

# SABRE NEWS UPDATE | PARENTS

YOUR UPDATE FROM **SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL** ON FRIDAY JUNE 6, 2014

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Please Review This Carefully—  
It Is Important

## TESTING NEWS

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**Report Cards Will Be  
Mailed on June 21st  
by Central Office**



## What You Need To Know About Your Student And Graduation

Important dates, obligations, rehearsal  
and ceremony details, everything you  
need to know.

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## Meet Senior Of The Year Finalist: Aaron Torres

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## WORLD CHAMPIONS!

South Meck's Odyssey of the Mind Team  
are world champions at the Odyssey of  
the Mind World Finals.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

**SATURDAY JUNE 7**  
SAT Exams

**MONDAY JUNE 9**  
Exams - 4th Period 4x4

**TUESDAY JUNE 10**  
Last day of school

**THURSDAY JUNE 12**  
Graduation Bojangles Coliseum 12pm

## 2014-15 CALENDARS

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## SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL

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SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

June 11 - July 3:

Monday - Friday /6:30AM - 3:30PM

Closed July 4th

July 7 - July 31:

Monday - Thursday 7:00AM - 6:00PM

All Schools closed on Friday

2014-15 SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Beginning August 4

Monday - Friday/6:30AM - 3:30PM

Phone: 980-343-3600/FAX: 980-343-3607

# TESTING NEWS

THERE WILL BE NO CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOMS DURING EXAMS.

THERE WILL BE NO EARLY DISMISSALS ALLOWED DURING EXAM WEEK

IN SHORT:

1. The second semester exam window is **June 2-9**. Make up exams will be given on **June 10**.
2. Exams must be given in all classes except for AP classes, where they are optional.
3. Students may not leave campus during or between exams.
4. Student dismissal from school each exam day will be **no earlier than 12:45 PM**.
5. Breakfast and lunch will be served each exam date.
6. Students may not visit other school campuses during the exam day.

## ATTENDANCE

- We will take attendance every day, in the class(es) in which exams are given.
- We will take attendance in homeroom on 6/10, the makeup day.
- **ATHLETES:** Eligibility for next year (first semester) will include any absence, up to and including 6/4, 6/5, and 6/10 (excused or not). More than 13 absences this semester, including these days, will cause you to be **INELIGIBLE**. There is no appeal for absences barring something major such as hospitalizations ... don't risk your season!

**Parents: We need your help to see that students are in attendance – there are no optional school days.**

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# EXAM WEEK

## Monday, June 9, 2014

All times are approximate based on weather and student arrival. A/B classes change quietly without bells at the designated times so as not to disturb the EOC testing. Teachers are asked to actively monitor this.

7:15-11:50 – 4th Period 4x4 EOC  
7:15-9:30 – Period 4A  
9:35-11:50 – Period 4B  
11:55-12:35 – Lunch  
12:45 – Dismissal

## Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Students will report to homeroom and will receive instructions regarding completion of make-up tests and other activities, based on attendance and available staff and facilities.

7:15 – 7:30 Homeroom  
7:30 – 11:50 Participation in make-up exams and other activities TBA  
12:45 - Dismissal

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# **SOUTH MECKLENBURG INTERNATIONAL**



## **Charlotte's Own Buddy Bear**

**June 10, 2014 4PM at the Public Library**

**330 North Tryon Street**

Buddy Bears are a series of painted, life-size fibre glass bear sculptures originally developed in Berlin, Germany. The Buddy Bears are primarily about their message - a message of peace, international understanding and tolerance among the nations, cultures and religions of this world.

Join the German community, political representatives of the City and County, the artist and sponsors to celebrate the special and strong historical relationship that has bound us together for over 200 years and that has brought 200 plus German investors to the Charlotte Region to help invigorate the relationship between Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte, the Charlotte Region with Western Pomerania and Germany.

Enjoy a 'Bratwurst' and other traditional German food, which can be purchased at the authentic Berlin Grill standing in front of the library close to the event!

