

Savannah Christian Preparatory School Middle School

HELPFUL INFORMATION NEW/RETURNING STUDENTS & PARENTS TO SCP MIDDLE SCHOOL 2014 / 2015



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.
- 2] **The first day of school is Tuesday, August 12, 2014.** A copy of the 2014/2015 calendar is available on the school website at www.savcps.com.
- 3] **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS: Orientation for all sixth-grade students and new seventh-grade and eighth-grade students will be held on Monday, August 11, 2014. 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 are and obtain the combination lock for your locker. 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 peer helper. A peer helper is a student who will be your friend and help you with any questions you may have about Savannah Christian. Your peer helper should contact you during the summer. If you have any questions, contact our school counselor, Staci Pietrocini, via email spietrocini@savcps.com.
- 5] Included in this letter is an invitation to the Peer Helper Skating Party scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2014 at 4pm at the Star Castle Family Entertainment Center. Try not to miss this opportunity to meet your peer 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 and physical education uniforms are available through "A-1 Uniforms", "Patrick's Uniforms", "Uniform Source", "Bahama Joes School Uniforms" and "Uniform/Scrub Source." Addresses and telephone numbers for these suppliers, as well as the printed Uniform Policy, are available on the website, www.savcps.com.
- 7] The wearing of a physical education uniform at the Middle School is a requirement. Physical Education uniforms are also available at the suppliers listed in #6.
- 8] Requirements for the "Summer Reading Program" are included. You should begin to read your books early in the summer so that this responsibility does not slip up on you. Remember, you will be required to substantiate that you have read the appropriate books.
- 9] Class scheduling at the middle school level is a complex process and will be completed during the summer months. Your schedule will be available to you at Orientation. Every year we get early phone calls requesting schedule information. Please be aware that we won't be able to oblige such requests and that we appreciate your understanding.

10] Supplies: Every conscientious parent wants to make sure his child is prepared for school. This includes having the proper school supplies. We always receive questions from parents about a supply list. The nature of the middle school program makes it difficult to provide a supply list. Sixth-grade students, particularly, are accustomed to being in a self-contained classroom where one or two teachers are with them throughout the day and where they usually know who their teachers will be prior to the summer months. Because students have several teachers at the middle school, and because student schedules are completed during the summer, it is not possible to provide such a supply list. New students will receive a list of needed supplies when they attend orientation. Others will receive this list on the first day of school. Required items should be available locally and, hopefully, will not be difficult to find. Please know that we are cognizant of the cost factor and will do everything possible to keep this cost as low as possible.

11] 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 assure that it is "up to date."

12] 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. Please see the attached information about how you can help your school through supporting this program.

13] Fall Athletics [Football] – The first football practice for **7th & 8th graders only**, which is the conditioning phase [cleats, shirt & shorts only], is scheduled for **Thursday, July 24th** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Middle School Complex. Practices will be scheduled from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm until school starts.

Football equipment distribution (helmets & shoulder pads) for **7th and 8th graders only** will take place on **Thursday, July 31st**. All eighth-grade students interested in participating in football should report to the Middle School gym for equipment distribution beginning at 5:00 p.m. Seventh-grade students should report for equipment distribution beginning at 5:30 p.m. with equipment distribution ending at 6:30 pm. Seventh & eighth grade football players will also need to have practice jerseys, football pants [black for games] with pads, football cleats [black preferred] and socks. Mouthpieces & used practice jerseys will be available for purchase at equipment distribution and thereafter.

Beginning **Wednesday, August 12th**, practices will be held from 3:30 pm until approximately 5:45 pm each day of the week, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, until the week that games begin. Check the website calendar often for any changes that may occur.

Football equipment distribution (helmets & shoulder pads) for **6th graders** will take place on **Monday, August 4th**. All sixth-grade students interested in participating in football should report to the Middle School gym for equipment distribution beginning at 4:30 p.m. and equipment distribution will end at 6:00 pm. Sixth grade football players will also need to have practice jerseys, football pants [black for games] with pads, football cleats [black preferred] and socks. We will have mouthpieces & used practice jerseys available for purchase at equipment distribution and thereafter.

The first football practice for **6th graders only**, which is the conditioning phase [helmets, cleats, shirt & shorts only], is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 5th** from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Beginning **Wednesday, August 13th**, practices will be held from 3:30 pm until approximately 5:45 pm each day of the week, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, until the week that games begin. Check the website calendar often for any changes that may occur. You may also contact the Middle School Athletic Director, Dr. Linda Roberts at lroberts@savcps.com

14] Fall Athletics [Volleyball] Rising 6th Grade through 8th Grade Girls – Tryouts for Volleyball begin August 5th, 6th, and 7th. The time will be from 5:00pm to 7:30pm 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. A physical is required to tryout as with all Middle School Sports.

15] Fall Athletics [**Cross Country**] – Sixth, seventh & eight-grade girls & boys interested in Middle School Cross Country will have an opportunity to sign-up once school starts. The first practice will be Monday, August 25th. They will practice on Mondays and Tuesdays and race on Thursdays. Time for practice will be from 3:45 to

4:45pm on the track at Chatham Parkway. Families are responsible for transportation to the Chatham Parkway campus for Cross Country practices and meets.

16] Fall Athletics [Pep Squad]/ Cheerleaders - Sixth-grade girls interested in participating on the Pep Squad will receive information after they return to school. 7th and 8th Grade girls interested in Cheerleading need to contact Krystal Gill at kgill@savcps.com.

17] 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, click on Athletics under “Departments”, scroll down to “Middle School” and click “Athletic Forms”.

18] If you do not purchase yearly lunch tickets [\$697], you may purchase packs of twenty-five on the day of Orientation. The cost for a pack of twenty-five is \$103.75. Lunch without a ticket is \$4.75.

19] 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 database. This 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 if your email changes, or if you would like us to add or remove an email address from our database.

20] Parents, our PTF [Parent/Teacher Fellowship] is extremely active at Savannah Christian Middle School. The PTF always has a busy year and depends on the support of volunteers to help accomplish their goals. In fact, the support of caring and energetic parent volunteers is the foundation upon which the efforts of the PTF are founded. Your involvement is always encouraged and welcomed. Middle School participates in the Box Tops for Education Program. Please collect box tops over the summer. PTF will offer EXTRA incentives for individuals and homerooms who turn in the most tops the FIRST TWO DAYS OF SCHOOL. Also, PTF is involved with a Fundraiser with Marco’s Pizza. Pick up your Marco’s card at the Middle School Office. Throughout the school year there will be ample opportunity for you to share your talents and interests; however, if you are interested and willing to take on specific tasks, please call the Middle School office. Thanks in advance to those who are in a position to assist.

Theresa Portzer
Position Open
Levette Dixon
Kim Hoxie

PTF President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Students, your parents selected Savannah Christian because they want to provide you with the opportunity to obtain a quality education. 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. We trust the remaining days of this school year will be enjoyable ones for you and that, as the time to begin a new school year approaches, you will become more and more excited about becoming a Savannah Christian “Red Raider.”

**STAY INFORMED – ACCESS OUR WEBSITE [www.savcps.com]
CALENDAR OF EVENTS PLUS OTHER INFORMATION**

Mr. Mike Crosby, Principal
Dr. Linda Roberts, Assistant Principal
Ms. Stacy Pietrocini, Counselor

