



Stallion News

A Newsletter for the Sandy Springs Charter Middle School Community

September 3, 2010

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Principal's Corner

Greetings from SSCMS!

This has been a busy week! On Tuesday evening we hosted an Open House/Curriculum Night for all parents, and it was a huge success! Thanks to all the families and staff members who participated. We are off to a great start!

We are also excited about our new School Messenger system! We sent a message on Monday, reminding everyone about Curriculum Night, and I have heard that the message came out loud and clear. With this new system we will be able to send out calls to every home within four minutes so we will use it for emergencies (snow days, late starts, etc) as well as to inform you about upcoming events and activities.

Please come out to support our two new foundation sports teams. Our football team will have its first regular season game on Saturday at 1:00 pm at North Springs Charter High School, and our softball team will play Mount Vernon Presbyterian School, at MVPS at 5:00 pm on Wednesday. We are so proud of these young people and the dedicated adults who work with them. Go Stallions!

Our music department is in the midst of auditions for the SSCMS musical production, "In the Spotlight" which will take place on November 18 and 19. We have some really talented young people and I can't wait to see the show. Stay tuned for more details.

Have a wonderful and safe Labor Day holiday!

Kay Walker, Principal
Sandy Springs Charter Middle School

CALENDAR



September

4 – SSCMS Football Game!
NSCHS 1:00 pm

6- LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
7 – Sweep Buses Begin

7 – All Star Program Begins
7- Musical cast list posted

8 – SSCMS softball game!
Mount Vernon PS
5:00 pm

9-10 Rosh Hashanah

20-24
ITBS – 8th Grade

HOMEWORK HOTLINE
404-843-7700

SANDY SPRINGS CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

2010-11

ALL MEETINGS HELD IN SSCMS MEDIA CENTER. PUBLIC IS WELCOME!
7:45 AM

September 30
October 28
December 9
January 20
February 24
March 24
April 21
May 19

We want your child.....for our After School All Star Program



Sandy Springs Charter Middle School, Georgia State University, and the Sandy Springs Education Force will again work together this school year to bring your middle school student an exciting after-school program. The program meets Monday through Friday from 4-6 pm.

Monday through Thursday, from 4:00 to 5:00 students will have academic support, complete their homework, or receive CRCT remediation or enrichment. Following academics, students take part in an enrichment activity. . Students may choose from sports, dance, digital storytelling computers, jewelry making, scrapbooking, knitting, cooking, chess, martial arts, and song writing. Every Friday students will participate in activities such as, field trips, special events, guest speakers, and workshops. The program includes a snack and a sweep bus to transport your child to a stop near your home. Tuition for the program is \$200 every 9 weeks. However, those students who are currently receiving free or reduced lunch will be offered a full scholarship to this program. If you have any questions please contact the After-School All-star Coordinator: Ms. Janet Lane: 770-552-4970, ext 133, lanej@fultonschools.org. After School All Stars will begin Tuesday, September 7th immediately following the school day.

Soccer Team member names will be posted Friday, September 3, 2010. Students must have a sports physical on file or they will not be allowed to participate.

SSCMS SOCCER SCHEDULE



- Sept. 15 **SSCMS @ Hopewell**
- **Sept 17 SSCMS vs Ridgeview**
- Sept 22 SSCMS @ Crabapple
- **Sept 24 SSCMS vs Northwestern**
- **Sept 29 SSCMS vs Elkins Pointe**
- Oct. 1 SSCMS @ Holcomb Br
- **Home games are listed in bold**
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CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS



Cheerleading tryouts are next Wednesday, September 8th through Friday, September 10th and will run from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. If you are interested please pick up a tryout packet from your homeroom teacher or outside room C117 across the hall from Miss Mac. This packet must be returned no later than September 8, 2010 in order to be eligible for tryouts.

Saudah Parsons

Sandy Springs Charter Middle School
Health & Physical Education, Dept Chair
Athletics Director
Governance Board Member
parsons@fultonschools.org



Dear Parents:

Welcome back to SSCMS. We will be announcing group counseling sessions soon.

Counseling Department

Mr. Greg Thigpen

Ms. Shinah Russell

Ms. S. Taherbhai, Ext. 136

*******Health Education Materials*******

Georgia Board of Education Policy requires that all print and non-print materials dealing with human sexuality and HIV/AIDS be approved by the Health Education Advisory Committee and the Board of Education. As part of this process the materials listed below were recommended for approval by the Health Education Advisory Committee after screening on May 12, 2010. The materials recommended are available for public viewing and comments from August 11, 2010 through September 10, 2010 at the Milton Center and the Administrative Center.