A limited Edition of signed and numbered prints of the Buddy Bear scheme will be sold with proceeds going to the Public Library, Charlotte.

To learn more about the Buddy Bear World Tour, please check <http://www.buddy-baer.com/united-buddy-bears/world-tour/overview.html>

Join the fun, welcome Buddy Bear and celebrate American - German relations!

In case of inclement weather: The Dowd Foundation Learning Studio on the first floor of the Main Library (limited space available)

**SMHS World Language Parent-Student Wordpress – Register Today!**

**<http://smhsworldlanguages.wordpress.com/>**

# SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION



## Important Dates to Remember

- FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS - Fines must be paid by 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Only cash payments will be accepted. Student fines are posted in the mall outside of the library.
- **Per CMS regulations, students who do not clear financial obligations MAY NOT participate in the graduation ceremony.**
- GRADUATION REHEARSAL – Rehearsal will be held on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Bojangles' Coliseum. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from rehearsal. **Attendance at rehearsal is MANDATORY. Those students not in attendance may lose the privilege of participating in the ceremony.**
  - **Seniors should meet homeroom teachers in front of the arena by 6:45 PM.**
  - Only graduating seniors are allowed into the arena for rehearsal.
- GRADUATION CEREMONY – Commencement ceremonies will begin at 12:00 p.m. at Bojangles' Coliseum Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. **For the graduation ceremony, seniors must arrive by 11:00 a.m. to be in line with their homerooms. Seniors arriving late may lose the privilege of participating in the ceremony.**

## Graduation Information That Parents Need to Know:

In the interest of the safety of our graduates, staff and guests, CMS will utilize metal detectors for guests at all graduation ceremonies this year.

Bojangles' Coliseum will NOT allow air horns, back packs, balloons, banners, duffel bags, fanny packs, flowers, gifts, noisemakers, packages and outside food and beverages into the facility. Bags will be searched upon entry.

- HANDICAPPED ASSISTANCE - There will be a designated drop-off area at the entrance for handicapped guests and other individuals who may need assistance. Guest services will assist with seating for guests. Seating is provided on a first come, first served basis. Because handicapped seating is limited, handicapped guests will be seated in the stands or on the floor, accompanied by only one member of the family.
- Tickets ARE NOT required for entry, and seating is unlimited. Doors will open at 11:00 for guests to enter. Graduation will end by 1:30.
- Seating is available on a first-come basis. All photos must be taken from the designated seating areas.
- After the ceremony, graduates will meet their guests outside the Coliseum.
- DVDs of the graduation ceremony can be purchased from Videoccasions for \$30. Use the order form on the reverse.

To purchase DVD copies of the 2014 South Mecklenburg Commencement Ceremonies, complete this form and return with a check or money order to  
Videoccasions  
2601 Briar Ridge Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28270  
704-708-4181

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the quantity that you would like to order:

DVD (\$30 each) \_\_\_\_\_ copies

**What You Need to Know About Your Student and Graduation:**

- ALL graduates must wear caps and gowns. Caps should be worn so that the board on top is flat, and tassels are placed on the right. Nothing should be worn on or outside of the cap and gown other than school-sanctioned and school-approved attire.
- **Graduates should not bring ANY items that have to be carried, including bags, keys, cameras, sunglasses, or cell phones. These items may be confiscated until the end of the graduation ceremony.** Programs will be distributed to graduates following the ceremony.
- MEN – Shirt, tie, dress pants (no jeans), shoes and socks (no tennis shoes)
- WOMEN – Dress or skirt & top (no hems below the gown), and dress shoes.
- Those students designated as “Honor Graduates” will be determined by GPA at the end of the year, and recognized during the graduation ceremony. According to CMS policy, the valedictorian and salutatorian will be determined based on a reconfiguration of grades following exams.
- CMS Graduation Requirements, as well as the qualifications for the designations of “North Carolina Scholar,” “CMS Scholar,” and “AP Scholar” can be found on the CMS website. Follow the link to “Board Policies,” and search the Table of Contents for “Academic Achievement.”

