

# PANTHERPRESS

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## Meet the Teachers

On **Thursday, August 3**, each grade level will meet separately in the **Duke Auditorium** at the following times:

9th Grade and  
New Students – 8:30 am  
10th Grade – 12:30 am  
11th Grade – 1:30 pm  
12th Grade – 2:30 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](mailto:ic.messenger@mail.fcboe.org)

The school website [starrsmillhighschool.org](http://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 parking permits will soon be on sale. All permits for cars and golf carts are \$60.00 each per student. If that same student would like to register an additional vehicle or golf cart it is only \$5 for the second pass.

If there are multiple drivers per household that will be driving to school in their separate vehicles, each student must purchase their own parking pass at the full rate of \$60 each since they will be utilizing two parking spaces on the same day.

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:

Monday, July 31st from 9:30-11:00 AM

Monday, July 31st from 1:00-2:30PM

Juniors:

Tuesday August 1st from 9:30-11:00 AM

Tuesday August 1st from 1:00-2:30 PM

Sophomores:

Wednesday, August 2nd from 9:30-11:00 AM

Wednesday, August 2nd from 1:00-2:30 PM

Freshman:

Friday, August 4th from 1:00-2:30 PM

We will not be selling parking passes during the open house on Thursday, August 3rd.

Thank you.

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,

Lara Dial

President, SMHS PTSO

## First Week Bell Schedule

### Starr's Mill High School 2017-2018 Regular Bell Schedule

Period	Begin	End	Notes	Minutes
	8:00		Teachers Report/Students Enter Building	
1st period	8:35	9:34		59
2nd period	9:39	10:29		50
3rd period	10:34	11:24		50
4th period	11:29	1:00		91
	11:24	11:54	A Lunch: Mathematics and Science	30
	11:57	12:27	B Lunch: CTAE and English	30
	12:30	1:00	C Lunch: PE, Health, Fine Arts, World Languages and Social Studies	30
5th period	1:05	1:55		50
6th period	2:00	2:50		50
7th period	2:55	3:45	End of school day	50

### Monday, August 7, 2017 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: Mathematics and Science	30
	12:18	12:48	B Lunch: CTAE and English	30
	12:51	1:21	C Lunch: PE, Health, Fine Arts, World Languages, and Social Studies	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 8, 2017 Bell Schedule Code of Conduct Meetings

Period	Begin	End	Notes	Minutes
	8:00		Teachers Report/Students Enter Building	
Homeroom	8:35	10:20	9th and 10th grade Homerooms and teachers report to Auditorium at 8:50.	105
1st period	10:25	10:42		17
2nd period	10:47	11:03		16
3rd period	11:08	11:24		16
4th period	11:29	1:00		91
	11:24	11:54	A Lunch: Mathematics and Science	30
	11:57	12:27	B Lunch: CTAE and English	30
	12:30	1:00	C Lunch: PE, Health, Fine Arts, World Languages and Social Studies	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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday August 7-9, 2017

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: Mathematics and Science	30
	12:03	12:33	B Lunch: CTAE and English	30
	12:36	1:06	C Lunch: PE, Health, Fine Arts, World Languages and Social Studies	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](http://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!

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

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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

### In past years, 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



## Support SMHS when you shop!

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**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](http://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 2017-2018, PLEASE RE-ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM AFTER AUG. 1, 2017.**

# Varsity Football



Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Place
8/11	Friday	Locust Grove	7:30	Away (Scrimmage)
8/25	Friday	Newnan	7:30	Home (FCBOE dedication)
9/1	Friday	Northgate	7:30	Away
9/8	Friday	Chapel Hill	7:30	Home (Homecoming)
9/15	Friday	Sandy Creek	7:30	Away
9/22	Friday	Morrow	7:30	Away (Tara)
9/29	Friday	Griffin	7:30	Home (Youth Night)
10/6	Friday	Whitewater	7:30	Home (Youth Night)
10/13	Friday	McIntosh	7:30	Away
10/27	Friday	Riverdale	7:30	Away (Southern Crescent)
11/3	Friday	Fayette Co	7:30	Home (Sr. Night)

