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Meet the Teachers

On **Thursday, August 4**, each grade level will meet separately in the **Duke Auditorium** at the following times:

9th Grade – 8:15 am

10th Grade – 9:15 am

11th Grade – 12:15 pm

12th Grade – 1:15 pm

Communication

Infinite Campus Messenger will be the primary source for school news, so make sure to read the weekly emails sent from ic.messenger@mail.fcboe.org

The school website starrsmillhighschool.org has information about each academic department, sports and fine arts booster clubs, student and PTSO newsletters, and a current school calendar.

Social Media

Follow Starr's Mill on Twitter:

@StarrsMillHS

PTSO Facebook page:

Starr's Mill High School PTSO



PTSO Membership

Benefits All SMHS Students

Dear SMHS Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the PTSO, welcome to SMHS 2016-2017. We hope you have had a restful and refreshing summer break and that you are looking forward to another great year at Starr's Mill High School. For new students and families, welcome to the community! For those returning, welcome back! We are fortunate to be part of a school that is committed to growth and excellence. SMHS has earned a strong reputation in all areas of secondary education, as reflected in our state and nationally-ranked academics, award-winning athletics and fine arts programs, and many extracurricular activities.

The success of Starr's Mill students is nurtured by positive relationships with parents, teachers and administrators.





Parking

All permits for cars and golf carts are \$60.00 each. If you are registering more than 1 auto, additional permits are \$5.00 each per vehicle. If you register an auto as well as a golf cart they are \$60.00 each (\$120.00 total).

When registering your **auto** students will need to provide the following:

- ✦ Drivers license
- ✦ Auto registration.

When registering your **golf cart** students will need to provide the following:

- ✦ License or permit
- ✦ Sticker number on the side of the golf cart that confirms the cart is registered with the city or county.

Please see the times and dates below for parking permit sales:

Seniors

8/2 9:30 - 11:00 am & 1:00 - 2:30 pm

8/3 9:30 - 11:00 am

Juniors

8/3 1:00 - 2:30 pm

8/4 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Sophomores

8/5 9:30 am - 11:00 am

All, 8/5, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Working together, we can, and do, make a difference at the school and in the lives of our children. In order for SMHS to remain exceptional, parental involvement is absolutely essential.



The PTSO needs your participation. Through the Annual Membership Donation Drive, the **ONLY** fundraiser for the entire year, PTSO supports SMHS by providing supplemental funding for classroom needs and educational enhancements that would otherwise not be possible through the limited school and county funding.

*See the detailed list on **page 4** of how funds were used last year.*

In these ways and more, the Annual Membership Donation Drive significantly enhances the learning environment and educational experience for all SMHS students. In addition to the Annual Membership Drive, another opportunity to raise money for SMHS is through the Publix Partners and Kroger Community Rewards programs. At Publix, simply present your SMHS Publix reward card at checkout each time you shop and it will help earn thousands of dollars for SMHS! Stop by the PTSO table if you need one. For Kroger, all you need to do is register your loyalty card online and identify SMHS as the benefitting organization, and you will raise money for the school every time you shop.

The PTSO also supports SMHS in providing parent volunteers for the front office, attendance office, media center and school events.

SMHS needs you! Please join the PTSO for the 2016-2017 school year in the cafeteria today! Annual membership dues are still only \$30 per family. You can also sign up for any volunteer opportunities that you may be interested in when you complete the PTSO membership form. Also, please stop by our PTSO display table in the rotunda during orientation for some visuals on how your donation positively impacts our school!

Sincerely,

Mary Wernecke

President, SMHS PTSO

First Week Bell Schedule

2016-2017 Regular Bell Schedule

Period	Begin	End	Notes	Minutes
	8:00		Teachers Report/Students Enter Building/ Pledge and Moment of	
1st period	8:35	9:29		54
2nd period	9:34	10:25		51
3rd period	10:30	11:21		51
4th period	11:26	12:57	Announcements at the Beginning of Period	91
	11:21	11:51	A Lunch: English and CTAE	30
	11:54	12:24	B Lunch: Social Studies and Math	30
	12:27	12:57	C Lunch: PE, Health, Science and Fine Arts	30
5th period	1:02	1:53		51
6th period	1:58	2:49		51
7th period	2:54	3:45	End of school day	51

