



SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL FALCONS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/12—20 Quarterly Core Assessments
- 10/14 PSAT for Select 8th Gr.
8th Gr. field trip forms due
PTA Board Mtg. 12pm
- 10/15 Parent Conferences
- 10/19 WHHS Choir perform for 8th
Gr. Chorus
- 10/19--23 Parent Sex. Ed. Preview
- 10/21 Cookie Dough Orders due
- 10/22 End of Quarter 1
- 10/23 MP3 Day
8th Gr Beta Washington trip
deposit due
- 10/27 Lunch & Learn
- 10/29 Report Cards go home
Meet the Coaches 6:30pm
- 10/30 7th and 8th grade Dance
3:30-5:30pm
- 11/1 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 11/2 Basketball Tryouts begin
- 11/4 Tentative Box Tops Day
- 11/5 8th Gr. visit to USC-Upstate
- 11/9 PTA Shirt Day
- 11/11 Veterans Day Ceremony
10am
- 11/12 7th Gr. Roper Mtn. Science
Ctr field trip - Barbare
- 11/13 7th Gr. Roper Mtn. Science
Ctr field trip - Morris
SIC Mtg: 1:00pm
- 11/14 Falcon Regional Qualifier
Robotics Competition
Six for Sticks Celebration
game
- 11/23 *Flight of the Falcon*
5th grade night, 6:30-7:45

Message from the Principal:

Sevier teachers are pleased to offer individual parent conferences of **up to 10 minutes each**, to be held on **October 15**. Two sessions will be available on Thursday — **8:30 -11:00 a.m.** No entry after 10:30 a.m.

4:00 - 6:30 p.m. No entry after 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: 6th Grade Teachers – in the **Gym**

(Park in the rear lot. Enter down the Gym stair)

7th Grade Teachers – in the **Media Center**

(Enter at the Office area doors)

8th Grade Teachers – in the **Cafeteria**

(Enter at the Cafeteria area doors)

Educational Support Teachers -- in each **Conference area**

Related Arts teachers — in the **Locker Rm. hallway**, near 6th grade conferences

Teachers will be at individual tables to meet with you. Parents take a number in the waiting area, and will be called to the conference area in the order of arrival. **Allow for wait time** before you enter the conference area. Once you enter, each of 4 academic conferences may last no more than 10 minutes.

7th & 8th grade parents – See Related Arts teachers after your core conferences – all close at 11:00 and at 6:30.

SELECT YOUR ARRIVAL TIME at <http://goo.gl/forms/INVKSHfWeA> We look forward to meeting with you.

Karen M. Kapp

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Sevier Middle School will present its 19th annual Veterans Day ceremony, "A Return to Camp Sevier" on Wednesday, **November 11**. This Veterans Day observance will begin at 10am in the Sevier Gym and is open to the public. Sevier holds this ceremony each year to honor veterans actively service military personnel. Our students learn about Camp Sevier, a World War I training camp that occupied the property on which Sevier is built.

Sevier needs former and active military personnel to share their experiences with small groups in classrooms prior to the ceremony. Those available would arrive between 8:30 - 9:00am. All visiting veterans will be honored in the program and invited to attend a reception in the media center following the event. Please call Sevier Middle at 355-8200 with questions.



STORY OF THE POPPY

About 100 years ago, toward the end of World War I, two women sold artificial poppies to remember soldiers who had died on the battlefields. These women decided that there were too many orphans and military people who were living in poverty caused by the war.

Poppies was chosen because they were the first flowers to appear in the earth of soldier's graves after the battles in Flanders (a part of Europe that is in France and Belgium).

In 1920, with the help of the American Legion, a poppy sale was held in the United States. The poppy (red flower) was known in the countries that had fought in World War I as the "Flower of Remembrance."

It was difficult to distribute poppies all over the country, so Moina Michael, from Georgia, contacted the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for help. Unemployed and disabled veterans began to make the artificial poppies. The first poppy factory in the United States was built in Pennsylvania in 1924. Today, the VFW distributes about 4 million poppies around the world.

The flower is officially called the "Buddy Poppy" — a veteran's "tribute to the comrades who did not come home from the war or who were scarred and crippled for life". Wearing the poppy is a tribute to those who gave their lives for the freedom of all nations.

The Sevier Middle School Student Council will distribute poppies this year to any person who would like one. Please wear your poppy in memory of any veteran. Donations will be accepted and all given to a local service organization to be used for veterans in our area.

The poem *In Flanders Fields* was written by "World War I Colonel John McCrae, a surgeon with Canada's First Brigade Artillery. It expressed McCrae's grief over the "row on row" of graves of soldiers who had died on Flanders' battlefields, located in western Belgium and northern France.

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die*

*We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow in Flanders fields*





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PBIS

PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. This effort creates a positive school community with consistent expectations in all areas of the school. From the hallways to the wellness track, from the cafeteria to the restrooms, PBIS helps students understand what is expected of them and supports cooperation with those expectations.

WHAT ARE FLYCARDS? Falcon Fly Cards are used in our PBIS program. All students are issued Falcon Fly Cards and earn signatures from teachers and staff members when their actions reflect our core values of *Respect*, *Responsibility*, and *Integrity*. On Friday mornings during Falcon Fly Card Exchange, students may redeem their full fly cards for various incentives listed below. A full Fly Card will hold 10 signatures.

