



SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL FALCONS

December 2016

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UPCOMING EVENTS

12/6	Band Concert 6:30pm Kona Ice
12/7	8th Gr. Beta Club Mtg 8am 6th Gr. Beta Club Mtg 8am
12/9	Washington trip payment due Makeup Picture orders due Enrichment Canned Goods No Collar Day FBLA field trip 6th Grade Winter Mixer
12/12	Basketball @ Lakeview (A)
12/13	Model UN Interest Mtg 8am Chorus Concert 6:30pm
12/14	PTA hosts Winter Celebration Breakfast for staff TechFit to Charleston 7th Gr. Beta Club Mtg. 7:45am PTA Exec. Board Mtg. Geography Bee 5:30pm
12/15	Orchestra & Chorus @ Paris Basketball Team pictures 3:30 Chess Club Mtg 3:45pm Model UN Interest Mtg 5:15pm Basketball vs Tanglewood (H)
12/16	Sevier Family Concert 9am MP3 & Pajama Day
12/17 -1/1	Winter Break
1/4	8th Gr. Beta Club Mtg 8am Basketball @ Mauldin (A)
1/5	Student Council Mtg 8am Chess Club 3:45pm Basketball vs Berea (H)
1/6	SIC Mtg 12:40pm
1/9	Basketball @ League (A)
1/11	7th Gr Beta Club Mtg 7:45am PTA Exec. Board Mtg
1/12	\$1 No Collar Spirit Day End of 2nd Quarter Basketball vs Lakeview (H)
1/13	Teacher Workday
1/16	Martin Luther King Holiday NO School

Note from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We are thankful for the parents of our Sevier students. Our children are happy, focused, and learning — preparing for what lies ahead. Your reinforcement of consistent school attendance helps us prepare them well.

When a student misses school, they miss a lot. Content and skills are more difficult to learn through make-up tasks, without face to face instruction. The challenge of multiple assignments to be completed as instruction in new concepts unfolds can be overwhelming.

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. Please support your child's success by minimizing school absences and early dismissals.

Per Greenville County Schools policy, a referral is entered and a Parent/Student Intervention Conference is 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 vacations or events, and lack of transportation.

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 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.

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

Karen M. Kapp

The 2016 State Report Card is available for viewing — follow the link on the Sevier website.

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 unable to call into a classroom during instructional time. Our bell schedule is on the website or go to <https://goo.gl/NpZgDh>.

Procedure for Absences

Please remember to send a reason for absence note the day your child returns to school. The 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.



Parent Reminders

- **Please do not double stack in the PM student pick-up car line prior to 2:45pm.**
- Parents exiting their vehicle to enter the school are to park in the front parking lot.
- Cars that are not parked in the parking lot are at risk of being blocked in by other vehicles as PM Dismissal car lines



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Winter Concerts

JOIN US FOR OUR WINTER CONCERTS. ALL ARE WELCOME TO THESE FREE EVENTS.

Orchestra Concert Band, Strings, and Percussion students will perform their Winter Concert Tuesday, December 6, at 6:30pm. All members are reminded to arrive in the band room by 6:00pm dressed in Concert Black.

Chorus Concert The 6th Grade Chorus and Drum Line will perform their Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30pm. Members are reminded to report to the stage at 6:00pm dressed in Concert Black. The 7th & 8th Grade Chorus performance will follow at 7:30pm. These members are reminded to report to the stage by 7:00pm dressed in Concert Black.

Sevier Family Concert Our Family Winter Concert is Friday, December 16, at 9am. Band, Strings, Percussion, and Chorus students will perform for the entire school body and guests.

Sevier at Paris Selected 7th and 8th Grade Chorus, Band and Strings members will perform at Paris Elementary School on Wednesday, December 14 for the 5th Grade class.

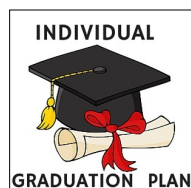


7th Grade Beta Club is collecting canned food items and art supplies through December 14.

Nonperishable items would include any canned or jarred food items, peanut butter, jelly, saltines, dry pasta, rice, beans, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, pasta sauce, soups, chicken/beef broth, and cereal, etc. Needed art supplies include canvas, colored pencils, markers, acrylic paint, etc. All donations will go to Triune Mercy Center.

We will hold a Canned Food & Art Supply No Collar Day on Friday, December 6. Bring any 2 items for a No Collar Privilege.

Counselor's Corner



Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) Conferences

An IGP is required each year for all students in the state of South Carolina beginning with grade 8. It is time to schedule an IGP meeting for your soon to be high school student. This meeting is to review current grades, high school credit course performance, career assessments, graduation requirements, scholarship information, and other pertinent information. Please go to Sevier's website and click on the link for Sign-up Genius. Conferences will be held during the month of January 2017.

The window to sign-up is December 5 - January 2. If you would like to schedule through our counseling office please call Melinda Howard #864-355-8204. Please understand that the IGP conference is



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.

Go to www.coaches4character.com/ace-awards to nominate our Sevier Middle School 8th Grade students by January 31, 2017.



Students of the Month

December we are honoring students who show care and compassion. Students who show care and compassion are kind, friendly, considerate, and willing to listen, give and share. They show concern and sympathy for others.

Pictures of these students will be displayed in our hallway and students will be given the opportunity to choose a gift card from a variety of stores.

- ◆ 6th Grade: Loren Long and Gabriel Yeargin
- ◆ 7th Grade: Kenya Hill and Adrian Alamilla-Vega
- ◆ 8th Grade: Juliana Varsalona and Naytron Lewers



Proud of our 7th grade Enrichment - Service Learning group who are going to Paris Elementary to read with Kindergarten students this month.



December 15th Lunch and Learn students from grades 6th-8th will learn about a career in Aerospace Engineering.