Monday, August 8, 2016 Bell Schedule First Day of School

Period	Begin	End	Notes	Minutes
	8:00		Teachers Report/Students Enter Building	
Homeroom	8:35	9:20	Homeroom Teachers distribute schedules, collect Locker Money, etc.	45
1st period	9:25	10:09		44
2nd period	10:14	10:57		43
3rd period	11:02	11:45		43
4th period	11:50	1:21		91
	11:45	12:15	A Lunch: English and CTAE	30
	12:18	12:48	B Lunch: Social Studies and Math	30
	12:51	1:21	C Lunch: PE, Health, Science and Fine Arts	30
5th period	1:26	2:09		43
6th period	2:14	2:57		43
7th period	3:02	3:45	End of school day	43

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 Bell Schedule Code of Conduct Meetings

Period	Begin	End	Notes	Minutes
	8:00		Teachers Report/Students Enter Building	
Homeroom	8:35	9:50	9th and 10th grade Homerooms and teachers report to Auditorium at 8:50.	105
1st period	9:55	10:22		17
2nd period	10:27	10:53		16
3rd period	10:58	11:24		16
4th period	11:29	1:00		91
	11:29	11:54	A Lunch: English and CTAE	30
	11:57	12:27	B Lunch: Social Studies and Math	30
	12:30	1:00	C Lunch: PE, Health, Science and Fine Arts	30
5th period	1:05	1:22		17
6th period	1:27	1:44		17
7th period	1:49	2:05		16
Homeroom	2:10	3:45	11th and 12th grade Homerooms report to Auditorium at 2:15. End of school day at 3:45.	95

Homeroom Bell Schedule

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday August 10-12, 2016

Period	Begin	End	Notes	Minutes
	8:00		Teachers Report/Students Enter Building	
Homeroom	8:35	8:45		10
1st period	8:50	9:44		54
2nd period	9:49	10:37		48
3rd period	10:42	11:30		48
4th period	11:35	1:06		91
	11:30	12:00	A Lunch: English and CTAE	30
	12:03	12:33	B Lunch: Social Studies and Math	30
	12:36	1:06	C Lunch: PE, Health, Science and Fine Arts	30
5th period	1:11	1:59		48
6th period	2:04	2:52		48
7th period	2:57	3:45	End of school day	48



Prowler

Parents and students:
Stay informed of all that's happening at Starr's Mill by reading the school's online newspaper, *The Prowler*. News, features, opinions, sports, video interviews with coaches, movie and book reviews, and even podcasts! Find us at: www.theprowlernews.org. Bookmark the page in your browser or subscribe to the RSS for email notification of new stories!

You can also stay informed by following us on Twitter @smhsproowler and by subscribing to our podcasts "Real Talk" and "From the Panther Pit."

Go Panthers!

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Justin Spencer
English Teacher, MUSINGS co-adviser, The Prowler adviser
Starr's Mill High School
MA - Instruction & Curriculum
BS - English Education

PTSO Funds and Functions

Please join the PTSO at your "Meet the Teacher" Session. Membership Forms will be distributed at that time, or you can print and complete the one that is attached to this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your support!

With your \$30 in dues, the PTSO can:

- Provide \$3,750 annually in scholarships for seniors
- Stock the clinic with needed supplies
- Honor students with academic recognition events (Honors Breakfast and Awards Night)
- Recognize teachers with special appreciation events
- Provide each of nine instructional departments with a stipend of up to \$1,000
- Grant teacher mini-grant requests to help supplement classroom expenses
- Provide money for items needed by the school for which the county cannot pay
- Keep parents informed through the electronic PTSO newsletter, PTSO Facebook page and Infinite Campus emails
- Provide parent volunteers for school events

Last year, the PTSO fulfilled approximately \$4,600 in Teacher Mini-Grant Requests including:

- 24 Kindle Fire tablets for use in math classes
- Laboratory equipment including non-mercury and infrared thermometers, electronic and digital balances, and ice melting blocks
- Graphing Calculators
- Laser and Inkjet Printers
- Instructional DVDs, teaching flash cards and games
- Video camera and tripod
- Headsets
- Contribution toward the purchase of an additional AED to help keep our campus safe

SMHS Band

The Panther Pride Marching Band had wonderful Band Camp weeks preparing for its 2016 Show "E-motions". Get on our band website (smhsband.org) to see lots of pictures. The Pride is very excited about the upcoming performances at the football games!

Go Panthers!

Scott D. King
Starr's Mill High School
Director of Bands



Support SMHS when you shop!



