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Snowden School Family Weekly Memo

September 12, 2022

Hello Snowden Families,

I hope that you are enjoying your weekend. School is off to a great start and we are fully engaged in learning. We are looking forward to seeing many of you this week at our different events (see calendar). As a reminder, please ensure that your child(ren) are bringing their devices to school everyday for progress monitoring as well as other blended learning activities.

Important Dates:

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 **SEPTEMBER 2022**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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4	5 No School HAPPY LABOR DAY!	6 Elem Cross Country 5:10 pm @ Shelby Farms PTO General Meeting 6pm-7pm	7 Go Jim Go! Fundraiser Begins MS Cross Country 5:10 @ Shelby Farms Football Game v. Kingsbury @ Snowden 5:30pm	8 Grandparents Day PreK-3 8:30am-9:30am Parent Teacher Conferences 4pm-7pm	9 Volleyball Game v. EE Jeter @ Snowden	10
11	12 Elem Cross Country 5:10 pm @ Shelby Farms Volleyball Game @ Germantown	13 MS Cross Country 5:10 pm @ Shelby Farms	14 Football Game @ Kate Bond 5:30pm	15 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins PTO Members Only Family Skate Night @ Cordova Skate Center 5pm-8pm	16 Go, Jim, Go! Fundraiser Ends Out of Uniform Day for PTO Families	17
18	19 Elem Cross Country 5:10 pm @ Shelby Farms Volleyball Game v. Kingsbury @ Snowden	20 MS Cross Country 5:10 pm @ Shelby Farms	21 Tiny Toons and Tales K-5 Volleyball Game @ Sherwood Football Game @ Treadwell 5:30pm	22 PTO Spirit Night @ Belly Acres 4pm-9pm	23	24
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Please note: It is our endeavor to put everything on the calendar each month; however, as new things come up for the month, we will add them to the weekly Smore.

Student Data Forms



students once the homerooms get all of their forms turned in. Please complete and submit by Friday, Sept. 9th.

UPDATE: FREE Dental Services for MSCS Students:

Memphis-Shelby County Schools has partnered with Shelby County Health Department for the School-Based Dental Sealant program that provides FREE services to students in grades K-8. To view an important video [Click here](#). Call 901-222-9443 to get your students scheduled. For more information, call Health Promotions at 416-6432.

Immunization/Vaccination Event:

Do you have students that need required immunizations? Save the date for **September 17**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. located at the The Teaching and Learning Academy(Union & Hollywood). Memphis Shelby County Schools will host another immunization/vaccination event in partnership with the Health Department, Methodist Lebonheur, St. Jude, and Latino Memphis. All forms of communication with parents are encouraged.



Fundraiser Award

- On this week, Jim Jaggers stopped by to share Snowden's Award for being one of the top 10 schools to raise the most money for the 2021-2022 "Go Jim Go" Campaign for Lebonheur Children's hospital. Great Job Team Snowden! Let's do it again on this school year!



GO, JIM, GO! September 7-16

Bring a donation to support
Le Bonheur Children's Hospital



\$2 Donation - Out of Uniform Day

\$5 Donation - One Week Out of Uniform

(You may donate more if you desire)

Snowden's goal this year is at least

\$5,500.00

****Out-of-Uniform Days will be announced
after the donations have been calculated for
the school!**





PTO Membership- dues not required, donations welcomed- we want you!

Sign-up [HERE](#) to join our PTO today! You must re-join each year. Get involved Greendog families and faculty!

PTO Members' IMPORTANT Update- check your email spam/junk folders for emails from admin@snowdenschoolpto.org. Mark our PTO emails "not junk" if needed. Many recent PTO emails went to people's spam/junk folders. Thank you!

Fun PTO Updates- Our first PTO meeting of the year and our Grandparents' Day event last week were both successful and well attended. • Last week the PTO presented a \$25 VISA gift card to Kindergarten teacher Megan Jackson! We celebrate a teacher each month with perfect attendance. • Costco Wholesale has donated (4) \$25 gift cards to PTO to purchase drinks for our Spaghetti Supper • Memphis Ice Company has donated its services to our PTO to service and repair the gym's ice machine!

September Teacher Appreciation Breakfast- donations needed

The Snowden PTO Teacher Appreciation committee will be providing a special Teacher Appreciation Breakfast for the Snowden staff this coming Wednesday, September 14th. There are still a few spots to sign up for one item. Plan to bring it on Monday 9/12 or Tuesday 9/13 and drop it off in the Main Office. We hope you enjoy the breakfast teachers- you're the best in the world!! Sign-up [HERE](#).

Fall Spiritwear Pre-Order & Spiritwear Updates



<https://stores.inksoft.com/snowden/shop/home>.

