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# *Snowden School Family Weekly Memo*

September 5, 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 <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY!</b>	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
25	26 Fall Portraits Elem Cross Country 5:10 pm @ Shelby Farms	27 Fall Portraits MS Cross Country 5:10 pm @ Shelby Farms	28 Middle School Pep Rally Football Homecoming v. Cordova @ Snowden 5:30 pm	29	30	



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.

## Parent-Teacher Conference Day



conference with your child's teacher, please feel free to reach out to the teacher or leave a message for them in the main office. We will have conferences from 4pm - 7pm. All teachers will be available. The main office number is 901-416-4621.

## **Student Data Forms**

Parents, we need your help in getting our Student Data Forms returned. Our goal is to have a hard copy of the Student Data form on file for emergencies. We will be having an Ice-Cream Social for students once the homerooms get all of their forms turned in. Please complete and submit by Friday, Sept. 9th.





# 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 Drive- dues not required, donations welcomed- we want you!**

Sign-up [HERE](#) to join our PTO today! Get involved Greendog families and faculty!

**September Teacher Appreciation Breakfast- donations needed**

The Snowden PTO Teacher Appreciation committee will be providing a special Teacher Appreciation Breakfast for the Snowden staff on Tuesday, September 14th. Please take a moment to sign up for one item and plan to bring it on Monday 9/12 or Tuesday 9/13 and drop it off in the Main Office. Sign-up [HERE](#).

**Fall Spiritwear Pre-Order & Spiritwear Updates**

The Snowden PTO is excited to continue our Fall Spiritwear Pre-Sale! This online sale is open now until September 14th! The designs include 2 new t-shirts as well as a new sweatshirt. Orders will be delivered to homerooms the week of Sept. 26th. Sales benefit the Snowden PTO. To shop the Fall Spiritwear Sale visit: <https://stores.inksoft.com/snowden/shop/home>.

The Zipper Jackets and Hoodies will be back in stock next week! If you have ordered a zipper jacket or hoodie and have not received your order yet, please note that the PTO will be delivering them to homerooms next Thursday and Friday. If you have any questions, please email [admin@snowdenschoolpto.org](mailto:admin@snowdenschoolpto.org). You can also pre-order them on our website [www.snowdenschoolpto.org](http://www.snowdenschoolpto.org). We appreciate your patience!





**closet is in need of donations** too. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Hamilton, Guidance Counselor at [hamiltonp@scsk12.org](mailto: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

### Arts Enrichment Update

The PTO Arts Enrichment committee purchased 200 individual recorder instrument bags for the Elementary Music classes last week! Starting next week, the 400+ recorders on hand at Snowden will be individually bagged ready to protect those musical beauties and keep the kids safe as well. Can you imagine 400 recorders playing at Snowden? Hats off to Ms. Carter and Ms. Mullins for their commitment to the music education of our children!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:vernonbm@scsk12.org)

### Mark Your Calendars

- **PTO Meeting: September 6th from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm-** Snowden PTO's first meeting of the year. Join us in the cafeteria. **CHANGE OF PLANS-** Lenny's box meals will be served instead of pizza, at no charge! Best of all: kids can attend with their parents. **Featured Guest:** Our very own District 2 MSCS







Snowden **PTO's Granddogs has been moved to the CAFETERIA!** The deadline to participate was Friday, September 2nd. The Granddogs are a group of Snowden grandparents committed to supporting our school. You can sign up at Grandparent's Day to join Granddogs! **Participating PK-3rd grade students** (with a signed permission slip on file) must be checked in with their teacher by 8:15 am. They will be escorted to meet with their grandparent(s) in the cafeteria by Snowden staff.

- **PTO "Members Only" Family/Faculty Skate Night: September 15th from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm** at Cordova Skate Center! **What a great reason to join our PTO!** The first 150 people get free admission and skate rentals. After the first 150 people, it's \$10 per person for admission and skates. Cordova 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!

- **K-8th Grade Out-of-Uniform Day for PTO Memberships: September 16th** Joining our PTO is free! Donations are welcomed with your membership, but not required. All students whose families have signed up by September 6th (our first PTO meeting of the year) will receive a PTO wristband (from their homeroom teacher) for an out-of-uniform day on Sept. 16th! Be sure and sign-up to join [HERE](#).

- **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).

- **Spaghetti Supper & CommUnity are BACK!** Mark your calendar for Spaghetti Supper on October 6th and CommUnity on April 22nd. Tickets for Spaghetti Supper will go on sale after Labor Day- advanced ticket sales only. No tickets are sold at the door. More details to come!

- **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](#)

**Mark Your Calendar!!!**





2022		2023	
First Semester-82 days		Second Semester-98 days	
<b>AUGUST</b>		<b>JANUARY</b>	
8	First Day for Students   1st 9 Weeks Begins	2	Students Return   2nd Semester   3rd 9 Weeks Begins
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		16	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Students Out)
5	Labor Day (Students Out)	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
8	Parent/Teacher Conferences (4-7 p.m.)	16	Parent Teacher Conferences (4-7 p.m.)
<b>OCTOBER</b>		20	Presidents Day   Regular School Day
7	1st Nine Weeks Ends	<b>MARCH</b>	
10-14	Fall Break (Students Out)	10	3rd Nine Weeks Ends
17	Students Return   2nd 9 Weeks Begins	13-17	Spring Break   (Students Out)
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		20	Students Return   4th 9 Weeks Begins
8	Election Day (Students Out)	<b>APRIL</b>	
11	Veterans Day (Students Out)	7	Spring Break II   Good Friday (Students Out)
21-25	Thanksgiving Break (Students Out)	<b>MAY</b>	
<b>DECEMBER</b>		24-26	2nd Semester Exams
14-16	1st Semester Exams	26	Last Day of School   4th 9 Weeks Ends
16	1st Semester Ends   2nd 9 Weeks Ends	<b>JUNE</b>	
19-30	Winter Break (Students Out)		

## Academic Clubs & Awards





**Sponsor: Scott Libenhaut ( Middle School Clue Teacher)**

Students will begin to apply this month.

