



# SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL FALCONS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

8/1 - 3	Volleyball Tryouts 3 - 5pm
8/11	Gr. 6—Open House, 4-6
8/12	Gr. 7/8 Open House, 3:30-6:00
8/16	First Day of School 6th Gr. & Parent Orient. 8:30 PTA Fuss Free Fundraiser
9/2	8th Gr. Mixer 3:30—5:30
9/5	Labor Day—No School
9/6	Volleyball @ Bryson
9/8	\$1 No Collar/Spirit Day Volleyball @ Home vs League
9/15	Volleyball @ Lakeview
9/19	Volleyball @ Home vs. Tanglewood
9/20	6:30—8:00 Parent Forum PTA Volunteer Orientation Dodgeball Tourney

## 6th Grade & New Parent Orientation

Parents are invited to attend the opening remarks to 6th grade student & to participate in a brief Parent Orientation on August 16, from 8:30-9:15m in the amphitheater. Parents attending the meeting may accompany their child into the building through the entrance doors near the Cafeteria. Staff members will be on hand to direct 6th graders and parents to the amphitheater. Parents new to Sevier are also encouraged to attend.

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

The Sevier Faculty and Staff are busy at work preparing for your *BEST SCHOOL YEAR YET!* We are privileged to have you with us and look forward to your return.

Our school has grown! With our high quality curriculum and focus on project-based learning, we have become the "go to" school. We have added 3 teaching positions this year to support our students. Thank you for your continuing support of our efforts to prepare your children for their greatest success.

Please review the contents of this newsletter, so that your preparations are informed and productive. We need the help of everyone to make our school safe and to support a high quality learning environment. Let's enjoy another very smooth opening!

*Karen M. Kapp*

## Back to School Open House

**6th graders - Thursday, August 11, 4:00—6:00**

**7th & 8th graders - Friday, August 12, 3:30-6:00**

Meet your **teachers**. Get your **schedule**. Enter your **email contact**.

Get your **carline number**. Make your **School** and **I.D. pictures**.

Add money to your **lunch account**. Buy **Yearbook** (\$35). Buy **P.E. uniform** (\$25).

**7th graders** — complete your required **vision screening**.

Get **PTA membership** (\$5). Buy **Sevier shirts & gear**.

Complete the one-time, on-line **One-to-One Device Orientation**.

Pay the one-time **\$25 Device Fee**.

School starts **August 16** — 8:30-3:25

## BE READY FOR SCHOOL!

**Summer Enrollment — Share with new neighbors!**

A Parent or Legal Guardian must enroll a student. At least two approved documents are **REQUIRED** for proof of residency (see Enrollment Packet on website for all requirements).

Sevier MS Counseling personnel are available on these summer days for enrollment. Make an appointment at 355-8204 for first service.

July 18 - 21 (8:00 - 5:00)

July 25 - 27 (8:00 - 3:00)

August 1 - 4 (8:00 - 4:30)

Normal office hours will resume on Monday, Aug. 8. (7:30 - 4:00pm M - F).

We will **NOT** be open for enrollment on Thursday, August 11 and Friday, August 12, due to our Open House.

**Moving? Changing Schools?** Notify Sevier of any change of address or plan to attend a different middle school for the fall. Records are needed at your new school for proper class placement. Surprise arrival at a new school in August can limit your child's class options. Don't get caught short!

## ID BADGES

**SPECIAL SALE  
Pre-Paid ID ACCOUNT**

**August 11 & 12  
During Open House**

4 ID's for \$10.00  
10 dollar minimum

*These badges may be redeemed  
as needed thru 8th grade.  
Individual badges are \$5.*

## Tdap Vaccine

S.C. Immunization Law requires that all students, starting with 7th grade, must show proof of **Tdap Vaccination** to attend school. Without this, the student will not receive a schedule on August 12.

## DRESS CODE - SEVIER T-SHIRTS ALLOWED!

The Sevier student dress code has been amended to include this change:

**Official and unaltered Sevier T-shirts or closed-neck Sevier hoodies will be allowed without a collared shirt on any school day. On game days only, school athletes (MS or HS) may wear their jerseys (with sleeves) without a collar underneath.**

**Note key requirements** of the Sevier Middle School Dress Code. See the website for full details.

1. All students wear a polo-type or button front shirt.
  - **collared and sleeved (NOW ALLOWING OFFICIAL SEVIER SHIRTS — SEE ABOVE)**
  - designed to close across the chest to the neck
  - turtlenecks and mock-turtlenecks are allowed
  - not too tight or show cleavage
2. Clothing must cover the waist and back - 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
  - **running shorts and pajama pants are not allowed**
  - skin tight pants and thin or clingy warm-up 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.