Publix Make A Difference School Cards benefit SMHS year after year. Don't forget to present your Publix Partner card when you checkout. If you need an SMHS Publix card, they are available at the front office and at the Wilshire Publix between Customer Service and the main exit.



Kroger's Community Rewards Program benefits nonprofit organizations, such as the SMHS PTSO. You can link your Kroger Plus Card to the SMHS PTSO in a few easy steps, and every time you shop at Kroger and use your card, you will earn financial rewards for Starr's Mill High School.

If you already have a Kroger Plus Card and an online account with Kroger established, log onto www.krogercommunityrewards.com and sign into your account. Then under the heading of Community Rewards, simply select Starr's Mill High School PTSO as the beneficiary.

If you don't have an online account set up, follow the steps to create one with an email and password, and then you can link your Kroger Plus Card to Starr's Mill as listed above. If you don't have a Kroger Plus Card, you can pick up an application at any Kroger customer service desk.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT KROGER REQUIRES A RE-ENROLLMENT IN ITS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM BY EACH CARDHOLDER EACH YEAR. TO EARN BENEFITS FOR SMHS DURING 2016-2017, PLEASE RE-ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM AFTER AUG. 1, 2016.**

PTSO INFORMATION FORM

SMHS STUDENT NAME(S)		
FIRST	LAST	GRADE _____
FIRST	LAST	GRADE _____
FIRST	LAST	GRADE _____

CONTACT INFORMATION	
PARENT NAME(S): _____	
★ ARE YOU A FACULTY MEMBER AT SMHS? IF SO, CIRCLE HERE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	
STUDENT(S) ADDRESS: _____	
PARENT E-MAIL: _____	
PARENT PHONE NO: Home: _____ Cell: _____	

FEES	
PTSO Membership (\$30/Family)	\$30.00
LOCKER/AGENDA (\$10/student)	
No. of students _____ x \$10	\$ _____
TOTAL PAID	\$ _____
Type of payment: Cash _____ Check# _____	

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES		
<i>(Parents, please circle the areas in which you would like to volunteer.)</i>		
Clinic	Academic Recognition Events	Office Volunteer
Media Center	Teacher Appreciation	Senior Events

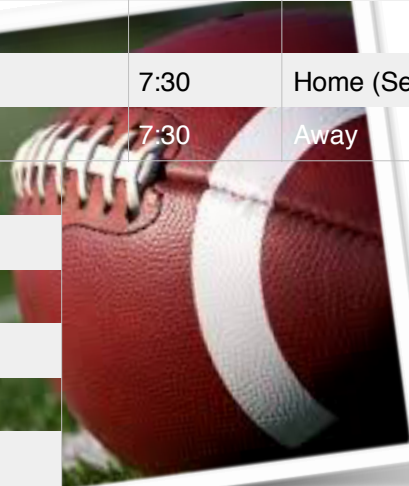
Varsity Football



Date	Opponent	Time	Place
8/12	Locust Grove	7:30	Home (Scrimmage)
8/26	Newnan	7:30	Away
9/2	Northgate	7:30	Home (Faculty Night)
9/9	Chapel Hill	7:30	Away
9/16	Sandy Creek	7:30	Home (Youth Night)
9/23	Morrow	7:30	Home (Homecoming)
9/30	Griffin	7:30	Away
10/7	Whitewater	7:30	Away
10/14	McIntosh	7:30	Home
10/21	Open		
10/28	Riverdale	7:30	Home (Senior Night)
11/4	Fayette Co	7:30	Away

JV Football

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
8/25	Whitewater	5:30	Away
9/1	Fayette Co	5:30	Home
9/8	Northgate	5:30	Away
9/15	East Coweta	5:30	Home
9/29	Sandy Creek	5:30	Away
10/6	Newnan	5:30	Away
10/13	McIntosh	5:30	Home



Date	Opponent	Place
8/27	Providence or Bob Blastow	Charlotte, NC or Douglasville, GA
9/3	Panther Invitational	Heritage
9/10	Carrollton Invitational	Carrollton Elementary
9/24	Wingfoot XC Classic	Sam Smith Park, Cartersville, GA
10/1	County Championship	Sandy Creek HS
10/8	Asics XC Meet	Fox Hall Farms Sporting Club, Douglasville, GA
10/15	Middle School State Meet	Cochran, GA
10/22	Region 3-AAAAA Meet	Heritage
11/5	State 3-AAAAA Meet	Carrollton Elementary

