

# SABRE NEWS UPDATE | PARENTS

YOUR UPDATE FROM SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL ON FRIDAY AUGUST 29, 2014



PARENTS AND STUDENTS

## Welcome to 2014-2015

## THE PRINCIPAL THING

### Letter From Our Principal: Dr. Maureen Furr

Update on our opening week, our activities goals this year, info on meeting your students' teachers, schedule change considerations and more.

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## WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS

### Parent Volunteers

Interested in volunteering in the South Meck High School Office? Please email Mary Settlemyre at: [maryesettlemyre@carolina.rr.com](mailto:maryesettlemyre@carolina.rr.com)



### SMHS PTSA New Website

Find out information related to parents, students, and teachers. Opportunities to contribute, volunteer, learn about school-leadership and more.

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### Athletic Booster Club Discount Offered

Apply early for your South Meck Athletic Booster Club Membership and get a discount for your family.

[Details on page 7](#)



### Sabre Soccer Shuts Down Mustangs . . . Twice

Sabre Soccer faced Myers Park Monday night and left their field with 2 wins! JV won 3-1; Varsity 1-0.

[Get the Big Picture page 11](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

**MONDAY 9/1**  
Happy Labor Day

**TUESDAY 9/2**  
Meet the Teacher Night 9th Grade ONLY

**TUESDAY 9/9**  
Meet the Teacher Night 10th, 11th and 12th grades ONLY

**WEDNESDAY 9/17**  
Club Day 3rd Block

**THURSDAY 9/18**  
Senior Parent Meeting 6:30pm

**MONDAY 9/22**  
Athletic Booster Meeting 6pm Media Center

**WEDNESDAY 9/24**  
SLT Meeting 3pm

**THURSDAY 9/25 - FRIDAY 9/26**  
Rosh Hashanah

**TUESDAY 9/30**  
Class Ring Delivery

## SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL

[Link to school calendar for updates](#)

[Link to school athletics calendar](#)

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday-Friday/6:30AM-3:30PM  
Phone: 980-343-3600  
FAX: 980-343-3607

# LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL: DR. MAUREEN FURR

**H**ello Sabre families! We have had an outstanding opening week at South Mecklenburg High School. With time spent to be sure important information was shared and made clear, students have begun the learning activities teachers have planned for their classes, and indications of investment and enthusiasm are all around us. Grade level meetings shared with students some exciting opportunities, and the expectations we have for them in order to have the best year ever!

As a school, we have three goals in on which our activities this year, aligned with those outlined by our learning community, are based: promoting students' academic growth, ensuring a safe and supportive school environment, and community engagement. As a faculty, and working with parent leaders, we have already begun plans to realize our goals.

Students have been very cooperative and involved in school in these first days; new teachers have commented on how positive and respectful students have been and how welcome they feel at our school. As I shared with them, South Meck will be the school they help us to be, and these early signs indicate a very bright prospect for us all.

You will have an opportunity to meet your students' teachers at one or both of the meet the teacher nights scheduled for the start of the school year. After seeing last year that our growing population (bigger still this year) created challenges for parking and navigating our campus, we decided to divide the event this year between two dates. Tuesday evening after the long weekend, 9/2 at 5:30 PM, we will hold the Meet the Teacher event for 9th grade families. The following Tuesday, 9/9, again at 5:30 PM, we will be welcoming families of 10th – 12th graders. Details for both evenings will be provided via phone call. Please note that due to limited parking we will also provide remote parking at Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church beginning at 5pm with shuttle service on each of these dates, so please take advantage of this opportunity.

All this week students were able to submit schedule change forms for consideration, based on the criteria provided for that process. While this Friday, 8/29 was the last date for submission of request forms, the actual process of considering change options will continue until all requests have been evaluated. Please be patient as counselors work through each, and make whatever changes are possible. We anticipate the possibility of additional staff due to increases over projected enrollment, and these may open up opportunities for additional flexibility. We will communicate such opportunities in a timely fashion if and when they are available.

We look forward to 2014-2015 being the best school year ever for South Mecklenburg. While official data from last school year is not yet available, every indication is that we made substantial gains in key outcomes. Goals we are setting for our students and ourselves this year promise to be challenging and, when (not if!) achieved they will be beneficial to our students in many ways. Their success, and our success as a school, is greatly enhanced by your roles as partners with us and with your students. Please seek every opportunity to be engaged in support of your students and of our school community. Together we can achieve more!