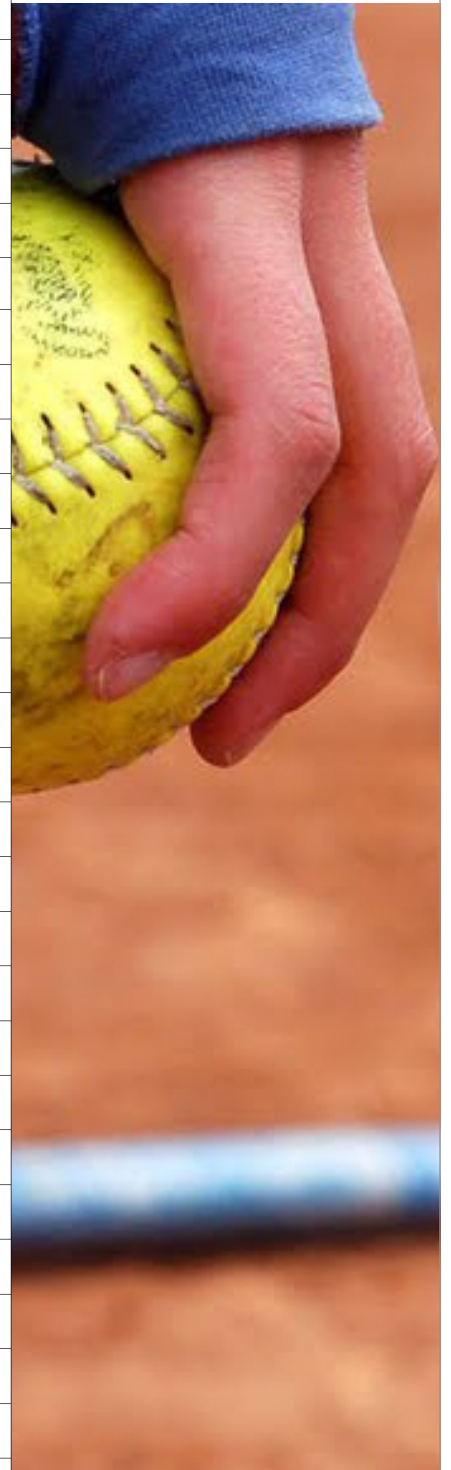
## JV Football

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Place
8/24	Thursday	Whitewater	5:30	SMHS
8/31	Thursday	Fayette Co	5:30	@FCHS
9/7	Thursday	Northgate	5:30	SMHS
9/14	Thursday	East Coweta	5:30	@ECHS
9/28	Thursday	Sandy Creek	5:30	SMHS
10/5	Thursday	Newnan	5:30	SMHS
10/12	Thursday	McIntosh	5:30	@MHS

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 Coweta	5:30	-- --
8/10	Griffin @ Starr's Mill*	7:00	5:00
8/15	McIntosh @ Starr's Mill*	7:00	5:00
8/16	Union Grove @ Starr's Mill	5:00	7:00
8/17	Starr's Mill @ Morrow*	5:30	--
8/18 – 19	GADC Tournament	----	TBA
8/19	Arabia Mountain @ Starr's Mill (DH)	10am 12pm	--
8/22	Whitewater @ Starr's Mill*	7:00	5:00
8/24	Starr's Mill @ Fayette*	5:30	--
8/24	Starr's Mill @ East Coweta	----	5:30
8/29	Starr's Mill @ Riverdale*	5:30	--
9/7	Starr's Mill @ Griffin	7:00	5:00
9/8	HOMEcomings FOOTBALL GAME		
9/9	Fayette/Coweta J.V. Tournament	----	TBA
9/9	Starr's Mill @ GCSU Apalachee & Jones County	10am & Noon	--
9/12	Starr's Mill @ McIntosh*	5:00	7:00
9/13	Starr's Mill @ Newnan	7:00	5:00
9/14	Morrow @ Starr's Mill*	5:30	--
9/15-16	Morgan County Invitational	TBA	--
9/19	Starr's Mill @ Whitewater*	7:00	5:00
9/20	Northgate @ Starr's Mill	4:30	6:30
9/21	Fayette @ Starr's Mill*	5:30	--
9/25	Riverdale @ Starr's Mill**	5:30	--
9/27	Round 1 Region Playoffs (DH)	5:00/7:00	--
9/28	Round 1 Region Playoffs ("If" game)	5:30	--
10/3	Round 2 Region Playoffs (DH)	5:00/7:00	--
10/4	Round 2 Region Playoffs ("If" game)	5:30	--
10/12-13	State Sectionals Round 1	TBA	--
10/19-20	State Sectionals Round 2	TBA	--
10/27-29	State Finals	TBA	--

\*Region Game  
 \*\* Senior Night

**2017 Starr's Mill Varsity Volleyball**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
August 5	Northside of Columbus	12:00	Northside of Columbus (Scrimmage)
August 8	Our Lady of Mercy / Weber	6:00 / 7:00	Our Lady of Mercy
August 17	East Coweta / TBA	5:30 / 6:30	East Coweta
August 22	Columbus / Trinity	5:00 / 7:00	Starr's Mill
August 24	TBA / Landmark	5:00 / 6:00	Landmark
August 26	Car Wash Fundraiser	9:00 – 2:00	Rite-Aid Parking Lot
August 29	Heritage / Locust Grove	6:15 / 7:15	Locust Grove
August 31	Community / Trinity	6:00 / 7:00	Trinity
September 1	TBA	TBA	Porter – Gaud, SC
September 2	TBA	TBA	Porter – Gaud, SC
September 6	TBA / Alexander	6:30 / 7:30	Alexander
<b>September 12</b>	<b>Whitewater / Morrow</b>	<b>6:30 / 7:30</b>	<b>Morrow</b>
September 14	Troup / Chattahoochee	5:00 / 6:00	Troup (Pink out)
<b>September 19</b>	<b>Fayette / Riverdale</b>	<b>6:00 / 7:00</b>	<b>Fayette</b>
September 22	TBA	TBA	Starr's Mill Tournament
September 23	TBA	TBA	Starr's Mill Tournament
<b>September 26</b>	<b>McIntosh / Griffin</b>	<b>6:00 / 7:00</b>	<b>Starr's Mill</b>
September 27	Alexander		Starr's Mill (Senior Night)
September 28	Woodward (3/5)	6:00	Woodward
November 2	End of year Banquet	6:30	TBA