*GradImages will take graduation portraits of those seniors receiving diplomas. Purchasing information will be mailed to students after the ceremony. If students did not provide addresses for the emailing of proofs, information will be mailed to the home address. You may also register online to receive proofs, by visiting the “Pre-Event Email Registration” tab at the GradImages website ( [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com)). Orders may be placed online, or by calling (800) 261-2576.*

*Please feel free to direct further questions to Laura Thompson at [laura.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:laura.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us). Congratulations to you and your graduate!*



## REHEARSAL AND GRADUATION INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

*Rehearsal – Arrive between 6:30 pm and 6:45 pm at Bojangles' Coliseum on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Graduation – Arrive by 11:00 am at Bojangles' Coliseum on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Allow at least 25 minutes from SMHS to arrive at the arena – there will be HEAVY traffic!*

### To Do Before Rehearsal

- Order a cap, gown, or tassel from Herff-Jones ([www.hjgraduation.com](http://www.hjgraduation.com)) or (704) 531-0015. If you owe a balance, and do not pick up your order on May 21<sup>st</sup> you must schedule with Herff-Jones to pick up your order – they will not return to campus.
- Pay all financial obligations, and turn in all textbooks - otherwise you will not receive a diploma. **NO CHECKS will be accepted - payments must be made with money orders or cash only. All fines must be paid by Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> by 2:30 pm. Per CMS regulations, students who do not clear financial obligations MAY NOT participate in the graduation ceremony.**
- **Attendance at rehearsal is MANDATORY. Those students not in attendance may lose the privilege of participating in the ceremony. All absences must be approved prior to rehearsal by Ms. Thompson in C12.**
- Ms. Beltram and Coach Jones will be in the mall during all three lunches on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to verify name pronunciations.

### Graduation Rehearsal

- Only graduating seniors may attend rehearsal. No outside guests are allowed in the arena. No food or drink will be allowed in the arena.
- You DO NOT need to bring or wear your cap and gown to rehearsal.
- You should arrive at Bojangles' Coliseum between 6:30 and 6:45 pm. When we enter the arena as a group, sit with your homeroom in the designated area – look for a marshal holding a sign with your homeroom teacher's name on it. Your homeroom teacher or a marshal will distribute name cards and seating assignments. You must sit in alphabetical order.
- Your assigned seat at rehearsal may NOT be the same as your assigned seat at graduation. Do NOT destroy your seating card at rehearsal – it will be used again at graduation.
- You can not change the name on your card, but can add pronunciation hints for the readers.
- We will run through the program, processional, and recessional at rehearsal.
- Rehearsal will end by 8:30 pm.

### What to Wear To Graduation

- All graduates must wear a cap and gown. Tassels should be worn on the right.
- Nothing should be worn outside of or on top of the cap and gown other than school-sanctioned and school issued attire.
- MEN - shirt, tie, dress pants (NO SHORTS OR JEANS), shoes and socks (NO TENNIS SHOES)
- WOMEN - dress pants, dress, or skirt and top (no hems below the gown), dress shoes (NO FLOPS)
- **Do not bring anything with you that you have to carry. Programs will be distributed with diplomas. Cameras, cell phones, and keys will be collected by the homeroom teacher and returned to students when diplomas are distributed by homeroom teachers after the ceremony.**

### The Graduation Ceremony

- **All graduates must be in line with their homerooms in the lower level of the Coliseum by 11:00 am.** Those students who arrive late run the risk of losing the privilege to walk.
- **Before, during, and after the ceremony, the Junior Marshal will help you move in the right direction. You MUST listen to the directions of the marshals.**
- All rules and expectations for behavior outlined in the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook will be enforced at graduation. Students may not possess or be under the influence of illegal substances. **Students choosing to disregard these regulations will have their diploma held for pickup from Dr. Furr.**
- The ceremony will end by 2:30 pm.