**SMHS PTSA Invites You to Visit our New Website –**

[www.SouthMeckHSPTSA.weebly.com](http://www.SouthMeckHSPTSA.weebly.com). You'll find information related to parents, teachers and students, including:

- o You can contribute to the Invest in Your Child (IYC) campaign via Paypal located on the website, or you can mail a check in to school. Please consider making a contribution. Read more about it on the website.
- o You can find out how to volunteer at SM on the website - whether it's just a few hours to help or if you have a specific area of interest (like the spring musical).
- o Look for "Needs Please" where staff may submit requests to be matched by a new program, "South Gives More" coordinated through our PTSA Corporate Donations Chair, Jane Williamson.
- o Learn more about what issues your School Leadership Team (SLT) is working on this year. Learn how you can get involved with your new Advocacy chair (Karen Brown), our Communities In Schools efforts, and what Student Government has planned.

***We welcome your participation and your feedback this school year.***

***Your South Meck 2014-2015 PTSA Board:***

Rebecca Fisher, President

Ann West, VP Invest in Your Child (Capital Campaign)

Murray Walker, VP Communications

Michele Morris, Secretary

Linda Brown, Treasurer



## 2014 INVEST IN YOUR CHILD CAMPAIGN

Your tax dollars do not fully cover the funding of many school-related *necessities* at South Meck and the majority of SMHS teachers spend some of their own money to buy supplies for their classrooms!

### **YOU CAN HELP SMHS BY DONATING TO THE PTSA 2014 INVEST IN YOUR CHILD (IYC) CAMPAIGN!**

Last year, donations to the IYC campaign allowed for purchases in the following areas:

Science IDEA Academy World Languages English CTE  
Performing Arts Exceptional Children Staff Appreciation  
Culinary Arts Physical Education Communities in Schools  
and many more.....

**Our goal is to raise a *minimum* of \$30,000**, with the first priority given to academic needs. Donations of any amount are welcome. If your employer has a "Matching Gift" program, please submit a form as it can usually double your donation amount!

#### **Donation levels:**

Sabre Platinum Level: \$500+  
Sabre Gold Level: \$200—\$499  
Sabre Silver Level: \$100—\$199  
Sabre Bronze Level: \$50—\$99  
Sabre Red Level: \$25— \$49

**Please complete the form on the back of this sheet and include your check made payable to SMHS PTSA or, new this year, you can make your donation on-line! See reverse side for details.**

If you have questions about the campaign, please contact Ann West at  
[annwest9313@gmail.com](mailto:annwest9313@gmail.com) or 704-341-2234.

## INVEST IN YOUR CHILD DONATION FORM

General Information for recognition in the Sabre News, to send your donation receipt, and if we need to contact you about your contribution:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number to contact you \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**Invest in Your Child Campaign:**    **DONATION AMOUNT**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Donation Levels of recognition

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**Sabre Silver:** \$100-\$199

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Do you work for an employer who will match your donation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (If so include the appropriate form)

Name of Company/Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

If your donation/gift will be made directly through your employer's community giving program, please write your employer/  
company name here: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO DONATE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER** make checks payable to: **SMHS PTSA** and return this form and your check in the enclosed envelope to: South Mecklenburg HS PTSA, 8900 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28210 .

**TO DONATE ON-LINE** through PayPal or via a credit card, log on to [SouthMeckHSPTSA.weebly.com](http://SouthMeckHSPTSA.weebly.com) and click on the IYC DONATE button. You may donate through your PayPal account or via a debit or credit card. We are charged a fee for each transaction so please consider adding an extra 2.3% to your contribution to cover these costs. If you donate on-line you do not have to complete and send in the form above as you will enter that information on-line.

***THANK YOU for investing in YOUR child!***  
**We greatly appreciate your support!**

# South Gives More



Something at your house you no longer use? Does your company give to local projects? Want to help out from time to time on a special project? South Gives More is for you!

South Gives More is a new committee of the PTSA to match parents and friends of SMHS with the needs of the school.