## Revised for 2106-17: Book-bags & cell phones stay in locker

Book-bags and cell phones will go to the locker on arrival at the grade level hallway and remain until pick-up after the last Core Academic class.

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

**Student must carry between locker visits:**

- Issued textbooks, notebooks, supplies, PE clothes
- Devices must be carried separately from books to protect the screens

Cinch-sacks go under the desk during class. Aisles must be left clear for safe movement around the room.

A device sleeve (parent purchase) is recommended. The 6th & 7th grader Dell Chromebook 11 is 12" long, 9" across, and 1" deep. The 8th grader Dell 3340 13" laptops are 13" long, 10" across, and 1 1/2" deep

**School supply lists are available on our website.**

## Student Drop-off and Pick-up — SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

**School doors open at 7:30, classes start at 8:30, and dismissal is at 3:25.**

**Bus Rider Drop-off and Pick-up** are in the rear of the school. We do not expect any change to bus routes or times for each bus stop. The Transportation Dept. will send information to confirm these times and you can view the map at Open House.

**Car Rider Drop-off and Pick-up – For safety, All students must be dropped off and picked up ON CAMPUS.**

**Your actions as a driver impact the safety and efficiency of this system. Please be respectful of others and comply with all procedures.**

**Morning drop-off** for all car riders is in the *front* driveway. Cars will stack quickly. **Pull forward nearest the crosswalk** before you let your child out. Drivers must turn right to exit from 8:10-8:30.

### Afternoon pick-up

**NEW: A 7th or 8th grader RIDING WITH a 6th grader may be picked up in the rear drive.**

- **6th grade car pick-up** is in the **rear driveway. NO ARRIVAL before 3:00. Paris Elem. buses are still there.** This pick-up closes at 3:40.
- **7th & 8th grader car pick-up is in the front driveway.** You may double stack in the front driveway after 2:45.
- **No student may be picked up along the road or across the street.**

1. Drivers must **turn right leaving the front car line** between 3:25 - 3:45 .
2. Drivers using the **rear line pick-up** will be routed through the faculty parking area for exit. You may not enter the Sevier bus area.
3. Rear pick-up drivers must be **cautious** when pulling out at the exit. Sunnysdale Drive is narrow and buses will be passing sitting traffic to enter the drive.
4. At 3:45, **all remaining car riders are called to the front** sidewalk for pick-up.
5. **All riders must be picked up by 3:45. If a specific work condition or high school driver arrangement prevents this arrival time, you must contact [bfalls@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:bfalls@greenville.k12.sc.us) .**

**ALL Drivers, EVERYDAY: Follow all instructions of duty personnel. Through morning drop-off and beginning at 3:25:**

**Stop texting; put the phone down • Pull forward; tighten the line • Keep your younger children in the car • Watch all movement**

**NOTE to ALL —** If you have any change in your transportation arrangements, you must submit a Transportation Change form to the Guidance Office.



# Follow us -- SevierMiddleSchoolSC

The Sevier School Improvement Council is seeking new members: SIC meets on the 2nd Friday of each month from 1:00 until 2:00pm.



Participation on SIC is a great way to stay informed about school programs and to support the effectiveness of our school. Please consider serving. Contact Tomiko Long at tlong@greenville.k12.sc.us.



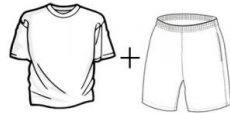
Stop by our PTA table at Open House. We will be selling Sevier shirts and Spirit Gear, and PTA memberships. Please support our Fuss Free Fundraiser. Sign up as a PTA volunteer and receive updates through Volunteer Spot.

We appreciate our Sevier PTA and their efforts and for providing Chromebooks for check-out during device repair.

PTA Co-Presidents: Rita Kirven/April Stanbaugh V.P.: Amy Childers  
Treasurer: Shelley Kender Secretary: Brandee Sponseller

## SPORTS PHYSICAL FORM

To tryout or participate for any team: Available at front office and website. All 3 pages required; must be complete, and signed by proper authority. 7th and 8th graders trying out for high school sports should bring a copy of their physical to Sevier to have on file for later try-outs.



PE Shirt & Shorts Combo

\$25 for shirt/shorts set  
\$15 shirt only



Volleyball Tryouts will be held **August 1-3 from 3:00-5:00** in the Gym. Athletes must turn in the completed 3 page physical form and a birth certificate on the first day of try-outs. Wear proper athletic shoes and clothing.



## FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL STUDENTS

Free breakfast is available to all students each morning and will be served from 7:45 - 8:15am.

Students are not allowed to bring outside food or beverages into the building for breakfast.

Students may bring only water to class in a clear container. Water bottles will be permitted in class at teacher discretion. Falcon water is on sale at Open House for \$2.00/bottle.