SMHS Softball



Date	Opponent	Varsity	JV
8/9	Scrimmage East Cowetta	5:00	---
8/11	Griffin @ SMHS	7:00	5:00
8/15	SMHS @ Union Grove	5:55	---
8/16	McIntosh @ SMHS	7:00	5:00
8/18	SMHS @ Morrow	5:30	---
8/17 - 20	GADC Tournament	TBA	TBA
8/23	Whitewater @ SMHS	7:00	5:00
8/24	East Coweta @ SMHS	---	5:00
8/25	SMHS @ Fayette	5:30	---
8/30	SMHS @ Riverdale	5:30	---
8/31	SMHS @ Northgate	5:00	7:00
9/7	SMHS @ Newnan	5:00	7:00
9/10	JV Tournament	---	TBA
9/12	SMHS @ Griffin	7:00	5:00
9/13	SMHS @ McIntosh	7:00	5:00
9/15	Morrow @ SMHS	5:30	
9/16 - 17	Morgan County Invitational	TBA	
9/20	SMHS @ Whitewater	7:00	5:00
9/22	Fayette @ SMHS	5:00	6:30
9/26	Riverdale @ SMHS	5:30	
9/28 - 29	Round 1 Region Playoffs	TBA	
10/4 - 5	Round 2 Region Playoffs	TBA	
10/12 - 29	State Playoffs	TBA	

2016 Starr's Mill Varsity Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug 5	<i>(Scrimmage)</i> Northside	Starr's Mill	6:00
Aug 12 & 13	Sequoyah Tournament	TBD	TBD
Aug 16	Our Lady of Mercy & Galloway	OLM	5:00 & 6:00
Aug 18	Alexander & Newnan	Alexander	5:30 & 6:30
Aug 23	Columbus & Johns Creek	Starr's Mill	5:00 & 7:00
Aug 27	Play date	Starr's Mill	9:00 – 4:00
Aug 29	OLM & Troup	Starr's Mill	5:00 & 7:00
Sept 1	Ola & Luella	Ola	6:30 & 7:30
Sept 6	Newnan & Trinity	Starr's Mill	5:30 & 7:30
Sept 13	McIntosh & Morrow	McIntosh	5:30 & 6:30
Sept 17	Play date	Sandy Creek	8:30 – 4:00
Sept 20	Whitewater & Riverdale	Starr's Mill	5:30 & 6:30
Sept 22	Northgate & TBD	Northgate	5:30 & 6:30
Sept 27	Griffin & Fayette	Griffin	5:30 & 6:30
Sept 28	Alexander (3/5) (Senior Night)	Starr's Mill	5:30
Sept 29	Newnan (3/5)	Newnan	6:30
Oct 3	Upson Lee, Brookstone & Troup	Troup	5:00, 6:00 & 7:00
Oct 5	Area Tournament	McIntosh	TBD
Oct 8	Area Tournament	Whitewater	TBD
Oct 12	State Tournament First Round	TBD	TBD
Oct 18	State Tournament Second Round	TBD	TBD
Oct 22	State Tournament Quarterfinals	TBD	TBD
Oct 26	State Tournament Semifinals	TBD	TBD
Oct 29	State Tournament Finals	TBD	TBD

Bold denotes Area 3 AAAAA matches

2016 Starr's Mill Junior Varsity Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug 5	<i>(Scrimmage)</i> Northside	Starr's Mill	6:00
Aug 8	McIntosh, Newnan, Fayette	McIntosh	5:15, 6:15, 7:15
Aug 15	East Coweta, McIntosh, Sandy Creek	Starr's Mill	5:15, 6:15, 7:15
Aug 16	Our Lady of Mercy & Galloway	OLM	5:00 & 6:00
Aug 18	Alexander & Newnan	Alexander	5:30 & 6:30
Aug 22	Northgate & Northside	Starr's Mill	5:15 & 7:15
Aug 25	Troup & Heritage	Troup	5:30 & 6:30
Aug 29	Sandy Creek, Newnan, Whitewater	Sandy Creek	5:15, 6:15, 7:15
Sept 1	Ola & Luella	Ola	6:30 & 7:30
Sept 8	Sandy Creek, Our Lady of Mercy, Troup	Starr's Mill	5:15, 6:15, 7:15
Sept 12	East Coweta, Fayette, Whitewater	East Coweta	5:15, 6:15, 7:15
Sept 22	Northgate & TBD	Northgate	5:30 & 6:30
Sept 28	<i>Alexander (3/5) (Senior Night)</i>	<i>Starr's Mill</i>	<i>5:30 (JV Helps)</i>
Sept 29	Newnan (3/5)	Newnan	5:30

Shout Outs!

