



SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL FALCONS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/11 PSAT (select 8th Gr.)
PTA Executive Mtg.
- 10/12 Student Council Mtg.
Reflections Entries due
Fishing Club Mtg.
Cold-Water Steward. Mtg.
- 10/13 Enrichment
Fuss Free Fundraiser
Benchmark Deadline
6th Grade Mixer
Final YIG payment due
- 10/17 Fishing Club Mtg.
WHHS D-Team @ Hillcrest
- 10/18 Fuss Free Celebration (if
benchmark is reached)
MP3 Day
- 10/19 Teacher Workday
Parent/Teacher Conf.
- 10/20 Teacher Workday
- 10/21 Robotics to Columbia
- 10/23-27 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/24 Makeup Pictures
WHHS D-Team vs Riverside
- 10/25 Kona Ice Day
- 10/26 End of 1st Quarter
WHHS Insight Night 6pm
- 10/27 Box Tops Collection
Enrichment
- 10/30-11/1 Basketball Tryouts
- 10/31 IGP Online Signups End
- 11/1 IGP Conferences Begin
- 11/3 Enrichment
7th Gr. Beautification Day
- 10/6 1st Quarter Report Cards
Gathering of Falcons
- 11/7 ABC Incentive
- 11/10 Veterans Day Ceremony
- 11/12-14 Youth In Gov. Trip

Parent - Teacher Conferences

Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for optional Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled for Thursday, October 19th. Teachers may have signups available on their teacher websites. A conclusive list of signup links will be available on the Sevier home page on Wednesday, October 11th. Please sign up using your student's school email address (ex. jdeer8252@greenvilleschools.us). Current grades are available on the Parent Portal and on your student's Backpack account. Parents wishing to gain access to the Parent Portal must present their driver's license to the front office to receive their access code.

Important Reminders for Parents

- District Policy does not allow students to accompany another student on the bus. Please make arrangements for car line pick up when taking friends home.
- Parents in the car line are asked NOT to double stack vehicles until after 2:45 pm. Parents needing to enter the building should park in the parking lot to ensure you are not blocked in the carline.
- **Early Dismissals must be pre-arranged by sending a parent note** with your student to give to the front office upon arrival on the day of the dismissal. Students receive a dismissal permit allowing them out of class at the pre-arranged time. A walk-in or a call-in dismissal is not a pre-arranged dismissal. The front office staff is not allowed to interrupt instructional class time. When the dismissal has NOT been pre-arranged, the student will be released ONLY at the beginning or end of a class period. Only prearranged dismissals are permitted after 2:25pm (last class change).
- Students who forget their ID badge and cannot purchase one or redeem one from their Prepaid ID account will receive a temporary badge for the day. These ID badge violations are recorded upon receiving the temporary badge. This violation stands whether or not a parent brings the badge during the day. Please do not feel obligated to bring your child's forgotten badge to school, as we know your time is valuable.
- Student Verification forms have been sent home with students. These should be returned as soon as possible with a parent's signature and any necessary changes. Please notify Mrs. Howard in the counseling Dept. (864-355-8204) if you have recently moved or are moving during the school year. Two proofs of the new residence are required in order to change an address in Power School.
- Payments to the school must be receipted by 12pm daily and are processed at this time. Money cannot be accepted after 12pm.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Sevier Middle School will proudly present its 21st annual Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, November 10, 2017. "Return to Camp Sevier," this Veterans Day observance, is scheduled for 10am in the Sevier Gym and is open to the public. Sevier holds this ceremony every year to honor our veterans and to teach students about Camp Sevier, a World War I training camp, active from 1917-1919. The school is named after and built on part of this land. This year, we celebrate the one hundred year anniversary of the Thirtieth Division (Old Hickory), and its instrumental role in ending World War I. Sevier invites all former and active military personnel to come prior to the ceremony to speak to small groups of students regarding their experiences in the service. Those interested in being a guest speaker should arrive between 8:15 - 8:45am. All visiting veterans will be honored in the program and invited to attend a reception in the media center following the event. A letter of invitation will go home with students and is available on the website. Please call 355-8200 with questions.



We, at Sevier, are very interested in adding to our main hall display of Camp Sevier memorabilia. If you have souvenirs, mementos, or photographs, we will appreciate receiving them. They will become part of our permanent display or we will return them after November 10th. If you decide to donate them to Sevier, we will label them with your name and the date. Many thanks for your help.