If you or your company is interested in donating the items mentioned below or making a donation to cover the cost (partial donations accepted to cover the cost of an item) please go to: [www.SouthMeckHSPTSA.weebly.com](http://www.SouthMeckHSPTSA.weebly.com), Donate - South Gives More

Our current needs are:

30 sets of colored pencils

30 Glue Sticks

1 Roll of White Butcher Paper (approximate cost \$40.00)

1 Document Scanner/ Camera (approximate cost \$175.00)

Paypal accepted

Thank you for your donation to SOUTH GIVES MORE!



# Announcements!!!

## Student Parking

All student parking permits for this school year have been sold. We have over 1200 juniors and seniors on campus and just over 300 parking spaces for students so there is no possibility of providing a space for all students who would like to park at school. Students without permits should never park on campus during school hours. If they do, they risk receiving a \$20 citation and repeat offenders will find their car booted and at risk for towing.

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## Regarding Your Child's Medicine And Health Concerns



Nurse Harris appreciates all of the completed paperwork that has come in regarding medicine and health concerns at school. She is working diligently to process it as quickly as possible. If your child needs medicine during the school day, the necessary paperwork can be obtained at the CMS website or your child can stop by the health room and pick up forms. Nurse Harris will be at next week's 9th grade "Meet-The-Teacher" should anyone have medicine and completed forms to drop off.

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## South Meck Athletic Booster Membership Discount!

Return your completed membership form by September 1 and get a discount!

[Go here for your Athletic Booster Club Form](#)

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## Attention: All Seniors

If you have a 3.75 or higher GPA and would like to be a part the National BETA Club (A national honor society)( <http://www.betaclub.org>), please come by Room 1111 before and after school and get a form and information from Ms. Belinda Johnson.



## Attention: Senior Scholarships!

There will be Information Sessions to discuss the following scholarships on Wednesday morning, September 3rd, at 6:50 am and Wednesday afternoon, September 3rd, at 2:20 pm in the Media Center.



**Morehead-Cain for UNC-Chapel Hill**  
**Park Scholarship for NC State University**  
**Levine Scholarship for UNC-Charlotte**  
**Jefferson Scholarship for University of Virginia**  
**Belk Scholarship for Davidson College**

If you are a strong academic student and interested in any of these Scholarship opportunities, come to the Media Center either of these times to learn more about these scholarship and their application processes!!

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## Attention: Juniors And Seniors

Please join the Student Services email distribution list to learn about scholarships, college visits, testing dates and other important information that our department has to share. Go to the South Meck homepage and find the Student Services Newsletter Link on the left hand side.

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Date Form Was Turned In: \_\_\_\_\_

**SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL**  
**TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check the box if you took a course during the summer 2014, either through CMS, online or at a private school.

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Check the box if you are part of the World Language Magnet Program

**\$5.00 EACH (cash only)**

**FIRST 5 TRANSCRIPTS ARE FREE TO SENIORS ONLY**

**\$5.00 EACH (cash only) FOR UNDERCLASSMEN**

PLEASE ALLOW 5-7 DAYS FOR YOUR REQUEST TO BE PROCESSED. PLEASE CHECK IN THE FRONT OFFICE AFTER THIS TIME. YOU WILL NOT BE CALLED.

PLEASE LIST THE SCHOOLS FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS. IF YOU ARE REQUESTING ONE FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS PLEASE INDICATE "SELF" ON THE LINE.

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3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_



<b>Students with last names:</b>	<b>Assigned Counselor</b>	<b>Email</b>
A – Ce	Janice Kilgo	j.kilgo@cms.k12.nc.us
Ch – Gi	Toni Naples	toni.naples@cms.k12.nc.us
Gl – K	Megan Reen	margaretr.reen@cms.k12.nc.us
L – O	Jacqueline Strickland	jd.strickland@cms.k12.nc.us
P – Sm	Kim Preacher	kim.preacher@cms.k12.nc.us
Sn – Z	Amy Jurusik	amy.jurusik@cms.k12.nc.us
Special Populations	John Gordon	john.gordon@cms.k12.nc.us

<b>Students with last names:</b>	<b>Assigned Assistant Principal/ Dean of Students</b>	<b>Email</b>
A – Gi	Sharon Poston	sharon.poston@cms.k12.nc.us
Gh– O	Chad Kelley	chad.kelley@cms.k12.nc.us
P – Z	John Cline	john.cline@cms.k12.nc.us
EC	Brian Hitt	brian.hitt@cms.k12.nc.us
Dean of Students	Diane Taliaferro	dianej.taliaferro@cms.k12.nc.us