### Graduation Information to Tell Your Parents

- A flier will be mailed home with information regarding the purchase of graduation videos. GradImages will mail or email proofs of photos taken at the graduation ceremony.
- The arena does not allow any outside items, gifts, balloons, food, signs, etc. into the facility. Bags will be searched, and guests will be wanded upon entry.
- No tickets are required, but seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Parents and guests are not allowed on the floor of the Coliseum. There will not be a designated photography area - - - pictures must be taken from seats, or outdoors following the ceremony.
- Handicapped seating is available, but limited. Guests should arrive early. There will be a drop-off point in front of the Coliseum, and the Coliseum staff will assist in locating seating for handicapped individuals and **one** accompanying guest.
- Doors will open one hour prior to the beginning of the ceremony.

## 2014-15 SUMMER READING LIST

### Rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade

**ENGLISH I HONORS** - Read 2 books from the following lists:

As one choice all Honors students should read:

*The Color of Water* (James McBride)

Choose one more from the following titles:

*Great Expectations* (Charles Dickens)

*I Capture the Castle* (Dodie Smith)

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* (Mark Haddon)

*The Lonely Crossing of Juan Cabrera* (J. Joaquin Fraxedas)

**ENGLISH I STANDARD** - Read any one of the following:

*Ellen Foster* (Kaye Gibbons)

*The Lonely Crossing of Juan Cabrera* (J. Joaquin Fraxedas)

*Tuesdays with Morrie* (Mitch Albom)

*Teacup Full of Roses* (Sharon Bell Mathis)

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### Rising 10<sup>th</sup> grade

**ENGLISH II HONORS** - Read 2 books from the following lists:

As one choice all Honors students should read:

*The Count of Monte Cristo* (Alexandre Dumas)

(Bantam Classics, translated and **abridged** by Lowell Blair)

Choose one more from the following titles:

*The Alchemist* (Paulo Coelho)

*The Chosen* (Chaim Potok)

*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* (Ishmael Beah)

*Love in the Time of Cholera* (Gabriel Garcia Marquez)

**ENGLISH II STANDARD** - Read any one of the following:

*Kaffir Boy - Part 1 Only* (Mark Mathabane)

*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* (Ishmael Beah)

*The Alchemist* (Paulo Coelho)

*My Forbidden Face* (Latifa)

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### Rising 11<sup>th</sup> grade

**AP LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION**

All students should read the following:

*On Writing* (Stephen King)

Choose one book from each of the lists below:

**Memoir:**

*Angela's Ashes* Frank (McCourt)

*A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* (David Eggers)

*When I was Puerto Rican* (Esmeralda Santiago)

*Travels with Charley: In Search of America* (John Steinbeck)

*An American Childhood* (Annie Dillard)

**Non-Fiction:**

*In Cold Blood* (Truman Capote)

*Walden* (Henry Thoreau)

*Into the Wild* (Jon Krakauer)

*The Outliers: The Story of Success* (Malcolm Gladwell)

*The Good Soldiers* (David Finkel)

*The Overachievers: The Secret lives of Driven Kids* (Alexandra Robbins)

**ENGLISH III HONORS** - Read 2 books from the following lists:

*The Things They Carried* (Tim O'Brien)  
*Into the Wild* (John Krakauer)  
*Of Mice and Men* (John Steinbeck)  
*The Water is Wide* (Pat Conroy)

**ENGLISH III STANDARD** - Read any one of the following:

*The Old Man and the Sea* (Ernest Hemingway)  
*A Member of the Wedding* (Carson McCullers)  
*Freedom Writers Diary* (Erin Gruell)

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Rising 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**AP LITERATURE & COMPOSITION**

All students read the 2 following selections:

*Wuthering Heights* (Emily Bronte)  
*A Streetcar Named Desire* (Tennessee Williams)

All students read one additional selection from the following list:

*The Handmaid's tale*, *Surfacing*, *The Blind Assassin* (Margaret Atwood)  
*Pride and Prejudice*, *Emma*, *Persuasion* (Jane Austen)  
*Invisible Man* (Ralph Ellison)  
*Jane Eyre* (Charlotte Bronte)  
*The Sound and the Fury*, *Light in August* (William Faulkner)  
*The God of Small Things* (Arundhati Roy)  
*Obasan* (Joy Kogawa)  
*All the Pretty Horses* (Cormac McCarthy)  
*Madame Bovary* (Gustave Flaubert)  
*Catch 22* (Joseph Heller)  
*Jude the Obscure*, *The Major of Casterbridge* (Thomas Hardy)  
*Anna Karenina* (Leo Tolstoy)  
*All the King's Men* (Robert Penn Warren)  
*The Color Purple* (Alice Walker)

**ENGLISH IV HONORS** - Read 2 books from the following lists:

As one choice all Honors students should read:

*Brave New World* (Aldous Huxley)

Choose one more from the following titles:

*Cat's Eye* (Margaret Atwood)  
*Jane Eyre* (Charlotte Bronte)  
*Sense and Sensibility* (Jane Austen)  
*Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (Douglas Adams)  
*War of the Worlds* (H.G. Wells)  
*The Hound of the Baskervilles* (Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)

**ENGLISH IV STANDARD** should read the following:

*And Then There Were None* (Agatha Christie)

**Please note:** In a 2009 government web cast, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan described summer learning loss as "devastating." This is what researchers have often referred to as the "summer slide." It is estimated that school summer breaks will cause the average student to lose up to one month of instruction, with disadvantaged students being disproportionately affected. Additionally, students in the United States have lost ground in reading ability compared with students around the world. The global reading test was administered in 2001 and again in 2006. Americans dropped further behind other countries, falling from the fourth highest scores in the world in 2001 to tenth place in 2006. Please encourage your child to read 4-5 books this summer.





# Announcements!!!

**Senior Portrait make-ups and retakes** for rising seniors will be July 16th and 17th in the Auditorium. Those who missed your scheduled days will receive appointment times in the mail. Any questions, EM [dawne.lange@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:dawne.lange@cms.k12.nc.us)

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## Parking Permits 2014-15

Parking permit applications will be available for students to pick up in the mall area after testing is complete. Thereafter, application forms will be available in the office. All necessary information about the application, purchase and receipt of permits as well as eligibility requirements and parking regulations is included on the application form. The form requires both parent and student signatures verifying that they have read and understood all information on the application.

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## Dine Out For Kids® Tuesday, June 17



Dine Out For Kids®

Dine Out For Kids® and make a difference in the life of a student—every bite counts! On Tuesday, June 17, more than 85 participating restaurants will dish up great food and fun and donate a portion of their sales to Communities In Schools (CIS). Dine out for breakfast, lunch and/or dinner, and help support the CIS mission to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Click here to see: [CIS Dine Out For Kids](#)

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## Host Families Needed

The Council on International Educational Exchange is looking for families who would be willing to open their homes and hearts to International High School students who will arrive in the area in August. This is a great opportunity to experience a different culture without leaving your home. Hosting a CIEE student can be a very exciting, memorable, and rewarding experience for your family. You will gain a new perspective about your community and the world. Students are well selected, speak English, have their own spending money and health insurance coverage. You do not have to have a teenager to be able to host. Students can share a room with a host sibling of the same gender within 4 years of age difference. Some of our students can pay private tuition. CIEE is non-profit.

To apply, go to <http://www.ciee.org/hs/host/>

For more info, contact Trish Hasty at (704) 661-4765 or Email [T.hasty@hotmail.com](mailto:T.hasty@hotmail.com)

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## President's Volunteer Service Award Update

REMINDER: Updated Service Hour Logs for the President's Volunteer Service Award are available in the turnstile in the front office. Please drop by and pick one up! If you have been using a different log, please attach it to the new one and use the new one going forward.

Thank you.



## South Mecklenburg Prom 2014

Don't miss out on the opportunity to purchase the Step and Repeat portraits from your prom! Available online only and for a limited time.