Counselor's Corner



James Kalinowski from the Greenville Swamp Rabbits will be leading a session for those interested in a sports related career on October 24th during *Lunch & Learn*.

Parents are encouraged to visit the Family Connection page in the Parent Portal and in Backpack. This very useful program, called Naviance, will be utilized each year until the student graduates. Parents and students will find very useful information about college and careers. The district assigns tasks to each grade level and the 8th grade has already been working on tasks in Naviance. If you have any issues or problems with the family connection, please contact the counseling department.



A Cyber-Bulling prevention assembly will be presented by Rick Floyd to the 8th grade students on October 25, 2017. A similar presentation will be scheduled for 6th and 7th grade in early December.



Red Ribbon Week
October 23 - 27th
 Students will participate in a variety of activities throughout the week. This years theme is "Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free".



The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts visited Monday, October 9th for all 8th grade arts students.



Please welcome Anna Taffer. She is a Clemson University student doing her Fall internship in our School Counseling Department.



Congratulations to Jackson Duncan and Bayley Betsill for being chosen to represent Sevier Middle School at the Coaches 4 Character presentation on October 17, 2017. They were chosen for exemplary character, educational achievement, and community service. All are welcome to this event scheduled for 7:00pm at Redemption Church on Haywood Road. Students are free and adults are \$5.00. The guest speaker is professional basketball player Tamika Catchings.

Attendance, Behavior, and Course Performance are important at Sevier middle school. As part of our Positive Behavior and Incentive System (PBIS) we award students with grade level incentive time for each progress and report card grading period. Below are the expectations for all students who wish to participate.

THE "ABCs" - WHERE DO I STAND?*			
ATTENDANCE	BEHAVIOR	COURSE PERFORMANCE	
Zero (0) Unexcused Absences	Zero (0) Referrals	NO GRADE BELOW A "C"	Incentive days are typically the day after progress and report cards are sent home.
1-2 Unexcused Absences (per Quarter)	1 Referral (per quarter)	1 OR MORE GRADES OF 69 - 60 "D" (Per Progress Report and Report Card)	
3 Unexcused Absences (Per Quarter)	2 Referrals (per quarter)	1 GRADE OF 59 - 50 "F" (Per Progress Report and Report Card)	Students in the Orange and Red Categories do not participate in grade level incentives
4 or more Unexcused Absences (Per Quarter)	3 or more Referrals (per quarter)	1 OR MORE Grades of 59-50 "F" (Per Progress Report and Report Card)	Category requirements start over the beginning of each QUARTER.



Darcy Storm, 6th grade School Counselor, 355-8203
 Jami Crisman, 8th grade School Counselor, 355-8485

Tomiko Long, 7th grade School Counselor, 355-8377
 Melinda Howard, School Counseling Clerk, 355-8204

Counselor's Corner



Gathering of the Falcons: Each Report Card grading period the school counselors will meet with students in their teams for character education, recognitions, and awards. The Gathering will occur during their wellness times. Be sure to ask your students about their awards and recognitions November, 6th 2017.



8th Grade IGP Conferences

Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) Conferences will begin November 1, and run through December 19, 2017. This conference is held each year for every student in the state of SC from 8th grade through 12th grade. The purpose of the meeting is to review career assessments, graduation requirements from high school for the state of SC, college scholarship information, and other pertinent information. **Parents of 8th Graders, please go to the Sevier website to sign up for a time to attend this mandatory IGP conference. Please do not delay. This sign up window ends October 31, 2017, and spots fill up quickly.** If you need further assistance, call Melinda Howard in our counseling office at #864-355-8204. This Individual Graduation Plan conference is required for all 8th grade students before entering high school.

September



In September we honored students who show Positivity.

Students who show positivity are optimistic and have a positive outlook. They look for the good in things. Others enjoy being around them. Pictures of these students are on display in our hallway in front of the media center and students will be given a Student of the Month lapel pin to proudly wear on their lanyards and a certificate.

- ◆ 6th Grade: Jasmyn Coleman and Santos Rodriguez Aguilar
- ◆ 7th Grade: Rebekah Anderson and James Bartlett
- ◆ 8th Grade: Shakia Reeder and Aiden McCard

October



October we are honoring students who show Responsibility.

This means they are dependable in carrying out obligations and duties. They show reliability and are consistent in words and conduct. They are accountable for their own actions.

Pictures of these students are on display in our hallway and students will be given a Student of the Month lapel pin to wear proudly on their lanyards.