The Zipper Jackets and Hoodies are back in stock! Most have been delivered to students' homerooms- a few deliveries will be finalized early this coming week. If you have any questions, please email admin@snowdenschoolpto.org. You can also order Spiritwear year-round on our website www.snowdenschoolpto.org. We appreciate your support!

Clothing Closet Needs

Snowden School maintains a clothing closet to meet various needs throughout the school year. Currently, the closet **is in need of volunteers** to help organize and maintain the inventory- and **the closet is in need of donations** too. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Hamilton, Guidance Counselor at hamiltonp@scsk12.org. Donations can be dropped off at the Main Office.

The following items are needed: BOYS New or Gently Used Uniform pants or shorts Child sizes 5-14 & Adult sizes 12-20 • BOYS New underwear Child sizes 4-12 & Adult sizes 12-20 • New socks Child sizes 5-10 • GIRLS New or Gently Used Uniform pants, shorts, or skirts Child sizes 5-14 & Adult sizes 12-20 • GIRLS New underwear Child sizes 4-10 • GIRLS New socks Child size 5-10 • BOYS/GIRLS shoes in children youth sizes 1-6

Snowden Dudes need dudes!

Snowden Dudes is a group of men who are committed to making a positive impact at Snowden Elementary through tutoring, mentorship, and volunteer work. To learn more, [check this out](#) and contact the dudes at snowdendudes@gmail.com. You can also [follow them on Facebook](#).

Want to Volunteer with our PTO?

Be sure and complete the Volunteer Process required through MSCS. Access the process [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact the Snowden School Volunteer Coordinator- Mr. Brian Vernon, Guidance Counselor, at vernonbm@scsk12.org

Mark Your Calendars





Skate Center will donate 50% of the night's profit back to the Snowden School PTO. [Join our PTO](#) so you can attend this awesome family event that supports fun times and Snowden!

- **PK-8th Grade Out-of-Uniform Day for PTO Memberships: September 16th** All students whose families signed up for PTO by September 6th will receive a PTO wristband to dress out of uniform on Sept. 16th. The wristbands will be given out by homeroom teachers THIS WEDNESDAY. If your child does not receive a wristband Wednesday and you signed up for PTO, please email us before Friday at admin@snowdenschoolpto.org. No ripped jeans. Please wear the wristband.

- **September PTO Spirit Night- September 22nd from 4:00 pm- 9:00 pm** Make plans for dinner at Belly Acres in Overton Square! Belly Acres accepts dine-in and take-out orders. Mention Snowden School and Belly Acres will donate 15% of the sales back to Snowden PTO. To place a take-out order please call 901-529-7017. [RSVP](#) if you can attend (we need a minimum of 20 RSVPs for the fundraiser to happen).

- **Snazz Up Snowden #2- October 1st** Help us Snazz Up Snowden on October 1st from 10:00 am- 12:00 noon (rain date October 2nd from 12:00 noon-2:00 pm). Meet at the school's Main Entrance. Questions? Ask Kelly Lindsey, Snazz Up Snowden Chair at lindseykl@scsk12.org There will be mulch to spread, weeding beds, and some fall planting! Bring your own water bottle and gardening gloves.

- **National Walk & Roll to School Day- October 5th** Mark your calendars. More details coming soon!

- **Spaghetti Supper** Snowden PTO's Spaghetti Supper is coming up on **October 6th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**, sponsored by Pete and Sam's! Enjoy an evening of dinner, entertainment from our music department, a book fair, a school-wide open house, and more. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, and soft drinks. A vegetarian sauce will also be available. **Tickets are \$10 per person and are available for advance purchase only by October 5th.** No tickets will be sold at the door. Teachers receive one complimentary ticket (teachers please still reserve your teacher ticket online). The link to purchase tickets online is: <https://snowdenpto.square.site/product/spaghetti-supper-22>. You can also submit the paper order form and payment through the Main Office by October 5th.

- **Snowden School Marathon Team** Ms. Young, a Snowden 3rd grade teacher, has organized a Snowden School Team for the St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend this coming December 3rd, 2022. She is hoping for a combined team of Snowden School staff, PTO members, and Snowden School families and supporters. Join [HERE](#)





Our very own Max Smiley will be the Mid South Fair SpokesKid!! Congratulations Max!!




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Congratulations to the 2022 Mid-South Fair SpokesKID – Max Smiley!

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We're thrilled to announce Max as our winner. His charisma, creativity and love for the Fair got him a nearly PERFECT score from our judges, and we can't wait for you to meet him.

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Thank you to our sponsor [WREG News Channel 3](#) and to all the spectacular kiddos that entered!

