



SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL FALCONS

September 2015

Volume 7, Issue 2

SPECIAL ID ACCOUNT SALE

Sept. 21: 6:30pm — 8:00pm
at PTA Meeting/Dodgeball Event

4 ID's for \$10.00
this night ONLY

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/14	PTA Shirt Day
9/16	PTA Board Mtg.
9/17	Progress Report 8th Gr. T-shirt Orders due
9/18	Gathering of Falcons
9/21	Girls on the Run Begins Homeroom Dodgeball Competition 6:30pm PTA Parent Forum & Vol. Orientation 6:30pm
9/23	Box Tops Collection
9/29	Falcons Walking Club begins
10/2	Fuss Free Deadline for Ice Cream Celebration
10/5	6th Gr. Bully Prevention 8th Gr. Shirt Day Scholastic Book Fair Begins
10/7	Band & Strings Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins
10/9	PTA Reflections due SIC Mtg. 1:00pm 6th Gr. Dance, 3:30-5:30
10/8	Volleyball Game with benefit for Breast Cancer Awareness
10/12—20	Quarterly Core Assessments
10/15	Parent Conferences Watch for details & sign-ups
10/19--23	Parent Sex. Ed. Preview
10/22	End of Quarter 1
10/23	MP3 Day
10/30	7th and 8th grade Dance 5:30-7:30

Message from the Principal:

We are so pleased and proud of our Sevier Falcons as they begin school — engaged and focused on a successful year! Our enrollment is at 700 students and all are employing 1 to 1 devices in meaningful lessons across the curriculum. Our school is committed to the highest educational achievement for every student and continues to refine both rigorous instructional opportunities and targeted support to ensure that students exceed every expectation.

Our priorities are:

- **Engaging Instruction & Assessment** -- lessons and school experiences that incorporate the practices of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Humanities, and Math — STEAM!
- **Culture for 21st Century Learning** -- where each student engages, will stretch without fear, and learns at the highest levels
- **Purposeful Use of Technology and Other Resources** -- where students and staff deepen engagement and learning through technology and community partnerships

Our **Enrichment** program kicks off its first seminar on Friday, September 18 with 4 Friday morning sessions. Each of 6 seminar cycles across the year is designed to provide

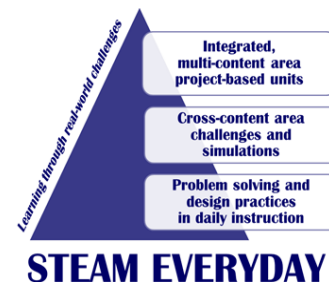
- Skills preview and re-teaching
- Small group or extra time support
- Academic advancement
- Special interest or competition

Students have entered their preferences for seminar assignments for the year. Academic needs will always be first priority, and assignments will be determined by teachers before the start of each seminar. Please view the attached program description and sample sessions.

Thank you again for sending your children to learn with us at Sevier. With a Falcon's Focus, we commit to Challenge and Prepare them for their greatest success. If there is ever anything that we can do to strengthen the experience for you or your child, please do not hesitate to call at 864.355.8210 or email me at kapp@greenville.k12.sc.us

Respectfully,

Karen M. Kapp



PTA Forum and Volunteer Orientation

We need to see you on **MONDAY, September 21** at our **PTA Parent Forum** and **Volunteer Orientation**.

Students will begin a **Dodgeball Tournament** while parents meet in the Amphitheatre to discuss

- *Naviance*: an individual career development profile
- *Graduation Plus*: how your child will complete an advanced HS Diploma
- *Assessment and supports* for all academics
- *8th Grade Academy*: a bridge to freedom and critical responsibility before high school.

Our school logged more than 8,800 Volunteer Hours in 2014-15. We have many opportunities for your participation, no matter how much time or in what location you can share your commitment. **Find your fit** in a meaningful *volunteer opportunity*.

Your children want you here for this event and engaged in our vibrant school programs. Both events begin at **6:30** and parents will meet until 7:10, joining students in the Gym for the final tournament games, all ending by 8:00. Park in the rear lot. Be an active part of our family-friendly school!