**2017 Starr's Mill Junior Varsity Volleyball**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
August 5	Northside of Columbus	12:00	Northside (Scrimmage)
August 14	McIntosh, Newnan, Fayette	5:15, 6:15, 7:15	McIntosh
August 21	East Coweta, McIntosh, Sandy Creek	5:15, 6:15, 7:15	Starr's Mill
August 22	TBD / Trinity	5:00 & 7:00	Starr's Mill
August 24	TBD / Landmark	5:00 & 6:00	Landmark
August 26	Car Wash Fundraiser	9:00 – 2:00	Rite-Aid Parking Lot
August 28	Northgate & Landmark	5:15 & 7:15	Starr's Mill
August 29	Heritage / Locust Grove	6:15 & 7:15	Locust Grove
August 31	Community / Trinity	6:00 & 7:00	Trinity
September 6	TBA / Alexander	TBA	Alexander
September 11	Sandy Creek, Newnan, Whitewater	5:15, 6:15, 7:15	Sandy Creek
September 14	Troup / Chattahoochee	5:00 & 6:00	Troup (Pink out)
September 18	East Coweta, Fayette, Whitewater	5:15, 6:15, 7:15	East Coweta
September 25	Northgate & Trinity	5:15 & 6:15	Northgate
September 27	Alexander	(Help with Senior Night)	Starr's Mill
September 28	Woodward (3/5)	6:00	Woodward



## Shout Outs!

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### PANTHER PRESS Summer 2017

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-sixth year in Fayette County and twenty-first year at SMHS.

This past year was incredible, and worthy of praise for some of the end of the year accomplishments.

Outstanding Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior Art Students were honored at the annual awards banquet. Respectively, Victoria Scafidi, Julia Edwards, and Devin Lohman received the praise. Congratulations to Samantha Baker for receiving the Old Courthouse Art Scholarship given locally to deserving seniors pursuing art after high school; 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 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
- \* Tupperware containers 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



Are you ready to lead? Is leadership and improving the community around you something you are interested in? The Chick-fil-a® Leader Academy is coming the Starr's Mill. For more information stop by room 846 and speak to Mr. Buck or email him at [buck.aaron@mail.fcboe.org](mailto:buck.aaron@mail.fcboe.org) . Applications open up on August 7.

### ***DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS***

*(Changes are based on recommendations provided by a Dress Code Committee, consisting of school and district administrators, teachers and parents from all levels and high school students, which met on Tuesday, June 6, 2017)*

Fayette County School System students are expected to dress and be groomed in such a way as to reflect neatness, modesty, cleanliness, and respect for your school. Students must ensure that their dress does not distract or cause disruption in the educational program or orderly operation of the school. School administrators will be responsible for determining dress code violations. The principal may interpret or add to these provisions as he/she deems to be in the best interest of the school, students or the educational process.

The following are the standards for school dress:

1. Garments will cover the waist, shoulders, back, torso, and chest in all situations. Sleeveless shirts must cover the entire width of the shoulders (4-finger test). Backless or strapless dresses or shirts and tank tops/muscle shirts are not to be worn. No skin may show at the waist. No low-cut necklines.
2. Pants, shorts, slacks, shirts, dresses and skirts will be of appropriate size and fit. Holes must be below the fingertips or mid-thigh. Pants and slacks must not touch the floor. Pants and shorts must always be on the waist. Skirts, dresses or shorts hems must be at or below the fingertips or mid-thigh.
3. Proper undergarments must be worn. Undergarments must not be exposed.
4. Clothing containing the following are not allowed: inappropriate language; advertisement of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or sex; suggestive lettering or graphics advocating/ glorifying death and/or violence.
5. Transparent or mesh clothing must be worn with appropriate clothing underneath.
6. Trench coats may not be worn inside the building.
7. Clothing that is extreme form fitting (leggings, yoga pants, jeggings, compression shirts, etc.) must be worn with an outer garment of appropriate length (see item #2).
8. Sleepwear and/or bedroom footwear may not be worn.
9. Sunglasses may not be worn inside the buildings.
10. Wallet chains or other type chains that may be dangerous or disruptive may not be worn.
11. Hats, caps, visors or hoods may not be worn inside the building.
12. Gang related clothing, bandannas, signs, symbols, and tattoos are not allowed.
13. Body piercing or tattoos that are disruptive, offensive or dangerous are not allowed.