- ◆ 6th Grade: Madelyn Cail and DJ Harvey
- ◆ 7th Grade: Abigail Calixto Moreno and Jonah Bishop-Pirrone
- ◆ 8th Grade: Zoe Buddie and Donovan Lunn



NOMINATIONS

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.

Nominations will be opened October 16 at www.coaches4character.com/ace-awards and end January 31st, 2018. Nominate and honor Sevier middle school 8th grade students!



Are you interested in attending the National Blue Ribbon, Wade Hampton High School? WHHS will be holding their annual Insight Night on October 26th from 6-7 pm. This event is for parents and students who are applying for special permission for the 2018-19 school year. Additionally, if you are applying to the Fine Arts Center and would like to make WHHS your home school for your core academic content, please plan to attend!



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Fuss Free Fundraiser

Support our PTA's Fuss Free Fundraiser held through October 13th. We are less than \$2000 away from reaching our fundraiser goal! If our goal is met by our benchmark date of Friday, October 13th, the entire school will have an Ice Cream Celebration on October 18th! Thank you to the following businesses for their sponsorship: Babb Professional Painting, Play It Again Sports, Sliced Tomato Productions, Benson Family Dentistry, Original Harvey's Family Restaurant, Wholesale Cabinet Supply, ProCore Pest Control, Stephanie Burger with Allen Tate Realtors, Greenville Swamp Rabbits, Hunt Orthodontics, Beauty for Ashes Counseling, Downtown Dental, and George Coleman Ford. We would also like to thank our sponsors who will provide in-kind services. Vision Screenprinting & Graphics will provide our sponsor banners on the fence. The Chickfila locations at Cherrydale and Wade Hampton Boulevard in Taylors will provide food donations for various events including Veterans Day, Spring Fling, and Teacher Appreciation.



Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome.



Students are encouraged to participate in the PTA Reflections contest. Students may submit as many entries as they like to Mrs. Dickert in Room 404 through Thursday, October 12th. This year's theme is "Within Reach" Categories are photography, music composition, literature, visual arts, film production, and dance choreography.



Basketball Tryouts

- ⇒ Oct. 30 Boys 4pm - 5:30pm & Girls 5:35 to 7:05pm
- ⇒ Oct. 31 Girls 4pm - 5:30pm & Boys 5:35 to 7:05pm
- ⇒ Nov. 1 Boys 4pm - 5:30pm & Girls 5:35 to 7:05pm

- ◆ Students must have completed physical forms and birth certificate in hand to try out. Forms are available in our office and on our website. Only physicals taken after April, 2017 are accepted.
- ◆ Students should go to PlanetHS.com to complete required online forms prior to tryouts. Parents and students must both create accounts and then link them together to complete the forms. See Sevier website.
- ◆ Students must have passed all subjects from Spring Semester to be eligible.

2017-2018 Coldwater Stewardship Club

- ◆ 6th Grade: Kiersten Chantron, Trinitee Jenkins, Sarah Stephens, Thomas Mahon and Jackson Blakely
- ◆ 7th Grade: Abby Southern, Kaylena Foreman, Will Brothers, Tripp Terry and Chance Fleming
- ◆ 8th Grade: Johnson Wilklow and Sam Guza

Recycling Matters Team

- Danasia Banks
- Cornelia Caldwell
- Katee Callicutt
- Neleah Clough
- Lindsay Emory
- Evelyn Garcia
- Sam Guza
- Jalyn Henderson
- Javier Hercules
- Sydney Kender
- Kenli Knox
- Naseem Mayes
- Jonnie McCall
- Addy Nagy
- Kennedy Tillery
- Alex Tsiatsios

2017 Lady Falcons Volleyball

Congratulations to our volleyball team for a great season! They finished with a 9 - 1 region record and 10 - 2 overall record. Members include Hailey Bergenthal, Zoe Buddie, Peyton Fouts, Emily Gaines, Reagan Glynn, Ashley Ho, Sydney Kaminski, Sydney Kender, Kenli Knox, Adaline McCormack & Lily Rhodes.



Congratulations to Taylor Smith for making 10th chair Cello out of 31 for Region Strings!

Congratulations to Caroline Bryant for making 9th chair Viola out of 25 for Region Strings!



Chickfila Calendars are on sale for \$8.50 now through Nov. 18, or until sold out, to help support the Special Olympics. Purchase in the office or see Mrs. Black in Room 704.



Start gathering your Box Tops for our next Collection date on October 27!! Gift cards will be awarded to the 1st & 2nd Place students who turn in the most Box Tops!!