Fulton County School Administrative Center
786 Cleveland Ave., S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30319
404-763-6796

Milton Center
86 School Drive
Alpharetta, GA 30004
770-521-7633

Programs screened for approval by the Health Advisory Committee are:

- Puberty the Great Adventure- DVD format
- HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention - DVD format
- www.girlshealth.gov - website

Dr. Kay Walker, Principal SSCMS



FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Hello everyone, we are kicking off the first year of football here at Sandy Springs Charter. I am providing the schedule for you so you can come out and support your students and see them compete on the field. If you are interested in volunteering or providing any form of support to our new program please feel free to email me with your suggestions and ideas. Thank you

Jean Kennedy/Asst. Coach

SSMS Charter Football Team Schedule 2010

09-04 Horizon Christian Middle @ North Springs 1pm

09-11 Force Middle @ North Springs 1pm

09-18 BYE (TBA)

09-25 Christian Heritage @ North Springs 1pm

10-02 North Atlanta Saints @ Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church 1pm (Sandy Springs)

10-09 North Georgia Middle @ (TBA)

10-16 Dominion Christian Middle @ North Springs

10-23 Semifinal Playoffs (TBA)

10-30 Championship Game (TBA)

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGES!!

FOOTBALL TEAM REPORT

Outstanding performances from August 20, 2010 WIN vs. Crown Middle, 28-8:

OFFENSIVE MVP'S: Shakur Jackson scoring 2TD'S, Michael Love 1TD, and Bilal Gutu 1TD

DEFENSIVE MVP'S: Josh Achiron 1 SACK, Deven Straghn 1 INT, Chris Williams, Taquez Mims, and Ladarian Young all lead in TACKLES.



ART CLUB

Starts on Wednesday, September 15th. We will meet on Wednesdays at 8:00am. There is a \$20.00 fee to join. Please see Mrs. Steffensen in Room C111 for a pass if you are interested.

The Art Department needs you! – to send in gently used men's dress shirts (large preferred); for paint smocks. We also need empty cereal boxes (and/or any other lightweight cardboard boxes), masking tape and old newspapers. There will be a donation box in the front office.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs. Steffensen



Sweep Bus (Up-Dated) Schedule: will begin on September 7th. Please remember that these buses only drop students off at central locations and it will be up to the parent/guardian to provide transportation from this point. Below are the **confirmed drop off sites.**

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TUTORIAL SWEEP PROGRAM

TENTATIVE

SANDY SPRINGS CHARTER MIDDLE

	<u>Drop Off Location</u>	<u>Projected Time</u>
Stop #1	Apartment Complex on North River Parkway	6:05 p.m.
Stop #2	North Dr & Winding River Pk	6:10 p.m.
Stop #3	Cosmos Fitness Plaza	6:12 p.m.
Stop #4	North Springs United Methodist Church (Upper Parking lot) Morgan Falls Rd. & Roswell Rd.	6:17 p.m.
Stop #5	Big Lots (Roswell Rd. & Dalrymple)	6:20 p.m.
Stop #6	North Fulton Annex (7741 Roswell Rd.)	6:23 p.m.
Stop #7	Emperian #2 (Colquitt Rd.)	6:27 p.m.
Stop #8	Emperian #3 (Colquitt Rd.)	6:28 p.m.

Projected times are based on a 6:00 p.m. departure. Drop times should fall into a set pattern shortly after program is implemented.

Program will run on Mondays through Friday beginning on September, 2010 and end on May 6 2011

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Do you have a flare for taking pictures? Are you a savvy page designer? Are you dedicated and motivated? Then the SSCMS Yearbook needs you! Applications are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 yearbook staff. You can pick one up from Ms. Richardson in F104 or Ms. Briant in E108. All applications are due back by Friday, September 10th.

Early Bird Special! For a limited time you can now pre-purchase your 2010-2011 yearbook for \$30. This offer is only good until Friday, September 10th. Ask your homeroom teacher for an order form.

It's finally here! SSCMS official spirit wear; you can purchase a short sleeve t-shirt for \$10; long sleeve t-shirt \$13 and a sweatshirt \$20. Pick up an order form from you homeroom teacher and return it with payment by Friday, September 10th.

Ms. Richardson & Ms. Briant



SSCMS SOFTBALL

We are pleased to announce the members of the inaugural Sandy Springs Charter Middle School Stallions softball team. Thank you to all who tried out. Everyone did a great job and we had a lot of tough choices to make.