***Capture the Memories of This Special Occasion!***

**Visit Our Website:** [www.metroportraits.photorelect.com](http://www.metroportraits.photorelect.com)

**Choose:** South Mecklenburg Prom 2014

**Enter Password:** SMPRM14



# FILA Latin Dance Club Wows South Meck

## 23 Different Styles Of Hot Dance Routines You Wish You Knew How To Perform



When FILA (Future International Leaders of America) Latin Dance Club performed their annual dance show in the auditorium at South Meck High School, the audience was in for a real treat. The event contained twenty three different styles of dance routines. The students performed bachata, salsa, flamenco, samba, tango, merengue, and reggaeton.

This was FILA's second dance show in nine years. FILA was created by Officer Will Sutton in 2005. Officer Will Sutton was inspired to create the club because at that time the average Latino student were not participating in any extracurricular activities at the school. The students have worked very hard throughout the years to make FILA very successful. The club's mission is to educate all students to be active at school, improve their quality of life and become successful members of our community. FILA seeks to build awareness and diversity in the school system through multicultural dancing and other activities.

2014 FILA members are **Kevin DeLeon** (President), **Carolina Quicano** (Vice President), **Lourdes Sanchez** (Secretary), **Raul Velazquez**, **Jarvis Arrington**, **Chris Pedroza**, **Abner Ramos**, **Aldo Lopez**, **Alejandro Bastidas**, **Andrew Helmy**, **Chris Calderon**, **Vivian Morales**, **Margarita Maldonado**, **Dafne Berroa**, **Carroll Sanchez**, **Andrea Lina**.

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## Interested in Taking Driver's Ed Over the Summer?



Please visit [www.jordandrivingschoolcharlotte.com](http://www.jordandrivingschoolcharlotte.com) for registration information and available dates, locations, and times.

There is a \$55.00 fee to take the classroom phase and the driving phase will be free of charge. To guarantee a spot in a session, you may register and pay on-line with a credit card. You may also pay by cash, certified check, or money

order (no personal check accepted) at the Jordan Driving School office.

Call to see if space is available at 704-566-9900.



## CHARLOTTE SUMMER CAMPS

The Most Comprehensive Listing of Summer Camps in Charlotte

[CharlotteSummerCamps.org](http://CharlotteSummerCamps.org) provides a comprehensive online directory of all of the Arts Camps, Sports Camps, Academic Camps, Residential Camps, and Specialty Camps in Charlotte! Many of your high school students are looking for summer camp counselor jobs, so this website provides a very valuable resource for them to find all of the contact information in sending applications and resumes for employment.



# A BIG WOO-HOO!!

## Meet South Meck's Senior Of The Year Finalist: Aaron Torres

Each year, high school counselors in *The Charlotte Observer* area nominate seniors for academic performance, character and community service. From about 140 All-Stars representing about 90 schools in eight counties, the *Observer* chooses finalists to interview personally. The award goes to 10 seniors each year and carries with it a \$1,000 scholarship. Winners announced on Sunday June 8.

**Highlight:** Born in Ecuador, he knew no English when he arrived in the United States.

He not only mastered it, but also excelled in French, and began a school club aimed at tutoring ESL (English as a second language) students.

**His words:** "What the community can give you, you should be able to give back when possible. My community has helped me and my heart tells me I should give back."

**Memento:** A Frisbee. He says the Frisbee helped him overcome shyness and make friends, even as he learned to speak English.

[Read more at The Charlotte Observer](#)



## Sabres Baseball Team Presents A Check for Over \$20,000 to Miracle League

South Meck HS Baseball presented a check for \$20,005.75 to The Miracle League on Saturday May 3rd. Coach Jon Tuscan and Alicia Johnson were joined by the Sabres baseball team at the University YMCA Miracle League field.

South Meck High School baseball program hosted the third annual Miracle League game on Saturday March 8 at Sabre Field. Coach Jon Tuscan initiated this community activity three years ago with his players and involvement of the baseball family to share the excitement of the game with kids who may have never had a chance to play America's game on fields built to accommodate the special needs of participants. This years game featured a long standing South Meck vs. Myers Park tradition, and the participation of the Myers Park baseball family in this fund raising event was tremendous.