## Laptops & Chromebooks

All students must bring their issued device to class each day — 6th and 7th graders use a Dell Chromebook 11 and 8th graders use a Dell 3340.

Before students may take home the device, parents must complete a online One to One Device Orientation, sign the user agreement, and pay the one-time \$25 Insurance Fee. This is a one-time fee. Those who have already paid the \$25 premium will not have to pay a second time.

## Cell Phones and Personal Devices

Cell phones and personal electronic devices are to remain **turned off and in the locker** until the last exit of the academic hallway. While attending 1st period or 6th period Related Arts, the phone must remain off and in the book-bag. The phone stays **off and in the specified place** from arrival at school until the student exits the building to go home after 3:25

**Any adult** who finds a student in possession or use of a cell phone in violation of this policy **must report the student to the school administration. The adult or administrator will confiscate the device. The student may pick up the device following the announcements at the end of the day.** Repeat offenses will require parent pick-up of the device and result in disciplinary consequences.

## Where Do I Go?



On the first day of school, students should report to the following locations after the opportunity to eat breakfast in the cafeteria.

**6th Grade:** Amphitheater for 6th Grade Orientation.

Staff will be ready to direct you. Parents may join you.

**7th Grade:** Gym **8th Grade:** Remain in Cafeteria



## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL:

All students take 6 classes daily (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, & 2 Related Arts per semester). The school year contains 180 days. To earn credit, students must attend 85 days of each 90-day (semester) course and at least 170 days of each 180-day course. Any absence in excess of ten (10) days may cause the loss of credit for the year. The first ten (10) days absences may be lawful, unlawful, or a combination. All absences beginning with the eleventh (11) must be lawful and can be excused only if they fall within the guidelines outlined in the Student Handbook.

## Perfect Attendance Criteria (Revised May 2016):

*The definition of an absence at a Greenville County Middle School is missing more than one-half of any single class period for which a student is enrolled, or multiple class periods for which a student is enrolled, during a school day. Absence in any part of the school day for a minimum of more than one-half class period, even if the student was present for all other portions of that same school day, by definition excludes a student from being determined to have Perfect Attendance.*

## Counselor's Corner

Use the Parent Portal to stay informed of your child's grades, attendance, and more! Previous log-ins are valid. If you have never accessed, come by the front office with your driver's license to receive your password to log on.

Tomiko Long, 6th grade School Counselor, 355-8377  
Jami Crisman, 7th grade School Counselor, 355-8485  
Darcy Storm, 8th grade School Counselor, 355-8203  
Melinda Howard, School Counseling Clerk, 355-8204



# SCHOOL SUPPLIES -- SHOPPING LIST

Total Supplies from Above List	Total Supplies from Above List	Total Supplies from Above List
<p><b><u>Need to be turned in on the first day of school</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 Composition Notebooks (100 Sheets)</li> <li>6 Rolls of Tape</li> <li>1 Box of Kleenex</li> <li>2 Packs of College Rule Paper</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Needed for first day for all classes that students will keep</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Pack of colored pencils</li> <li>Pencils</li> <li>Earbuds</li> <li>Cinch Sack/String Bag (Optional)</li> </ul> <p><b>NO HAND SANITIZER, PLEASE!!</b></p> <p><b>Grade 6</b></p>	<p><b><u>Total Supplies from Above List</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 bound composition notebooks (100 pages)</li> <li>9 rolls of tape</li> <li>1 pk Colored pencils or markers</li> <li>4 pks Pencils (#2 wood pencils)</li> <li>1 pk highlighters (optional)</li> <li>1 pk Black, Blue &amp; Red pens</li> <li>4 pks Loose leaf paper</li> <li>1 (3-ring) binder</li> <li>1 set of Ear Buds</li> <li>1 box of Kleenex</li> <li>1 bottle of Hand Sanitizer</li> <li>Cinch Sack/String Bag (Optional)</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 7</b></p>	<p><b><u>Total Supplies from Above List</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 bound composition notebooks (100 pages)</li> <li>8 rolls of tape</li> <li>1 (One-inch 3-ring) binder</li> <li>1 pk notebook dividers</li> <li>1 pk of 12 Colored pencils</li> <li>4 pks Pencils (#2 wood pencils)</li> <li>1 pk highlighters</li> <li>1 pk Black, Blue &amp; Red pens</li> <li>4 pks college rule Loose leaf paper</li> <li>2 glue sticks</li> <li>1 two-pocket folder with brads</li> <li>1 set of Ear Buds</li> <li>1 bottle of Hand Sanitizer</li> <li>3 box of tissue</li> <li>1 Cinch Sack/String Bag</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 8</b></p>

\*Required supplies by subject available on website

## ON SALE FROM PTA AT OPEN HOUSE ***SEVIER SHIRTS & SPIRIT GEAR***