Science Olympiad

Congratulations!

Congratulation to the Science Olympiad Team for their great showing at the Region competition!

Medals were awarded in the following events:

1st Place

Chemistry Lab - Ricky Macke ('16) Maddie Laney ('17)

Forensics - Ricky Macke ('16) Aubrey Bennett ('17)

Geologic Mapping - Aubrey Bennett ('17) Ethan McNulty ('17)

Hydrogeology - Aubrey Bennett ('17) Huy Phan ('17)

Robot Arm - Dana Gould ('18) Alayna Burdekin ('18)

2nd Place

Astronomy - Ricky Macke ('16)

Electric Vehicle - Maddie Laney ('17) Alayna Burdekin ('18)

Wind Power - Ricky Macke ('16) Huy Phan ('17)

Thank you to all who participated this year:

Maria Curry ('16), Ricky Macke ('16), Greg Pepper ('16), Aubrey Bennett ('17), Maddie Laney ('17), Ethan McNulty ('17), Huy Phan ('17),

Alayna Burdekin ('18), Dana Gould ('18),

Zach Garcia ('19), Devon Moan ('19), Jacob Hunt ('19)

National French Exam



85,832 students participated this year nationwide in the National French Exam, offered by AATF (American Association of Teachers of French)

The Starr's Mill French students received 17 medals this year.

Results: (F= level of French)

GOLD: Gray Jones (F2) - Diana Moran (F2) - Nicolas Martin (F3)

SILVER: Casey Battistini (F1) - Madi Hynson (F1) - Kaitlyn Reiss (F1) - Marissa Hollingsworth (F2) - John Snitzer (F2) - Tofunmi Bamiro (F3) - Brian Dixon (F3)

BRONZE: Devon Moan (F1) - Samuel Navarro (F1) - Madison Hagen (F2) - Baylor Harris (F2) - Emily Treon (F2) - Will Griffin (F3) - Victoria Alvarez (F4)

Félicitations! Congratulations!

My name is Todd Little and I am the visual arts teacher at Starr's Mill High School. I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you this year. I am pleased to be back for my twenty-fifth year in Fayette County and twentieth year at SMHS.

This past year was incredible, and worthy of praise for some of the end of the year accomplishments. Outstanding Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior Art, and Senior Students were honored at the annual awards banquet. Respectively, Qi Ru Lin, Valeria Benavides, Maddi Laney, and Victoria Alvarez received the praise. Also congratulations to Dominique Dawson for receiving the Old Courthouse Art Scholarship given locally to deserving seniors pursuing art after high school. To all of you, good luck with your future endeavors.

A successful art program requires plenty of eclectic materials; things that may be thrown away by some people, but treasured by others. So in closing, I have a request. The visual art department would appreciate donations (see list on page 11).



The visual art department would appreciate donations of:

- * Colored electrical wire
- * Pliers, screwdrivers, or other simple tools
- * Kitchen utensils, forks, spoons, etc.
- * Poster board, cardboard, paper of any kind
- * Tar paper or roofing paper as a painting surface
- * Styrofoam or plastic egg cartons to be used as paint palettes
- * Interesting still life objects (i.e. - ornate glassware, kids toys, fabric, etc.)
- * Any shirts or pants to wear over clothing
- * ANY water based paints or spray paints
- * Brushes
- * Mirrors
- * Tupperware containers w/lids - 5 gal. buckets w/lids
- * Furniture
- * Special equipment or monies toward equipment (i.e. - photography darkroom, etc.)
- * Potentially anything, including your services as a volunteer, professional, etc.

Thank you for your cooperation, interest, and support.

Sincerely,

TA Little

Spanish Immersion Trip

Families interested in sending their students to a Spanish immersion trip in Spain the summer of 2017, please contact Mrs. Rodriguez. If there is interest, a meeting will be forthcoming.

Send an interest email to rodriguez.madeline@mail.fcboe.org

Parents may go to <https://www.centromundolengua.com/> to preview information of the program. Students must have completed two years of Spanish. Seniors may participate in this program.

Hasta la vista :)

Sra. Rodriguez