Support our PTA's **Fuss Free Fundraiser** held through October 2nd. The entire school will have an Ice Cream Celebration if we meet our \$5000 Fuss Free October 2 benchmark. **Thank you** to the following businesses for their Sponsorship: *Edwards Insurance, Harvey's Family Restaurant, Sharp Business Systems, Professional Engineering Associates, Beauty for Ashes Counseling, and Kirby Bridwell with Keller Williams Realty.*



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Reflections Program entries are due Oct. 9 in the theme, "Let Your Imagination Fly." Enter as many submissions as you like—full Fly Card for each. Categories are photography, music composition, visual arts, literature, dance choreography, and film production. See Mrs. Dickert for forms and details.

Car Rider Drop-off and Pick-up –

We need the help of **every driver** to manage a safe and efficient system. Please cooperate with the following:

1. ALL Drivers, EVERYDAY — ANYTIME students are present
 - **Stop texting**; put the phone down
 - Pull forward; **tighten the line**
 - Keep your younger **children in the car**
 - **Watch** all movement
2. **Morning drop-off** is in the *front* driveway. Cars stack quickly. We **must keep the street clear** of waiting cars. **Pull forward nearest the crosswalk before letting your child out of the car. Exit to the right between 8:10 and 8:30.**
3. **Afternoon pick-up** for 7th and 8th graders is in the *front* driveway. A 6th grader riding with a 7th or 8th grader is also picked up in the front driveway. Drivers must stack **fully forward nearest the crosswalk — leave no gaps. Between 3:25 - 3:45**, drivers leaving the front car line **must turn right** to continue steady traffic flow.
4. **Afternoon pick-up for 6th graders only** is in the rear driveway. Drivers will pull down into the Paris Elementary bus pick-up and exit through the Sevier faculty parking area. No one may enter this area before 2:50 — Paris bus traffic must clear. Rear pick-up **closes at 3:45**. It is **best not to enter the back after 3:43**, as your child may end up at the front on the all-call. **Back car line drivers must watch carefully for bus traffic on arrival and exit.**
5. At **3:45**, all remaining car riders are called to the front sidewalk for pick-up.
6. No student may be picked up or dropped off alongside the road or across the street.
7. All students must be picked up by 4:00. If a specific work condition prevents this arrival time, you must contact bfalls@greenville.k12.sc.us to make other arrangements.



Internet Safety: 6th grade Computer Tech classes heard a presentation about "Internet Safety" on Sept. 11.

Parents/Community Members needed!! Our School Counseling Advisory Council will meet October 1 and May 5 from 7:50am-8:20am to discuss student needs and school counselor goals and activities. If you would like to be a part, please email Mrs. Long tlong@greenville.k12.sc.us. We look forward to having you.

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 14, 2015. No make-up dates are available.

Gathering of the Falcons: Each progress and 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. Throughout the year be sure to ask your students about their awards and recognitions.

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

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

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Walk-A-Thon



DRAMA

7th & 8th Grade
Chorus and Drama Students
will participate in a Walk-A-Thon fundraiser on
Friday, September 18th, from
3:30 - 4:30pm. Students are accepting sponsor-
ships up until the event. Asking sponsors to consider
\$1 per lap pledges, not exceeding 20 laps, though any is greatly appreciated.
Donations are welcome.
Proceeds go towards our Music Festival competition, props, scripts,
set materials, costumes, music, and more.



Attendance Blitz Competition: Help Sevier become the winning Middle School in the district by attending school daily! District wide competition runs **now through January 14th**.

Our **Attendance Advisory Group** decided that Sevier would hold it's own **Homeroom competition** for the duration of the school year. **BE HERE!** Homerooms earn Falcons cards for each week of perfect attendance. Homeroom with the most cards by the end of school will earn a special prize. Weekly drawings are held for students with perfect attendance to receive a prize from businesses like Papa Johns, Chick-Fil-A, Zaxby's and more.

BAND & STRINGS

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!



