



# SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL FALCONS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

6/6	Report Cards mailed home
6/9	Robotics Camp Registration ends
6/10	Summer School Registration ends
6/14	Summer School begins
7/25 - 28	Robotics Camp 9am-12pm
8/1 - 4	Volleyball Tryouts 3 - 5pm
8/11	Back to School Orientation
8/16	First Day of School

**Check the Sevier website and Facebook page throughout the summer for important school updates.**



## Jami Crisman!

### 2016 State CTE School Counselor of the Year

Our own Jami Crisman was chosen as the 2016 South Carolina Career and Technology Education School Counselor of the Year. The award recognizes her leadership in quality career guidance, providing a seamless transition for the students of Sevier Middle School as they prepare to enter our global economy and the world of work. She will be recognized at this year's Education & Business Summit on June 29th. Congratulations to our RAMP certified and now State-wide honoree!

## Back to School Orientation

**August 11th**

**Scheduled times will be announced**

- Meet your **teachers**
- Pick up your **schedule**
- Make your **school picture**
- Take your **school I.D.** picture
- Add **money to your lunch account**
- Purchase your **P.E. uniform.**
- **7<sup>th</sup> graders** will complete required **vision screening.**

School starts on **August 16**. 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.

## Moving?

### Changing Schools?

Notify Sevier of any change of address or plan to attend a different middle school for the fall. We will send records to your new school during the summer. This will help your child get proper class placement and a secure school schedule.

Surprise arrival at a new school in August can limit your child's class options. Don't get caught short!

**Call 355-8204.**

# School Clothes

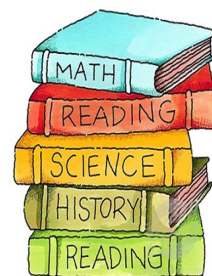
**Excerpts** from the Sevier Middle School Dress Code. See the website for full details.

All students wear a polo-type or button front shirt.

- **collared** and **sleeved**
  - designed to close across the chest to the neck
  - turtlenecks and mock-turtlenecks are allowed
  - not too tight or show cleavage
  - a T-shirt or jersey must be over a collared shirt
2. Clothing must cover the waist and back with 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, thin or clingy warm-up pants, or stretchy, fitted 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.

Notices will go home for students who still owe school debts.

Payments can be made in cash to the front office during summer office hours. Parents are reminded to keep their payment receipts. If textbooks are found, we will want the receipt to issue a refund.



## Hours

**Monday-Thursday  
7:30 - 5:30**



eBooks & Audio Books are available all summer using OverDrive. Students may go to the Sevier website to login and use their student username and password.

## Marcus Whitfield Youth Camp

The Greenville County Sheriff's Department will hold its annual Marcus Whitfield Youth Camp from July 11 – 15 at Berea High School. This is a free week-long day camp for rising 7th -9th graders which focuses on aiding student in making sound decisions and reaching their potential. The camp features physical and mental challenges, huge games, fun team building activities and lots of hands-on learning opportunities. See Officer Carlisle for an enrollment packet or go to [www.gcsd.org](http://www.gcsd.org) for more information.

## Robotics Summer Camp

Sevier's 2016 Gateway Academy Robotics Camp is scheduled for July 25th-28th from 9 -12 daily. Rising 6th - 8th graders may register in the front office through June 9 on a first come, first registered basis. Payment is \$100, cash only. Students will build and program Claw Bots using Vex Robotics parts!



## Sports Physicals

All Greenville County Schools are now using [www.PlanetHS.com](http://www.PlanetHS.com) for school athletics. This is the method for completing all required athletic forms in order to participate in any school athletic program. Both students and parents will have to create accounts, then link them together in order to finish the forms. There is also an option to receive updates and notices via text and/ or email.



Volleyball Tryouts will be held August 1st -4th from 3:00 - 5:00. Completed 3 page physical form and a birth certificate are required on first day of tryouts to participate.

Summer volleyball camps are encouraged. Information for various summer volleyball camps is available in the front office and on the school website. Hillcrest HS will host a Middle School Team Volleyball Camp in late June. Go to <https://goo.gl/vQGhkA> for information and a registration form.



## Counselor's Corner

### Middle School Summer School Information

New this year, summer school students can work at home on coursework or in one of the designated labs if students do not have access to a computer. Designated labs are at League Academy and Bryson Middle. Students are able to work at their own pace. Students are able to register in the school office May 2 - June 10 or on-line at [www.greenville.k12.sc.us/summerschool](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/summerschool)

\*Students must take the final exam on-site. Students must take the final exam on one of the following dates: June 23, June 30, July 14 or July 19.

Summer school fees are \$150.00 per course  
Summer school dates: June 14-July 19 (Closed July 4-7)

Please contact the summer school office at 864-270-2946 for more information.

### Reminder to Parents of Rising 7th Graders:

Proof of your child's Tdap vaccination is required before they may enter 7th grade. If you have yet to turn in your documentation, please do so as soon as possible. Students who have not given proof of vaccination will not be given a school schedule at Back to School Orientation. T-dap is a booster vaccine that protects your child from three dangerous diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (also called pertussis).



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# STEAM

Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics

## 6th Grade

6th grade students were challenged to design a solar cooker, costing less than \$5, that will reach 65 degrees Celsius (149 degrees Fahrenheit), which is the temperature required to pasteurize water. Students researched solar cookers, created and presented their designs using Google Draw. Students spent two days building the cookers, followed by testing and recording data. Each group had an opportunity to improve and retest the cooker. The lowest cost and top functioning solar cookers won the challenge.

## 7th Grade

Student groups are challenged to use their creativity and imaginations to create their own countries. Students developed their countries in Social Studies and determined the biome(s) of their country and energy source in Science class. In ELA students developed a travel brochure to encourage people to visit their country. Math teachers supported students as they determined the population density of their country and created their maps.

## 8th Grade

8th grade students explored what led to the Civil Rights Movement and how people react to injustice, following the Social Studies objectives of students demonstrating an understanding of the impact of significant events of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Students read Harlem Renaissance poetry by Johnson, Dunbar, McKay, Hughes, and others. They studied the influence of Jazz music and read primary documents about 'Brown vs. the Board of Education', 'Briggs vs. Elliot', and 'Plessey vs. Ferguson'. As a culminating activity, students chose a performance task that incorporated knowledge from the unit. These performance projects included self-written skits, art projects, dance, and music.

## Student Council Elections

Students voted for Student Council Officers for the 2016-2017 School Year. Congratulations to these students:



**President:** *Shaler Reeves*  
**Vice President:** *Lizzy Terry*  
**Secretary:** *Alison Hinojosa*  
**Treasurer:** *Kennedy Tillery*

## Tried. Failed. Revised for 2016-17.

**Tried** - regular book-bags to classes and under desk

**Failed** - bags overloaded: won't fit under desk; not safe

- textbook sets no longer provided in classrooms; students must carry their issued books
- students decide not to off-load at lockers; carrying from 13—31 lbs. all day
- devices packed with books result in higher incidence of cracked screens

**Revised 2106-17** - book-bags & phones stay in locker

**CINCH-BAGS & DEVICE SLEEVES ONLY** allowed in classrooms. Must cinch by string at top to draw bag closed. No Kahvu or structured book-bag to class. String cinch may have shoulder pads.

**Media Center's Top Library Book Patrons**

AJ Buress  
 Jase Grimes  
 Brandon Young  
 Madison Harrison  
 John Cavanagh

over 155 books  
 over 110 books  
 over 110 books  
 over 105 books  
 over 95 books

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