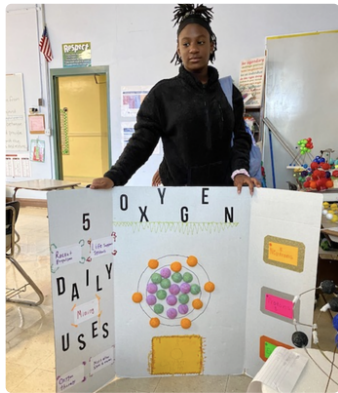


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Atomic Models Project

Students had to apply their knowledge of the periodic table and the position and charges of subatomic particles that make up atoms, to create an Atomic model.



Mark Your Calendar!!!



Chess Club

Club Sponsor: Assistant Principal Elizabeth Patterson



spreading quality chess in the Mid-South, and International Master Jake Kleiman, a native Memphian and Phi Beta Kappa Rhodes College graduate recognized as one of the top players in the country. MID-SOUTH CHESS INSTRUCTORS are college students and recent graduates who must exhibit chess ability, skill, enthusiasm, play actively, possess communicative-child friendly skills and fine moral character. Our instruction has spanned 21 years in Memphis and includes coaching elementary, middle, and high school students, camps, tournaments, seminars, and simultaneous chess exhibitions. Chess Club: Mondays after school from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM starting September 12th for 12 sessions. Please pickup at 4:15 PM from the library.

Social Justice and Inclusion Club (Middle School Students Only)

Club Sponsor: Elizabeth Carter (Elementary Music Teacher)

Our mission is to create a safe place for all students as we seek to understand and champion issues of social justice in the LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities. In this effort, we will partner with community organizations including Facing History and Ourselves. We are a social organization open to all students to discuss issues pertinent to their lives. We are students who share a vision of social equality. We will seek opportunities to participate in events in our surrounding community that promote tolerance and acceptance. Meetings will be every Wednesday after school until 4:00 pm, Rm. 318. Parent permission is required. If you would like to opt out for your child, please send Principal Scruggs an email at Scruggssss@scsk12.org.

Spirit Club

Club Sponsor: Lana Suite (4th Grade Teacher)

The Snowden Spirit Club Members, will foster school spirit at all home games. We will cheer our team to victory and show good sportsmanship even when we lose. We will be the leaders in the stand and in the school. We will generate an energy that every team will feel on and off the court.

Gaming Club





The Gaming Club will be for highly competitive students. We will engage in playing and learning about the various indoor games including but not limited to: Board Games, Card Games, Word and Puzzle Games, and Video Games. Meeting times will be on the first and third Thursdays beginning this fall from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. More information will be forthcoming.

Middle School Art Club

Club Sponsor: Brittany Embry (Middle School Art Teacher)

Snowden Art Club is for Middle School students who wish to spend additional time on art by pursuing independent studies, working on team projects with other students, trying out new creative processes outside of the art class or have increased time to complete class work. We will meet every Tuesday after school. I will announce in advance any day we DO NOT have a meeting with as much notice as possible through the REMIND App. We will also be looking for additional opportunities to learn about art, which may include a field trip and guest speakers. Any outside exploration will be announced well in advance with additional Permission Slips required.

Fantasy Sports Club

Club Sponsor: Brian Vernon (Counselor)

OPEN TO (GRADE LEVEL(S) 6-8

DESCRIPTION of CLUB/ORGANIZATION – Students learn about & participate in free Fantasy Football & Basketball

REQUIREMENTS – Parent/guardian must fill out a permission slip & sign their student up for a free online Yahoo Fantasy Sports account. There are 9 slots available at the beginning of the year.

Meetings: Mondays until 3:30 in Room 322

Peer Mediation





Peer Mediation is returning to Snowden! Our 4th -8th graders will submit applications to train at Rhodes college for a day, learning the art of conflict resolution. Thirty students will be chosen to pair up & help their classmates resolve misunderstandings & teachable moments in supervised sessions. More information will be forthcoming.

Note: As more clubs are added to our program, updates will be provided on the Smore Weekly Family Memo.

Snowden Sports



Girls Soccer Update:





have a Soccer club, however, that will be open to all Middle School students with valid physicals. The soccer club aims to meet every Tuesday after the end of the football season from 3:30-4:30. We will meet and have scrimmages, film sessions, and conditioning, as well as giving students a chance to grow in their both their athletic and social/emotion skills.