<b>Students with grade levels:</b>	<b>Assigned Communities in Schools</b>	<b>Email</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> grades	Joe Rothenberg	joe.rothenberg@cms.k12.nc.us
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> grades	Suzanne Hunt	suzanne.hunt@cms.k12.nc.us

<b>Department</b>	<b>Department Chair</b>
CTE	Christopher Henley
English	Alison Johnson
ESL	Haley Houghton
Exceptional Children	Beth Hawley
World Languages	Ingrid Wilson
Physical Education	Jim Lynch
Mathematics	Cheryl Vanosdall
Performing Arts	Bonnie Hall
JROTC	Michael Shewchuk
Science	Diane Shell
Social Studies	Dan Marchildon
Visual Arts	Tony Howard
Student Services	Kim Preacher

# **"Connected, Disconnected, or in Danger: Helping Kids Navigate the Awesome and Awful of Social Media."**

A conference presented by Presbyterian Psychological Services and Charlotte Area Health Education Center with sessions led by dynamic speakers including **Social Media Author Brian Foreman** ("How to Be a #Social Media Parent"), **Dr. Kathleen Clarke-Pearson** (co-author of the AAP report "The Impact of Social Media on Children, Adolescents & Families) and **FBI Agent John Letterhos**.

The program offers 4.5 CE credits for professionals and is also open to adults.

Includes breakfast and lunch

Register before September 1 for a discount:

[https://www.charlotteahec.org/continuing\\_education/registration/workshop.cfm?EventID=43948](https://www.charlotteahec.org/continuing_education/registration/workshop.cfm?EventID=43948)

**Friday, September 19th from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Sardis House, 6100 Sardis Road**

(on the grounds of Sardis Presbyterian Church)

**More information is available at [presbypsych.org](http://presbypsych.org)**

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## **Field Hockey Club**

**NEXT GAME: Thurs Sept. 4th SMHS vs MP at Matthews Sportsplex (5:00)**



**Front Row (L-R): Caitlyn Leggat, Mary Catherine Suydam, Peggy Long, Brianne Haas, Sydney Braun, Sarah Baker, Lauren Gray, Ava Jennings, Coach Bridget Hogan**

**Back Row (L-R) : Coach Mindy McBrayer, Cienna Romahn, Sydney Hines, Louisa Cacchione, Olivia Sullivan, Lizzy Fisher**

**Girls can still join the field hockey team for this season.  
Contact Lynn Cacchione at [lynn@fourhikers.com](mailto:lynn@fourhikers.com)**

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# SABRES SPORTS

## SABRE SPORTS UPDATES FRIDAY AUGUST 29

### MEN'S LACROSSE

First meeting to discuss the Spring season:  
**Thursday, September 11th 7PM**  
**in the large cafeteria.**

If interested spring lacrosse players and a  
parent/ guardian should plan to attend.

If interested in optional fall play or more info,  
contact Jane Hoagland [hoaglandjm@gmail.com](mailto:hoaglandjm@gmail.com).

### SOCCER

Sabre Soccer faced Myers Park Monday night and left their field with 2 wins! JV won 3-1 and the Varsity  
defeated the Mustangs 1-0. Thank you to all the SM fans who made the trip and the noise!



## SABRE SPORTS SCHEDULE WEEK OF 9/1

### MONDAY 9/1

### TUESDAY 9/2

**VOLLEYBALL**  
SM v West Meck  
@ SMHS

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
SM v Porter Ridge  
@ Porter Ridge HS  
4:00pm

### WEDNESDAY 9/3

### THURSDAY 9/4

**VOLLEYBALL**  
SM v Charlotte Catholic  
@ SMHS

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
SM v Butler  
@ Butler HS  
4:00pm

### FRIDAY 9/5

**FOOTBALL**  
SMPS vs MPHS  
@ MPHS  
7:00pm

### SATURDAY 9/6

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
Myers Park Invite  
@ Myers Park HS  
4:00pm



**Your Generous Support Helps South Meck Athletics  
Compete As One Of The Top High School Sports  
Programs In North Carolina. Thank You!**