\$10.00



8th Graders: Academy T-Shirt orders are due by September 17! Order forms and payments of \$10 (cash or check payable to Sevier Middle) go to your homeroom teacher. Choose Black, White, Grey, or Blue in adult sizes. Wear this Academy T-Shirt without a collar every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month.



PBIS

We have started the year off strong and students are having their Fly Cards signed left and right. Last year, we reached our school wide goal of decreasing classroom disruptions. Thank you for your support by encouraging our Falcons



The School Improvement Council is:

- An advisory committee to the principal
- Parents, educators & community members work together to improve the school.
- Two thirds of the members are elected parents and teachers. Community members are appointed. The Principal is an ex-officio member.

The Sevier MS School Improvement Council meets on the 2nd Friday of each month from 1:00-2:00. We review school initiatives and achievement and provide input for improvement of the entire educational experience at Sevier.

If you are interested in serving, please leave your name and contact number in the office or email Tomiko Long at tlong@greenville.k12.sc.us

Newsletter Distribution

The Falcons newsletter will arrive to parents and students via email each month. A copy will be posted to Facebook and the Sevier website. A Remind text will alert members to the publication. Students will download the newsletter to their device when it is issued. Thank you for viewing its content.

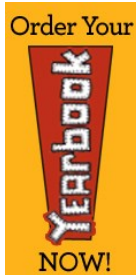
Sign Up for Remind.
Get Sevier updates!



Join Teacher Remind by class period.



9/8	Greenville @ Sevier
9/10	League @ Sevier
9/14	Tanglewood @ Sevier
9/17	Sevier @ Berea
9/21	Sevier @ Hughes
9/24	Beck @ Sevier
9/28	Greenville @ Sevier
10/1	Sevier @ League
10/5	Berea @ Sevier
10/6	Sevier @ Tanglewood
10/8	Hughes @ Sevier
10/12	Sevier @ Beck
GAMES START AT 5:30PM	
\$3 GAME ADMISSION	



Yearbooks are on sale for \$35. Personalized yearbooks are \$40 and come with free icons until September 18!



The Fall 2015 season of Girls on the Run at Sevier Middle will be held on Mondays & Wednesdays from 3:45-5:15pm from September 21 – December 7. Girls on the Run meets twice a week for 11 weeks and culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K running event. The program fee is \$199. Scholarships and payment plans are available. To learn more or register, visit www.ghs.org/girlsontherun, call 455-3252; 455-3132, or email girlsontherun@ghs.org.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

OCTOBER
5 - 12

Greenville Swamp Rabbits
2015 Scholars Book Club
6 for Sticks Program



6 books in 6 weeks to qualify for a Buy One Get One Voucher. Read September 7 - October 12. Celebration game night is Saturday, November 14th. See your ELA teacher for details.

School Dances Redesigned for 2015-16

By popular demand, Sevier has redesigned the School Dance program. Save the dates below for student events that include a D.J., games, contests, snacks, photo booth, and more. Parent permission and \$5 ticket are required to enter.

October 9	6th graders	3:30 - 5:30
October 30	7th & 8th graders	5:30 - 7:30
December 12	6th graders	3:30 - 5:30
February 12	7th & 8th graders	5:30 - 7:30
March 25	6th & 7th graders	5:30 - 7:30
May 10	8th grade Dance	7:00 - 10:00 (Special ticket price applies)

Parents must pick up on time and are encouraged to pre-arrange carpools for afternoon start times.

FALCON WALKING CLUB

Fall Session: September 29 - November 19
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:50 - 4:30pm

All participants will receive a Falcon Walking Club Card to keep track of their laps as they walk or run around the track. Participants will earn a wrist band for every 5 miles completed. You will need athletic shoes, a water bottle, and a great attitude. Students, parents and staff are welcome. Parents must accompany younger siblings. Sign up for Walking Club reminders by texting @falconwal to 81010.



Adult Sizes S, M, L, XL

PTA Spirit Gear On Sale in the front office

\$15
T-shirts

\$5
Magnets

\$5 Wa.
Bottle



Show your school spirit at all school sporting events! Also wear these collar-free shirts on the 2nd Monday of each month.



Forms are available on the website and in the office.