**Sponsor: Pamela Bruce ( 5th Grade Math Teacher)**

Students will need to work hard this first semester. Grades and Conduct for the first semester will make the determination for qualification.

**Sponsor: Kimberly Vaughns ( 7th Grade Science Teacher)**

Students will need to work hard this first semester. Grades and Conduct for the first semester will make the determination for qualification.

**Social Clubs and Organizations.....**







**Student Council  
Sponsor: Gina  
Guthrie ( Clue  
Teacher)**

Campaigning for officers will begin this month. Grades 5th - 8th.

**Sponsors: All  
Counselors**

Applications will open this month.

**Middle School Art  
Club Sponsor: Ms.  
Embry( M.S. Art  
Teacher)**

Middle School Art Club is underway.



**Chess Club**

***Club Sponsor: Assistant Principal Elizabeth Patterson***

ALL IN A CHALLENGING, EXCITING, AND FUN ENVIRONMENT

Beginner to Advanced Players Welcome FOUNDERS OF MID-SOUTH CHESS are International Grandmaster Alex Stripunsky, a competitive player and premier chess instructor dedicated to 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





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 [Scruggsss@scsk12.org](mailto:Scruggsss@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**

***Club Sponsor: Scott Liebenhaut ( Middle School Clue Teacher)***

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.



***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**

***Sponsors: Counseling Department ( Mr. Vernon, Ms. Boyce and Ms. Harmon)***

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.





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## Snowden Sports



### Girls Soccer Update:

Snowden Girls Soccer for the 2022 season will not meet this season. We unfortunately did not have enough have enough players show up, and we were unable to field a team for this season. We will 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.





**Athletic Director - Cardell Moore - [MooreC5@scsk12.org](mailto:MooreC5@scsk12.org)**

**Fall Sports**

Football - Coach Moore [moorec5@scsk12.org](mailto:moorec5@scsk12.org)

Volleyball - Coach Robertson [boonec1@scsk12.org](mailto:boonec1@scsk12.org)

Girls' Soccer - Coach Wilford [wilfordj@scsk12.org](mailto:wilfordj@scsk12.org)

Cheerleading - Coach Harris [harrismdl@scsk12.org](mailto:harrismdl@scsk12.org)

Cross Country (3rd - 8th grade)

Coach Ashby [bryce@donatilaw.com](mailto:bryce@donatilaw.com) & Coach Strom  
[stromb@scsk12.org](mailto:stromb@scsk12.org)

**Winter Sports**

Boys' Basketball - Coach Moore [moorec5@scsk12.org](mailto:moorec5@scsk12.org)

Girls' Basketball - Coach Holmes [holmestd@scsk12.org](mailto:holmestd@scsk12.org)

Cheerleading - Coach Harris [harrismdl@scsk12.org](mailto:harrismdl@scsk12.org)

**Spring Sports**

Boys' Track & Field - Coach Moore [moorec5@scsk12.org](mailto:moorec5@scsk12.org)

Girls' Track & Field - Coach Robertson [boonec1@scsk12.org](mailto:boonec1@scsk12.org)

Boys' Soccer - TBD

Baseball - TBD

Softball - Coach Guynes [guynesro@scsk12.org](mailto:guynesro@scsk12.org)

Elementary Track & Field (3rd - 5th Grade) - Coach Strom  
[stromb@scsk12.org](mailto:stromb@scsk12.org)

Elementary Basketball (3rd - 5th Grade) - TBD

**Absenteeism/Tardies/ Early Check Outs...**





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](mailto:Hamiltonp@scsk12.org)

Ms. Harmon ( 3rd- 5th) [HarmonA@scsk12.org](mailto:HarmonA@scsk12.org)

Ms. Boyce ( 6th - 8th) [BoyceCD@scsk12.org](mailto:BoyceCD@scsk12.org)

Mr. Vernon (6th - 8th ) [VernonBM@scsk12.org](mailto: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](mailto:BooneC1@scsk12.org)) or Elizabeth Patterson([PattersonE2@scsk12.org](mailto: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 - [Scruggssss@scsk12.org](mailto:Scruggssss@scsk12.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

School Compliance Manager: Jacqueline Berry [BerryJA@scsk12.org](mailto:BerryJA@scsk12.org)

General Office Secretary: Berlecia Prackett [PracketTB@scsk12.org](mailto:PracketTB@scsk12.org)

Records/ Attendance Secretary KK -5th : Michelle [JacksonMC@scsk12.org](mailto:JacksonMC@scsk12.org)

Records/Attendance Secretary 6th- 8th : Tracy Russell [RussellT2@scsk12.org](mailto:RussellT2@scsk12.org)

Linzie Mullins: Public Relations Organizer: ( Manage Social Media and Marquee)

[MullinsLW@scsk12.org](mailto:MullinsLW@scsk12.org)

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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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