Thanks so much,
Scott Liebenhaut

Athletic Director - Cardell Moore - MooreC5@scsk12.org

Fall Sports

Football - Coach Moore moorec5@scsk12.org

Volleyball - Coach Robertson boonec1@scsk12.org

Girls' Soccer - Coach Wilford wilfordj@scsk12.org

Cheerleading - Coach Harris harrismdl@scsk12.org

Cross Country (3rd - 8th grade)

Coach Ashby bryce@donatilaw.com & Coach Strom
stromb@scsk12.org

Winter Sports

Boys' Basketball - Coach Moore moorec5@scsk12.org

Girls' Basketball - Coach Holmes holmestd@scsk12.org

Cheerleading - Coach Harris harrismd1@scsk12.org

Spring Sports

Boys' Track & Field - Coach Moore moorec5@scsk12.org

Girls' Track & Field - Coach Robertson boonec1@scsk12.org

Boys' Soccer - TBD

Baseball - TBD

Softball - Coach Guynes guynesro@scsk12.org



Absenteeism/Tardies/ Early Check Outs...

When your child must be absent, please make sure that you send a note by your child to give to their teacher upon their return.

Just a few reminders for absenteeism:

If your child will be absent for more than two consecutive days, please reach out to the homeroom teacher or grade band school counselor to notify them. We are able to prepare make up work packages with a 24 hour notice.

Counseling Team:

Ms. Hamilton (KK-2nd) Hamiltonp@scsk12.org

Ms. Harmon (3rd- 5th) HarmonA@scsk12.org

Ms. Boyce (6th - 8th) BoyceCD@scsk12.org

Mr. Vernon (6th - 8th) VernonBM@scsk12.org

- All students should be in the class and seated by 8:15am.
- The cutoff time for early check out is 2:30pm daily.
- It is very critical that the absences are documented as excused absences.
- **High unexcused absenteeism rates, tardies and early check outs will effect Optional or Choice Transfer statuses.**
- ***Early Check outs are strongly discouraged, please make every effort to make appointments after school hours. Instructional time missed does impact student achievement.***



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Breakfast and Lunch are free. Students may bring their lunch if they choose to.
- Breakfast is from 7:30am - 8:00am.
- Morning Arrival - Kindergarten- 3rd grade students who come to school between 7:30am - 8:00 will report to the cafeteria to wait until one of the grade level teachers pick them up at 8am.
- Morning Arrival - 4th - 8th grade students who come to school between 7:30am - 8:00 am will report to the gymnasium to wait until one of their grade level teachers come to pick them up at 8am.
- 6th - 8th grade students will go through the metal detection daily.
- For dismissal of car riders, please do not get out of your car to walk up to the gym door. We will not be able to accommodate you and give you your child. Please stay in the line. The line will get faster.
- All Car Riders should have car rider numbers. If you do not have one, please email Assistant Principals: Cherice Robertson(BooneC1@scsk12.org) or Elizabeth Patterson(PattersonE2@scsk12.org).
- Middle School numbers are on blue paper and Elementary are on white paper. Please put the numbers in your dash board when picking up your child.
- Please help your child to memorize their car rider numbers. It will help the car rider lines go faster.



Tutwiler Alley.

- If the car line takes too long for you, you may sign your child up as a walker and meet them at one of the Walk Stations: North Parkway, Faxon, or Tutwiler.
- **Early Check-Outs will end at 2:30pm daily. Please know that early check outs will count against student's Optional and General Choice Transfers.**

People that you should know...

Principal : Shadonica Scruggs - Scruggsss@scsk12.org

Vice Principal: Deorrick Washington (6th-8th) - WashingtonDL1@scsk12.org

Assistant Principal: Elizabeth Patterson (KK-2nd) - PattersonE2@scsk12.org

Assistant Principal: Matthew Martinez (3rd - 5th) - MartinezM1@scsk12.org

Assistant Principal: Cherice Robertson (6th - 8th) - BooneC1@scsk12.org

Professsional Learning Coach(Middle School):Susan McClanahan- McClanahanSD@scsk12.org

Professional Learning Coach (Elementary) : Stephanye Jimerson - JimersonSL@scsk12.org

School Compliance Manager: Jacqueline Berry BerryJA@scsk12.org

General Office Secretary: Berlecia Prackett PracketTB@scsk12.org

Records/ Attendance Secretary KK -5th : Michelle JacksonMC@scsk12.org

Records/Attendance Secretary 6th- 8th : Tracy Russell RussellT2@scsk12.org

Linzie Mullins: Public Relations Organizer: (Manage Social Media and Marquee)
MullinsLW@scsk12.org

Elizabeth Carter: Webmaster - Manage Website Carterea@scsk12.org





Based on the latest guidance published by the CDC on **August 11, 2022** recommendations for quarantining following exposure to the COVID-19 virus and contact tracing have been dropped. The changes are driven by a recognition that an estimated 95% of Americans 16 and older have acquired some level of immunity, either from being vaccinated or infected. Please review the [MSCS 2022-2023 COVID-19 Guidance Updates](#) that reflect these changes and share the information with your school teams.

For more information about the CDC guidance, please visit:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/p0811-covid-guidance.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>



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