Jami Crisman, 7th grade School Counselor, 355-8485
Tomiko Long, 6th grade School Counselor, 355-8377

Darcy Storm, 8th grade School Counselor, 355-8203
Melinda Howard, Guidance Office Clerk, 355-8204

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Chick-Fil-A Calendars

are on sale for \$7 to help support the Special Olympics. Calendars contain over \$30 in Chick-Fil-A savings. Purchase your calendar through December 9th, or while supplies last. See Mrs. Black.



Recycling Matters Team:

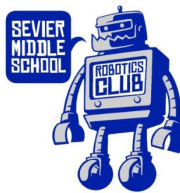
Leah Chappell,
Jacob Crisanto, Cam Cross,
Austin Dodge, Christian Hines, Brettani Holloway,
Randall Martin, Caroline Mathis, Jennifer Mondragon, Luke Newlin, Caroline Strinsky, Morgan Thoennes, Kayly Tran, and Caelen Wall.



PBIS Donations

Students love to turn in their Fly Cards and earn a ticket to receive a treat at lunch. Treats can be canned drinks, candy, chips, and other pre-packaged food items. We welcome any of these donations. Items can be dropped off at the office.

Good Luck to our students traveling to Charleston on Dec. 14 to compete in the TechFit Showcase!



Sevier Falcon Regional Qualifier Robotics Competition Results

Congratulations to *Circuit Breakers* with Mark Juarez, Caroline Mathis, Kayly Tran, Olivia Pechin, and Gabriel Cleveland won the Design Award.

Congratulations to *Star Trekers* with Travis Dill, Elijah Childers, Taylor Smith, Liam McHaffie, and Boston Carswell for receiving the Skills Award, the highest score for Programming and Driving Skills in the tournament.

Both teams are qualified for the State Tournament. Thank you to all parents who supported this event.



Proud of our 8th Grade class, featured on Dale Gilbert's School Salute on December 2nd, 2016!

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016, the 8th grade students of Sevier Middle School participated in a "Focus on Our Future" day. The students began the day with a field trip to the Enoree Career Center where the students saw a glimpse of what their high school experience could have instore for them. They interacted with instructors and students in programs such as Auto Collision Repair, Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighting, Digital Multimedia and Fashion Merchandising. That afternoon the 8th grade students welcomed Mr. Foster and two Sevier graduates, Cade Storm and Morgan Sweat, from Wade Hampton High School. They spoke to the characteristics of Teamwork, Service, Perseverance, High Expectations, Preparation and Leadership and what each looks like in high school setting. Immediately following the presentation the class of 2021 had their picture taken by a drone flown by Cade Storm. The 8th graders concluded the day by writing a personal goal on the six characteristics that were discussed.

8TH GRADE YEARBOOK ADS



Ads are due by December 14th! For best results, order online to create your ad from the Sevier website. Forms and payments may also be submitted to the front office.

YEARBOOK NEEDS PICTURES OF STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



EMAIL TO
ablakely@greenville.k12.sc.us
or bring photos to Rm 601



Students are reminded to check the Lost & Found table in the main

hallway before December 15th. All unclaimed items will be donated during Winter Break.



Youth In Government

Congratulations to our Youth in Government students! Sevier was named "Outstanding Delegation" this year at the conference. We were chosen as the group that stood out as going above and beyond in both preparation and at the conference. Caroline Strinsky was voted as "Outstanding Statesman." This award was given to only 10 students, out of 500, selected by their peers. This award was given to students based on their conduct and enthusiasm during committees and chambers and the debating process. Chet Kolodziejski was also a committee chair. Two groups had their bills signed into law: Parker Stambaugh and Davis Sponseller (An Act to Increase Taxes for Government Supported Cancer Research) and Patrick Stone and Jeremyah Epps (An Act to Decrease Fetynal Use). Several other groups had their bill passed through committee and at least one chamber, some with no objection.

Who READS More?

Results of the 2016
Clemson vs. Carolina
Reading Competition



Faculty, staff, and students have been reading for the last month and recording the number of pages read to answer this question. This is a great motivator and great fun as well. Here are the results:

Clemson fans
60,768 Total pages
(avg. 723 pages per person)

Carolina fans
49,454 Total pages
(avg. 853 pages per person)



Students have the opportunity to meet the reading challenge promoted by the Greenville Swamp Rabbits hockey team. This challenge will continue until our winter break. Students who can successfully meet the challenge to read three books in three weeks will get a free ticket for February 19, 2017.



Sevier Middle School students continue to lead the district with the number of eBooks circulated in a single month:

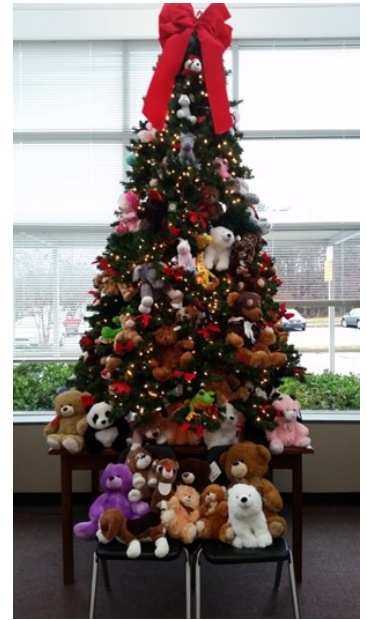
September 1540
October 916
November 856

This number continues to grow and is about double for the numbers circulated last year at this time.

Cuddles for Kids



Each year for the last several years Sevier has been collecting new stuffed animals to give to children in the local hospitals or hospice care. We have a large tree in the media center and again this year we hope to fill it with stuffed animals. Please help us help others.



Thank you to our PTA Sponsors!