Here are the members of your 2010 Stallions softball team:

Chandler Bryan	Julianna LeVorse
Emma Edmonson	Alicia Meredith
Anna Goginsky	Jada Meredith
Emma Johnson	Jazmine Palmer
Sophie Laupus	Michelle Rand
Alyssa LeVorse	

Practice Schedule

Date	Time	Location	
Tues. 9/7	TBA	TBA	4:00 – 6:00
Wed. 9/15	TBA	TBA	
Tues. 9/21	TBA	TBA	
Tues. 9/28	TBA	TBA	
Mon. 10/4	4:45-6:15	NSHS	

Up-Dated Game Schedule

Game	Date	Opponent	Time	Location
	Wed. 9/8	vs. Mt. Vernon	5:00	Mt. Vernon
	Mon. 9/13	vs. Epstein	5:00	NSHS
	Mon. 9/20	vs. Holy Innocents	5:00	HIES
	Wed. 9/22	vs. St. Francis	4:45	St. Francis
	Mon. 9/27	vs. Ridgeview	5:00	NSHS
	Wed. 9/29	vs. Mt. Vernon	5:00	NSHS
	Mon. 10/4	vs. Ridgeview	5:00	NSHS
	Tues. 10/5	vs. Galloway	5:00	NSHS
	TBA	vs. Marist	5:00	Marist

Coach Worrell & Ms. Cowart

Wonderful Opportunities for SSCMS Fund Raising Box Tops for Education Tops for Education



Don't forget to collect those Box Tops for SSCMS. This is an easy way to earn money for our school. You can save the pink box tops from all kinds of products and turn them in to the school. Also, please sign up online at www.boxtops4education.com. You can shop online at many of your favorite stores and earn money for the school. You may also purchase supplies for your child's teachers and have them delivered to the school! That could be a nice surprise for Teacher Appreciation Week in May!

We will be collecting all year long so keep the school in mind this summer. Encourage friends and family to register and save box tops as well.

Thank you for all your support.



Together We Can...

The National PTA's "Reflections" Art Competition is now kicking off. The theme this year is "Beauty is..." We need all students to put on their creativity caps and come up with their definition of what "Together We Can.." in the form of:

Literature
Visual Arts
Photography
Musical Composition
Dance Choreography and/OR
Film/Video Production

For forms and rules, Check in the Media Center or visit the school's website: www.ssmsonline.org then click on Reflections. Drop off your completed projects in the Media Center by Thursday, Oct. 7.

There will be 2 winners in each category receiving gift cards to a local merchant.

Start thinking of what you think and express it in one or more of the categories.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA-PBL) is the premier student business association. Are you a leader? Do you want to improve your business/computer skills? Would you like the opportunity to earn local, state, or national recognition? If you answered yes, FBLA is for you.

*Students will have the opportunity to manage the school store & compete in FBLA-ML competition.

Cost: \$8.00 FBLA-ML Dues

Meeting Time: Weds. from 8:00-8:30 (Beginning September 8, 2010). Students will meet temporarily in Room A160.

Quality Internet Research at Home



Fulton County Media Services provides several subscription databases for quality student research at school and at home.

1. The Student Resource Center Gold - reference material, more than 1,100 full-text periodicals and newspapers, primary sources, creative works and multimedia (video and audio clips and podcasts)
2. CultureGrams Online - the World Edition with geography and cultural information on over 200 countries, Kids Editions with 91 countries explored in an easier to read format, and the States and Provinces Editions with a kid-friendly format
3. Visual Thesaurus - an interactive dictionary and thesaurus which creates word maps with meanings and branches to related words
4. Gale Science database - ideal for 8th grade and high school science research with full-text magazines, academic journals, news articles, experiments, images, videos, audio files and links to vetted websites

Additionally students also can use the state-funded Galileo databases with many excellent resources: Compton's Encyclopedia, Novelist (K-8 and adults), The New Georgia Encyclopedia (for 8th grade research), etc. (The public libraries in Georgia can also give you their Galileo password, and it will give you access to a slightly different mix of databases.)

The Sandy Springs media center has bookmarks available for students that give directions for access to all these free resources at home.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

French and Spanish Textbooks on CD-ROM

The media center has the CD-ROM version of the French and Spanish textbooks available for students to check out for the school year. The world language teachers have copies of the permission letter for parents to read and sign. Then the student needs to bring the letter in to check out the CD-ROM from the media center; they will be due back on May 13, 2011.