



SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL FALCONS

December 2015

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/7 — 11 ID Badge Account Sale
- 12/8 Band & Strings Concert 6:30p
- 12/9 PTA Board Mtg 12pm
- 12/10 Student Council Mtg. 7:45am
SV Basketball @ Berea
Fishing Club 3:45pm
Drama Performance 6:30pm
- 12/11 SIC Meeting 1pm
6th Gr. Winter Dance
8th Grade Ad deadline
- 12/14 PTA Shirt Day
Basketball @ Hughes
- 12/15 Model UN Info Mtg. 7:45am
Lunch & Learn
Chorus Concert
- 12/16 PTA Staff Breakfast
- 12/17 Basketball Pictures
Chess Club
Beck @ Sevier (basketball)
- 12/18 MP3 / Pajama Day
Sevier Family Concert
Choice Lottery window ends
Washington trip payment due
- 12/21 - 1/1 Winter Break
- 1/4 8th Grade T-Shirt Day
- 1/14 End of Quarter 2
- 1/15 School Holiday
- 1/18 Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday

Sign Up for Remind.
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Ask teachers for their Remind codes

Attendance and Early Dismissals

Dear Parents.

We are so thankful for the supportive parents of Sevier students. Our children are happy, focused, and learning — preparing for what lies ahead. Attendance is a big part of that preparation.

When a student misses school, they miss a lot. Content and skills learned through make-up tasks, without face to face instruction, is often lacking in depth and quality. The challenge of multiple assignments to be completed as instruction in new concepts unfolds can be daunting for any student.

As Winter Break approaches, we must emphasize student focus on learning responsibilities. Classes continue to move forward with challenging curriculum and there is much to accomplish before the end of the 2nd Quarter on January 14. Please support your child's academic success by minimizing school absences and early dismissals.

Please know, per Greenville County School policy, that a referral must be issued and a Parent/Student Intervention Conference required after 3 consecutive unverified or unexcused absences, or a total of 5 unverified or unexcused absences. An unverified absence is one without a parent or doctor note. Unexcused absences include family vacations or events, leaving town, lack of transportation, car trouble, etc.

Even so, students who are ill should not come to school. To minimize the spread of viruses, district policy states that students with a fever are considered contagious and may not return to school until they are fever free without medicine for 24 hours.

If an early dismissal cannot be avoided, please follow procedures — send a note before 1st period. Dismissals that are not pre-arranged will require that the student to be dismissed during class change, when the front office can call into the room.

Thank you for trusting us to bring out the best in your child.

Karen M. Kapp



6th Grade Chorus & Drum Line will present their Winter Concert Program on Tuesday, December 15th beginning at

6:30 PM. Chorus members should be in their places on the risers in the Cafeteria by 6:00 PM dressed in Concert Black.

7th & 8th Grade Chorus will present their Winter Concert Program on Tuesday, December 15th beginning at 7:30 PM. Students are expected to be Seated in their sections in the chorus room by 7:00 PM dressed in Concert Black.



Band & Strings

Congratulations to the 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Band and Strings members for their wonderful performance at the Winter Concert on December 8th.

The 7th & 8th Grade Pep band will perform on January 5th during the home basketball games against Greenville Middle.

Joint Performances

Selected 7th and 8th Grade Chorus, Band and Strings members will perform at Paris Elementary School on Wednesday, December 16 for the 5th Grade class.

7th & 8th Grade Band, Strings, and Chorus members will perform at the Sevier Family Winter Concert on December 18th at 9am for all students, staff, and Sevier families. All are welcome.



Thursday, December 10th
Sevier MS Cafeteria
7th & 8th Grade
Drama Classes present:

6:15pm: *The Hysterical History of the Trojan War*

7:00pm: *Teen Angel*

Admission is \$3. Children under 5 years old are free.

Join us January 14 at 6:30pm
for *The Wizard of Oz*



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YANKEE CANDLE FUND-RAISING



Thank you to those who supported the Chorus and Drama class Yankee Candle Fundraiser. Items are expected to arrive by December 14th.

ID BADGE SALE

Take advantage of Sevier's ID Badge Account Sale held December 7 - December 11. Students may bring in \$10 to begin or add to their ID account, redeemable for 4 ID badges. These badges may be redeemed as necessary during the course of a student's academic career at Sevier (grade 6-8). Individual badges cost \$5 each.

Counselor's Corner

Congratulations to Lydia Flackett and Grace Brackett who were mentored at Mauldin Paving by Caulder Brothers on December 8th. They won 1st place in the 2014-2015 7th grade Shark Tank Steam Project.



The deadline to nominate an "unsung hero" is January 29th, 2016. Don't forget YOU can nominate your own "unsung hero" at www.c4caceawards.com

The ACE Awards (Advocates for Character and Education) is an annual banquet honoring 68 male and female students from each of the 34 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. The selection process, established by Greenville County school counselors, focuses on identifying and selecting at risk students as award winners. **Nominate and honor our Sevier Middle School 8th grade students!**



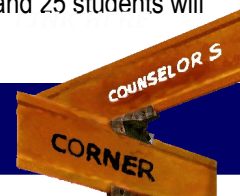
Jami Crisman, 6th grade School Counselor, 355-8485
Tomiko Long, 8th grade School Counselor, 355-8377



A Model UN Informational Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 15 at 7:45am in the Media Center for all interested students. The South Carolina YMCA Youth in Government Model United Nations is a middle school conference. Students work in small groups to represent a country of their choice. The conference provides students the opportunity to learn about global issues, while also practicing the skills of public speaking, team work, and critical thinking.

Robotics

- ◆ Congratulations to the 6th grade Robotics team Blue Falcon with Taylor Smith, Whit Cox, Andy Collins, Cade Greeley, and Elijah Childers for receiving the Middle School Excellence Award at the Falcon Regional Qualifier. They have earned a spot at the State Competition in March.
- ◆ Robotics Clubs will take a break through the month of December. 7th and 8th Grade Robotics Club will resume after Winter Break.
- ◆ Registration for the 2nd Session of the 6th Grade Robotics Programming Club begins mid-January and practice begins late January. The cost is \$40 and 25 students will be accepted in the club.



Students are encouraged to report any incidents of bullying. Bully Reporting boxes can be found in the Media Center and in the School Counselors office. Students may also submit an online response using a link on our website.



Proud of our 6th grade Enrichment Service Learning group who are going to Paris Elementary to read with Kindergarten students this month.



Lights, Camera, Action!!! Actor Steven Griffith will be speaking to our Musical Theatre students in December!



December 15th select 6th-8th grade students will hear from Erin Maughon an employee at Milliken about the Manufacturing Career Cluster and the careers associated with it.



Nikki Parton, from the Governor's School for the Arts, will speak to interested 8th graders on Friday, December 11th, at 9:30 in the Media Center.

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

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8TH GRADE YEARBOOK ADS



Ads are due by December 11th! For best results, order online to create your ad from the Sevier website. Forms and payments may also be submitted to the front office.



Cuddles for Kids

Sevier is helping South Carolina Hospice And Palliative Care collect new stuffed animals for "Cuddles for Kids" now through December 16th. For several years now, we have had a beautiful tree in the media center that was donated by our PTA. We have used this tree and this season of giving to give to children who are in Hospice care or who have suffered a great loss. We ask everyone to bring a NEW stuffed animal for these children. Your donations will go to the following organizations:

- Children's Hospital
- Camp Sunburst
- Julie Valentine Center

Help us fill this tree with gifts for these children. Pick up will be Dec. 17th. All items will be donated in the name of Kirsten Smith.

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