[Read more about South Meck Baseball and Miracle League](#)





# A BIG WOO-HOO!!

## WORLD CHAMPIONS!

South Meck Joined Teams From All Over The Globe To Compete In The World Finals At Iowa State University



The South Meck Odyssey of The Mind teams were among dozens from the Carolinas that joined squads from around the world in the academic tournament last weekend at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. World Finals teams qualified through state-level tournaments this year. South Mecklenburg tied for first place with Central Valley, N.Y. Monroe-Woodbury High School in the high school division of the "It's How We Rule" event.

[Read more at The Charlotte Observer](#)





# SABRES SPORTS

## SABRE SPORTS UPDATES FRIDAY JUNE 6

### FOOTBALL

#### 2014 -15 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- 8/22 Independence HS @ South Meck 7pm
- 8/29 Rocky River HS @ South Meck 7pm
- 9/5 Myers Park HS @ Myers Park 7pm
- 9/12 Porter Ridge HS @ Porter Ridge 7:30pm
- 9/19 BYE WEEK
- 9/26 Harding HS @ Harding 7pm
- 10/2 Berry Academy @ South Meck 7pm
- 10/10 West Meck HS @ South Meck 7pm  
(Homecoming)
- 10/17 Charlotte Catholic HS @ Catholic 7:30pm
- 10/24 Olympic HS @ South Meck 7pm
- 10/31 Providence HS @ South Meck 7pm  
(Senior Night)
- 11/7 Ardrey Kell HS @ Ardrey Kell 7pm

### SOCCER

Madison Neely/Courtney Ragland  
Courtney Ragland was one of about 30 CMS students who participated in this year's Observer Explorer program for students interested in journalism. The program started in January and ended on May 21st. Her story was published online : South Meck's star athlete, Madison Neely - " South Meck soccer player battles injuries to get back on to the field"

[Read South Meck Star Battles](#)



L to R: Madison Neely and Courtney Ragland

### VOLLEYBALL

Summer volleyball workouts begin on Wednesday June 11 at 5:30 pm. Players must bring copy of current physical to participate. Additional workouts are on Friday June 13 from 5 - 7 pm and on Saturday June 14 from 7:30 - 9:30 am. A morning workout schedule will follow for the remainder if the summer. Please email [smeckvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:smeckvolleyball@gmail.com) if you have questions or need more information.

#### 2014-2015 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

- |                |                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tuesday 8/19   | Independence HS @ South Meck HS   |
| Thursday 8/21  | Rocky River HS @ South Meck HS    |
| Monday 8/25    | Myers Park HS @ Myers Park HS     |
| Tuesday 8/26   | Harding HS @ Harding HS           |
| Thursday 8/28  | Berry Academy @ South Meck HS     |
| Tuesday 9/2    | West Meck HS @ South Meck HS      |
| Thursday 9/4   | Catholic HS @ Catholic HS         |
| Monday 9/8     | Porter Ridge HS @ Porter Ridge HS |
| Tuesday 9/9    | Olympic HS @ South Meck HS        |
| Thursday 9/11  | Providence HS @ South Meck HS     |
| Tuesday 9/16   | Ardrey Kell HS @ Ardrey Kell HS   |
| Thursday 9/18  | Harding HS @ South Meck HS        |
| Monday 9/22    | Myers Park HS @ South Meck HS     |
| Tuesday 9/23   | Berry Academy @ Berry Academy     |
| Thursday 9/25  | West Meck HS @ West Meck HS       |
| Monday 9/29    | East Meck HS @ East Meck HS       |
| Tuesday 9/30   | Catholic HS @ South Meck HS       |
| Wednesday 10/1 | Olympic HS @ Olympic HS           |
| Monday 10/6    | Butler HS @ South Meck HS         |
| Tuesday 10/7   | Providence HS @ Providence HS     |
| Thursday 10/9  | Ardrey Kell HS @ South Meck HS    |



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**For more information, contact Adrienne Ciccarello  
[adriennea.ciccarello@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:adriennea.ciccarello@cms.k12.nc.us)**

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- ✓ Theater and the Environment- hmmm... I hope I get the part
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