

# WELCOME STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Seventy-First Classical Middle  
School

New Student Orientation

August 23, 2018



SEVENTY FIRST CLASSICAL  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

*CCS Vision: Committed to empowering students to collaborate, compete and succeed in an increasingly interconnected world.*

*Our Mission: To provide a safe and caring environment where students will learn, appreciate diversity, display good character and become responsible citizens.*

*Motto: "We learn not for school, but for life."*

*Mascot: The Knights*



## *MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS*

**Sixth Grade *Squires* – Red, Emerald**

**Seventh Grade *Nobles* – Purple, Orange**

**Eighth Grade *Royals* – Royal Blue**



## HOW IS MIDDLE SCHOOL DIFFERENT FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

- **Students change classes throughout the day**
- **Students use lockers to store school materials**
- **More freedom and more responsibility**
- **Organized into grade-level teams, with a group of teachers sharing students**
- **Elective classes in addition to required curriculum**



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SCHOOL  
POLICIES ON LOCKERS, BOOK BAGS, GYM  
BAGS AND PURSES**

**Lockers**

**When required school paperwork is returned to the homeroom teacher, each student will be provided a locker. Lockers will not be issued unless the student has a lock as well. Only locks purchased at school may be used. (See Student Planner page 8 for Locker Guidelines.)**

**Students may visit their lockers on the following schedule:**

**7:20 AM – All students may go to their lockers**

**Top lockers after odd numbered periods**

**Bottom lockers after even numbered periods**

**2:38 PM – Bus Riders released to go to lockers**

**2:40 PM– All students may go to their lockers**

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Book bags

Students may use book bags to transport items to and from school. Book bags should be placed in a locker before the student reports to class and should remain in the locker until the student leaves campus for the day. Any style of book bag is acceptable.

Book bags may not be used in the hallways and other areas of campus at SFCMS. Medical exceptions require a doctor's note.

Gym Bags

Students may use small clear or mesh bags to transport gym clothes.

Mesh gym bags are available for purchase through the school, once each semester. These purchases are optional.

Other items that are allowed in clear or mesh gym bags include the school planner and a small pouch for personal items.

Textbooks are not to be transported in gym bags.

PURSE POLICY

# Purse Policy

Students are allowed to carry purses. Purses must be no larger than 8x8x3 inches.

## **CELL PHONES AND OTHER DEVICES**

**Cell phones and other devices are not to be displayed during the school day or at any school event, including bus stops or while waiting to be picked up.**

**Phones that are displayed or create disruptions will be confiscated by school personnel and must be picked up in the main office by a parent.**

**If you have an emergency, please contact the school office.**

**SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, DAMAGED OR  
STOLEN CELL PHONES OR OTHER DEVICES**



## STUDENT PLANNERS

We provide a planner for all students.

Students are required to have these at all times.

They include our student handbook, hallway passes, bus and locker passes, place to record assignments and the infraction sheet.

A lost planner must be replaced at a cost of \$10 to the students.

PUT YOUR NAME IN SEVERAL PLACES IN YOUR  
PLANNER!

## Morning Routine

- Car riders dropped off at gym. (See directions and diagram on gold paper.)
- Bus riders or those eating breakfast report to café
- Do not bring students to school prior to 7 AM
- Students arriving late to school must be signed in by a **PARENT/GUARDIAN** in the main office.
- Do not enter the staff parking lot in front of the café to drop your child off in the mornings. You will be directed by a staff member to the gym area for drop off.
- Students should be seated in Homeroom/First Period by the ringing of the 7:30 bell or will be counted as tardy.
- **DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF ON RAEFORD ROAD OR AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEXT DOOR.**

## Afternoon Routine

- Bus riders will be dismissed at 2:38
- Car riders will be dismissed at 2:40
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade pick up is via the staff parking lot in front of the café.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade pick up is at the covered pavilion in the back of campus.
- Families with more than 1 grade level student, should pick up with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Prime Time students wait on breezeway bench for escort.
- Any student not picked up by 2:55 will be escorted to the office and parent must sign them out as a LATE PICK UP.
- **DO NOT PARK ON RAEFORD ROAD, THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL or any unauthorized areas.**

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

- **Status from last year will be the same for the first 10 days of school**
- **Return Free/Reduced lunch application within the first 10 days or will have to pay full price on day 11**
- **Breakfast and lunch served everyday. No breakfast on a two-hour delay schedule.**
- **Breakfast cost .90/free**
- **Lunch cost 2.25/ .40 (reduced)**
- **Accounts may be set up through the café manager**



## BUS INFORMATION

- **Mr. McMillan, our Assistant Principal, is in charge of buses**
- **Bus routes and bus stop information is available in the gym tonight and then on 6<sup>th</sup> grade hall, in front of the cafe**
- **Please be patient the first few days. We ask that you be at the bus stop 20 minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time. Buses cannot wait for students beyond the scheduled pick-up time.**
- **It is imperative we are aware of any address changes in order to maintain our transportation services. Routes may change based on address changes.**
- **In the event of a late bus or a bus number change, we will make every effort to communicate this to you as soon as possible via our Parent Link system.**
- **Students may NOT ride home with another student on a bus they are not assigned to. Extreme, emergency exceptions must be cleared in advance via administration.**