10 signatures

Homework pass
Snack at lunch

20 signatures

Fly first class at lunch
No dress out in PE
Media Center for Wellness
Good note home
Bathroom pass (7th grade)

30 signatures

No collar- 2nd Tuesday, limit 20 per grade
Free ticket to Winter or Valentines Dance
Free ticket to a home game
Lunch and wellness with a friend

40 signatures

MP3 during lunch and wellness (1st or 3rd Fridays, 8th grade only)
Pizza and drink at Falcon Falls (make reservations)

50 signatures

VIP at lunch with 3 friends (picture included)

60 signatures

Half price 8th grade dance ticket

Quarterly grand prize

Principal for a day
Tape Mr. Grady or Mr. Falls to the wall

CHORUS UPDATES

The Wade Hampton Madrigal Choir will perform for the 8th Grade Chorus on Monday, October 19th during second period.

\$10.00 Deposit is due for the Carowinds Festival of Music Competition by October 30th.

BAND & STRINGS UPDATES

- ⇒ County Band Audition fee of \$10 is due Oct. 21
- ⇒ WHHS 7th and 8th grade Band night is Oct. 23
- ⇒ Carowinds Festival Deposit of \$10 is due by October 30.



Band & Strings members will kick off their Cookie Dough Sale on October 7th. Support our Band & Strings program and see Mrs. Marsh or a member to buy your favorite cookie dough! Orders are



6 for Sticks Program

Read 6 books in 6 weeks to qualify for a Buy One Get One Voucher. Reading logs are due to ELA teachers by October 19th! Celebration game night is Saturday, November 14th. See your ELA teacher for details.

Counselor's Corner

PSAT: Select 8th grade students will be taking the PSAT (Pre-SAT) as part of a program sponsored by the State Department of Education. Qualifying students were notified by letter September 1. The exam will be given at Sevier on October, 14th 2015. No make-up dates are available.

MENTORS NEEDED- Are you interested in being a mentor for a Sevier student? For more information contact Tomiko Long at # 355-8377 or email at tllong@greenville.k12.sc.us

8th grade College Visit: All 8th grade students will go to USC Upstate on Thursday, November 5th. This is a part of our comprehensive college and career program focusing on majors and corresponding careers. Students will need to return a permission slip to attend. Students who bring \$5.00 will experience the campus cafeteria. Students who wish to bring a bag lunch may do so. Permission forms and lunch payments are due by October 14th.

Duke TIP: Select 7th grade students received an invitation to participate in the DUKE TIP program. For more information go to duketip.org.

Bully Prevention Speakers: All 7th grade students heard a presentation by Hurricane Marshal Arts regarding bully awareness. It aligned with a novel they read called "Bystander". Representatives from the SC Children's Theatre spoke to 6th graders about bullying on October 5th.

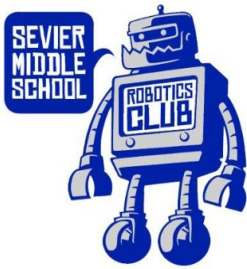


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7TH & 8TH GRADE ROBOTICS TEAMS

Blue Lightning	Dozer	Robo Destroyer	Blue Falcon	Olympians	Gladiator
CJ Center Leah Chappell Mark Juarez Daniel Smith Kayley Tran	DJ Paudler Brandon Segovia Caelen Wall	Caleb Gibson Aaron LaBar Caroline Mathis Chandler Nix Olivia Pechin	Gabe Cleveland Hayden Craig Ethan Rhodes James Stegall	Conner Chambers Gabe Jordan Camden Kaminski Parker Landolt Dalton Price	Bryce Bridwell John Cavanagh Mackenzie Clinch Louden Craig Daniel Harrington

Washington Trip

The first deposit for the 8th Grade Beta Club's Washington DC trip is due October 23rd. Contact the front office for information.



Meet the Coaches

Thursday, October 29
6:30pm in the Cafeteria
Parents and students, join us to meet the coaches for Winter and Spring Sports.

FALL & WINTER SPIRIT GEAR



Left Sleeve:
Sevier Falcons

Wear these no collar shirts every 2nd Monday of the month and to Sevier Sporting events to show your school spirit!

Order your Fall/Winter Spirit Gear. Long Sleeve Shirts are \$16 and available in Grey, Light Blue, and Royal Blue. Hoodies are \$20 and available in Grey and Navy.

Order forms are available on the website and in the front office. Order forms with payments are due to homeroom teachers or the front office by **October 28th**. Items in 2XL and 3XL will be \$2 extra. PTA accepts cash, checks and credit card payments.



Basketball Tryouts

- Girls & Boys basketball tryouts begin November 2nd.
- Students must bring their completed physical forms and birth certificate. Forms are available in our office and on our website.
- Students participating in high school sports must obtain a copy of their physical form to bring to tryouts.
- Students must have passed all subjects from Spring Semester to be eligible.



Red Ribbon Week will be held October 26 - 30. Students will participate in daily activities, themes, and prize drawings. Beta Club and Student

Council members are asked to volunteer after school on Friday, October 23, from 3:30 - 4:30pm to help decorate for the upcoming event. Members will earn one hour of volunteer credit.

Fuss Free Fundraiser

Thank you parents, students, staff, and business sponsors for donating to our PTA's Fuss Free Fundraiser. Thank you to the following businesses for their sponsorship by providing money, supplies or services: OnPoint, Money Mailer, PRO Pitch Hit Run, Calder Brothers Corporation, DOT2DOT, Craft Stove Store & Patio, Georgia Luquire with SunTrust Mortgage, Edwards Insurance, Harvey's Original Family Restaurant, Sharp Business Systems, Babb Painting, Beauty for Ashes Counseling, Professional Engineering Associates, Vision Screenprinting and Graphics, Inc., Showcase Marketing, and Kirby Bridwell with Keller Williams Realty, and Chick-Fil-A in Cherrydale. As special thanks to Vision Screenprinting and Graphics for creating the sponsor banners displayed on our fence.