



SIC UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2016

School Priority: Engaging Instruction and Assessment

- Sevier is at its largest enrollment in history -- 742 students
- We are seeking persons to fill the following positions:
 - Teacher to provide support to larger Social Studies and Science class sections
 - Paraprofessional aide to provide support for special needs students
 - Custodial workers to fill vacant positions
 - The District is always seeking more bus drivers, and Food and Nutrition workers

STEAM

- STEAM principles and practices are embedded in instruction as teachers use hands on learning and design thinking in multiple courses.
- Cross-curricular units (2 or more courses) are being refined or developed for implementation through the semester
- Multiple opportunities are planned for Enrichment sessions to further integrate project-based learning practices.

ENRICHMENT

Our structured enrichment program meets for 42 minutes on 18 Fridays at the start of the school day. Each student attends 6 seminars of 3 Friday mornings each. All professional staff members are directly involved in the delivery of targeted academic support, academic advancement, or special interest opportunities.

Students will complete a survey of Enrichment preferences and start their first seminar on September 23rd. The Enrichment page can be found under our Parent tab on the school website, or go to <https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/sevier/main.asp?titleid=enrichment> for more information.

Many Enrichment offerings require or can be strengthened by participation from community partners. You can volunteer your support as a small group facilitator, project coordinator, or organizer of materials. You may offer your support to students to solve a real-world problem, explore a career, or build skills of collaboration or leadership. If interested, please contact Jami Crisman, School Counselor, for details.

School Priority: Culture that Supports 21st Century Learning

COUNSELING & CAREERS

- Counselor assignments: 7th grade Crisman, 8th grade Storm, 6th grade Long.
- Long presented welcome to Middle school lesson to all 6th grade classes.
- NEW! Student of the month. Different character trait each month. Names submitted by teachers.
- September 15th Progress reports go home.
- September 27nd- First lunch and learn- Information Technology
- School Counseling Advisory Council will meet Oct. 6, 2016.
- Intern from Clemson- Meredith Moore- will be here through December.

School Priority: Meaningful Use of Technology and Community Resources

- Sevier has issued 743 devices this year. 6th and 7th graders use Dell Chromebooks, and 8th graders use Dell Laptops, recently replaced by Dell. Teachers are continuing to refine their approach to learning and collaboration using on-line tools.

- Remind accounts – @Allfalcons has 484 members; need 743. @sevierpta has 142 members; more invites will be issued this weekend to parents who provided their contact information in the Google survey. Sign up for teacher and organization accounts. Teachers are learning to use this tool. Broad-based use of REMIND will allow us to shorten the Sunday message.
- The monthly Newsletters will be emailed to all parent contacts and all students. A Remind text will prompt parent checking to view. The September issue will be issued on September 12

NEWS & CELEBRATIONS

- 2016 Lady Falcons Volleyball Team: Hailey Bergenthal, Zoe Buddie, Leah Chappell, KaLisa Coles, Courtney Duckett, Kendall Foster, Hannah Hand, Lia Hege, Ashley Ho, Sydney Kender, Kenli Knox, Caroline Mathis, Shaler Reeves, Abigail Stake, Anna Stanton, Elizabeth Terry, Kennedy Tillery, Managers: Addy Nagy, Sydney Kaminsky, Lily Rhodes, Adaline McCormack, Reagan Glynn, and Kendra Wentzel.
- Mr. Smith, Sevier's 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year, was recently celebrated at the Greenville County Schools Teacher of the Year banquet. He teaches 6th Grade Social Studies.
- Congratulations to Marina Nardulli & Colbie Ray for auditioning and being accepted into Prelude Strings.
- September Students of the Month: 6th Grade: Kendall Blakely & Anthony Bennett, 7th Grade: Bayley Betsill & Alex Tsiatsios, 8th Grade: Kyleigh Kent & Emin Demirkilic.
- PTA Fuss Free Fundraiser is in progress. We are halfway to our \$5,000 goal. If reached by September 30, students will receive an Ice Cream Celebration. Many thanks to the following businesses for their sponsorship: Pro Pitch Hit Run, Mathnasium of Greenville-Tailors, ProCore Pest Control, and Summers Orthodontics. **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- **Sevier's TechFit program begins September 13 and runs through competition at the end of the semester.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MAP testing: September 13 & 14
- ABC Incentive: September 15
- Parent Forum, Volunteer Orientation, and Dodgeball Tournament: September 20 at 6:30pm
- Box Tops Collections: September 21
- Chorus Walk-A-Thon fundraiser: September 23
- Kona Ice Day: September 28
- Fuss Free Fundraiser goal deadline: September 30, Fuss Free Ice Cream Celebration: Oct. 5
- PTA Reflections submissions due: October 12

INFORMATION PERTINENT TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED AT the MAY SIC MEETING

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