## WHAT TO EXPECT THE FIRST DAY...

- **Lots of excitement**
- **Everyone reports directly to homeroom**
- **Teachers will be lenient with respect to finding classes, managing lockers, getting everywhere on time**
- **Report to all classes**
- **Breakfast, lunch and AYPYN(active duty military) after school program operate as usual**
- **Locks will continue to be available for purchase**
- **Paperwork going home to be returned next day**
- **BE PATIENT! We expect extra car traffic on the first days of school**

## OUR GEESE



**We share our campus with geese who nest in the lake behind the school.**

**NEVER approach or chase the geese.**

**We coexist peacefully and no child has ever been harmed by them.**

**They can become aggressive during the spring when they are breeding are  
IF they are approached.**

**Please be respectful of them!**

## KEYS TO SUCCESS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **Maintain good attendance.**
- **Participate in class.**
- **Keep organized with assignments.**
- **Get involved in extra curricular activities in and out of school.**
- **Focus on building positive relationships with peers and adults.**
- **Ask for help when you need it.**
- **Be healthy. Take care of yourself.**







## SCHEDULE FOR TONIGHT

- After general information, students will leave with teachers to do a walk-through of the daily schedule. If you have Health/PE first semester, those teachers will be in Hut 4 tonight.
- Parents will remain in the gym for additional orientation.
- At approximately 7:10, students will reunite with their parents in the gym.
- You may purchase locks and clothing or place orders in the gym.
- Bus information is available. See Mr. McMillan
- After walking through their schedule, your child may take you on a walking tour around campus as time permits.
- IF YOUR CHILD IS TAKING BAND, PLEASE ASK THEM TO ESCORT YOU TO THE BAND ROOM TO SIGN UP FOR AN INSTRUMENT WITH MR. VASSER.

# MEET THE TEACHERS!



## **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CORE TEACHERS**

**Robin Flowers- Math, Social Studies**

**Victoria Gemelli – Science, Social Studies**

**Valerie Israel – Language Arts**

**Christine Lee (replacing Hrabovsky) – Language Arts**

**Hanan Odeh - Math**

**Jacob Regensburger - Science**

**Michelle Schriefer – Language Arts**

**Stephan Stanley – Math, Science**

**Maria Wood – Social Studies, Language Arts**

**Ava Webb – Language Arts**

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PE/ELECTIVE  
TEACHERS**

**Ericka Ashley – Health/PE**

**Cassandra Bradford – Art**

**Paul Kirkpatrick – Orchestra**

**Dorothea Lester - Latin**

**Denise McAlister – Career/Technical Ed**

**Sharon Peterson – Career/Technical Ed**

**Pauline Reimers – Chorus**

**Lee Vasser - Band**

## HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

- Staff will respond to calls/emails within 48 hours (or 2 business days)
- Imperative to maintain current contact information.
- Expect a Parent Link phone call on Sunday nights at 6:00 PM.
- Meetings may be scheduled at your request.
- Check student planners for notes from teachers.
- Check our school webpage for calendar of events and other information.
- An after school tutoring and clubs schedule will be published in September.

### PTA OPEN HOUSE

September 10, 6:00 PM

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

October 29 from 5-7 PM, January 28 from 5-7 PM

**HOME/SCHOOL  
COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUED**

**POWERSCHOOL – After first 10 days of school, grades updated by  
Mondays at 5:00 PM**

**Contact office if you do not have your parent account information for PS**

**School Webpage: [sfcms.ccs.k12.nc.us](http://sfcms.ccs.k12.nc.us)**

**Follow us on Twitter @71stKnights**

**PARENT GROUP Carpooling Network (Not school sponsored; school  
will not share any personal information)**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SFCMSInfo/>**

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILD

### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Rapid, Uneven Physical Growth**
- **Rapid Brain Growth**
- **Restlessness and Periods of Fatigue**
- **Metabolic and hormone fluctuation**
- **Periods of high energy and lethargy**
- **Awkward sense of time and space in relation to physical self**



## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILD

### INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT

- Short attention span
- Desire for relevance in learning
- Respond to choices
- Varying ability levels
- Varied and quickly changing interests
- Inquisitive
- Learn best by doing, experiencing and using the senses
- Respond to concrete models

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILD

### EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Fluctuating emotions**
- **High levels of anxiety**
- **Extreme sensitivity**
- **Extreme self-consciousness**
- **Mood swings**
- **Behavior changes**
- **Strong need to fit in, to be a part of a group**

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILD

### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Define themselves in relation to others
- Strong need for acceptance
- Sensitivity to peer pressure
- Changing interests, needs and priorities
- Need for role models
- Reclusive behaviors
- Struggling with transition from childhood to adulthood

## TIPS FOR PARENTING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILD

- Spend uninterrupted, quality time listening and talking with your child about school, friends, activities, interests and goals
- Help and encourage child to manage time in relation to school and other activities
- Attend conferences, stay in contact with school, keep in touch with teachers (Check student planner daily. Use PowerSchool parent portal, CCS and SFCMS webpages)
- Get to know their friends and their friend's parents
- Monitor social media and ALL computer/phone use
- Model the adult behaviors you would like your child to develop
- Maintain current contact information and regular communication with the school
- Keep your sense of humor!