

# Savannah Christian Preparatory School Middle School

## HELPFUL INFORMATION NEW/RETURNING STUDENTS & PARENTS TO SCP MIDDLE SCHOOL 2017 / 2018



For new students, we are pleased that you have chosen to attend Savannah Christian Middle School next year. We understand that you (and your family) are about to embark on a new era in your life - the middle school years at a new school. We want to do all we can to make your transition a smooth one. We trust you will find SCPS to be a challenging and enjoyable experience, and we certainly look forward to getting to know you. For returning students, we look forward to seeing you again at the Middle School.

Although you are probably not thinking about next year at this time, there is some general information that you may like to know about the opening of school. Don't hesitate to give us a call at the school if you have questions. Students and parents, please share the contents of this letter.

- 1] Please view our school website on a frequent basis; this is one of the best methods of communicating with families and an excellent means for families to keep informed. The web site address is [www.savcps.com](http://www.savcps.com).
- 2] **The first day of school is Thursday, August 10, 2017.** A copy of the 2017/2018 calendar is available on the school website at [www.savcps.com](http://www.savcps.com). Homeroom will begin at 8:15 am and 1<sup>st</sup> period will start at 8:30 am. **STUDENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED TARDY IF THEY ARE NOT IN HOMEROOM BY 8:15 AM.**
- 3] **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS: Orientation for all sixth-grade students and new seventh-grade and eighth-grade students will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 in the cafeteria at Chatham Parkway. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m.** This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about your new school. You will also be able to tour the school, meet your teachers, receive your schedule, learn where your classes will be held. We hope to complete the orientation program by 2:30 p.m. Parents are also invited to attend this session. You ARE NOT expected to be in uniform when you attend Orientation. Please dress casually - appropriate shorts are acceptable.
- 4] You will be assigned a Student Leadership helper, a student who will be your friend and help you with any questions you may have about Savannah Christian. Your Student Leadership helper should contact you during the summer by phone. If you have any questions, contact our school counselor, Emily Dixon, via email [edixon@savcps.com](mailto:edixon@savcps.com).
- 5] Included in this letter is an invitation to the Student Leadership Helper Skating Party scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 4 – 6 pm at the SK8 City in Pooler. Supervision will be provided by Mrs. Dixon, our counselor. Try not to miss this opportunity to meet your student leadership helper and other new students. Mark your calendar now!
- 6] **All students are expected to be in uniform on the first day of school.** School uniforms are available through A-1 Uniforms and Bahama Joes School Uniforms. Addresses and telephone numbers for these suppliers, as well as the printed Uniform Policy, are available on the website, [www.savcps.com](http://www.savcps.com).
- 7] Requirements for the "Summer Reading Program" are included. You should begin to read your books early in the summer. Remember, you will be required to turn in your assignments on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 8] Class scheduling at the middle school level is a complex process and will be completed during the summer months. We will send you an email via Renweb when schedules are available.

**9]** Supplies and Lockers: Every conscientious parent wants to make sure his child is prepared for school. This includes having the proper school supplies. Please see the attached supply lists for each grade level. There may be some extra items you may still have to purchase but the attached lists will get you going for the beginning of school. Also, you will need an Assignment Book that you can purchase from the Middle School Office for \$5.00. Lockers will be assigned to each child.

**10]** You are required to have a record of up-to-date immunizations on file at the middle school. Any student not fulfilling this legal requirement will be denied access to all classes. While a copy of your immunization certificate should be in your student's records, you should remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that it is "up to date."

**11]** SCP Middle School participates in the "Publix Partners Program". You may come by the middle school office to pick up a Publix Partner Card to use whenever you shop. You can also request more cards if you like. We solicit your support. You can immediately become an active supporter of the SCP family, even now before school begins.

**12]** Fall Athletics [Football] – The first football practice for **5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade & 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade**, which is the conditioning phase [cleats, shirt & shorts only], is scheduled for **Monday, July 31st**, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Practices will be scheduled from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm until school starts.

Equipment distribution will take place during one of the scheduled practice days.

Beginning **Thursday, August 10th**, practices will be held from 3:30 pm -5:30 pm, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, until the week that games begin. Check the website calendar often for any changes that may occur.

Players will also need to have practice jerseys, football pants [black for games] with pads, football cleats [black preferred] and socks. We will have mouth pieces available for purchase at equipment distribution and thereafter. Students should hydrate well and bring water bottles to practice.

**13]** Fall Athletics [Volleyball] Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – Tryouts for Volleyball will begin August 1st and 2nd. The time will be from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm at the Eckburg Center. Practice will follow tryouts and will continue every weekday until school starts. For more information, please email Julie Jones at [jjones@savcps.com](mailto:jjones@savcps.com). A physical is required to tryout as with all Middle School Sports.

**14]** Fall Athletics [**Cross Country**] – The first practice will be Monday, August 21st. They will practice on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays each week from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm on the track at Chatham Parkway. Families are responsible for transportation to the Chatham Parkway campus for Cross Country practices and meets. Contact Coach Deedee Colter at [dcolter@savcps.com](mailto:dcolter@savcps.com).

**15]** **ATHLETIC PHYSICALS - A STUDENT MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL FORM AND A PARENTAL RELEASE FORM ON FILE WITH THE SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY ATHLETIC ACTIVITY, INCLUDING TRYOUTS.** The forms are available in the middle school office. You may also download a .pdf-formatted copy from the school website. Access [www.savcps.com](http://www.savcps.com), click on Athletics under "Departments", scroll down to "Middle School" and click "Athletic Forms".

**16]** Information about our new Lunch Program will be forthcoming.

**17]** Communication between school and home is important. If you provided us an email address on your application to SCP middle school we added it to our new database (Renweb). Jupiter Grades has been discontinued. The new database will be used to communicate to you any letters, notices, schedules, message, etc. pertaining to middle school students. Please notify us via email at [middleschool@savcps.com](mailto:middleschool@savcps.com) if your email changes, or if you would like us to add or remove an email address from our database.

**18]** Students, your parents selected Savannah Christian because they want to provide you with the opportunity to obtain a quality education in a Christian environment. We are proud of the tradition that has been established at SCPS and look forward to sharing the opportunities available with you and your family. As the time

to begin a new school year approaches, we hope you will become more and more excited about becoming a Savannah Christian "Red Raider."

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**PARENTSWEB: <https://sav-ga.client.renweb.com/pw/>  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS PLUS OTHER INFORMATION******

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