SIC meets on the 2nd Friday of each month from 12:00 until 1:00pm.

Participation on SIC is a great way to stay informed about school programs and to support the effectiveness of our school. Please consider serving. Contact Tomiko Long at tlong@greenville.k12.sc.us.

2017 Sevier Falcons Volleyball



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8/29 vs Beck Blue Knights
8/31 at Bryson Bulldogs
9/5 vs Lakeview Lions
9/7 at Northwest Panthers
9/14 vs Tanglewood Centurions
9/18 vs Berea Bulldogs
9/20 at Lakeview Lions
9/21 vs Northwest Panthers
9/25 at Tanglewood Centurions
9/28 at Berea Bulldogs
10/5 at Blue Ridge Tigers



Please consider donating any gently used, dress-code appropriate clothing to Sevier's new Care Closet, hosted by PTA. We hope to have it

stocked with anything our students in need can use throughout the year! Items include collared shirts, jeans, fingertip length shorts, Sevier shirts and PE uniforms.

HELP NEEDED!!

In the past few years, money raised from our Fuss Free Fundraiser and our Business Sponsorships have provided enough funds to meet our PTA fundraising budget without the use of additional Fall & Spring Fundraisers. We hope that we can continue this success and need your help to do so.

Please participate in our Fuss Free Fundraiser! We are asking for a \$20 donation per household. We hope to reach the Fuss Free Fundraiser goal of \$10,000. If we reach our \$5,000 benchmark by October 13, all students will have an Ice Cream Celebration on October 18th!

Corporate Business Sponsorships are a vital part of our PTA fundraising efforts and provide a large majority of our funds. If you are parent who owns a business, we ask that you consider becoming our business sponsor, giving a \$250 tax deductible contribution. We also ask parents who have friends or family that own a business to encourage their sponsorship.

Sponsors receive a banner displayed on our fence and recognition on the various forms of communication to include our website, newsletters, school announcements, student slideshow, and social media sites.



Sevier appreciates our PTA and their efforts to support our school by providing parent volunteers and school funding. Money raised by our PTA goes directly back to our school

to fund teacher grants, school supplies, student incentives, school events, Chromebooks, and other forms of technology. **PLEASE HELP PTA HELP OUR SCHOOL!**

Please stop by the PTA table at Open House and support our PTA in these ways:

- ◇ Sign up to volunteer and learn more about our chair positions and receive volunteer updates through SignUp.com.
- ◇ Purchase PTA memberships and Sevier Shirts/Gear
- ◇ Participate in our Fuss Free Fundraiser - a \$20 donation per household.
- ◇ Receive PTA text Reminders—Text @sevierpta to 81010
- ◇ Parents who own a business are asked to consider becoming a Business Sponsor or spread the word of our sponsorship program to family or friends who own businesses.



PTA Pres.: Amy Childers
Treasurer: Rebecca Hill

Vice President: Heather Raushenberger
Secretary: Shelley Kender