

SHADES MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
2008-2009 CALLING POST LOG

(This document contains an archive of all Calling Posts for the current academic year. Each entry will contain a date and time stamp with the most recent Calling Post at the top of this document.)

LATEST CALLING POST:

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 (All Volleyball Families)

This is a reminder for volleyball tryout participants and their parents. There will be an important meeting for parents and students tomorrow, May 21st, at 5 pm, in FLC 6. At this meeting, you will be given important information about volleyball, including summer dates. You will also have an opportunity to meet our new Varsity Volleyball Coach, James Hanger. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

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Previous Calling Posts:

Tuesday, May 12, 2009 (Middle School Volleyball Parents)

Volleyball tryouts for middle school girls only, will conclude on Wednesday. They will not continue through Friday with the Varsity and Junior Varsity, but will end on Wednesday, May 13th instead. Again, all upcoming 7th and 8th grade girls trying out for volleyball will have their last day of practice tomorrow.

Friday, May 8, 2009 (Parents of 8th, 10th, and 12th graders)

This message is being sent to all 8th, 10th and 12th grade students. These students won the March Madness Penny Drop competition and their prize is a day off school. So, please be advised that students in the 8th, 10th and 12th grades DO NOT have to come to school on Monday, May 11th. Thank you again for making the Penny Drop Fundraiser such a huge success.

Wednesday, May 6, 2009 (All SMCS Families)

This is a school closing alert for SMCS. School will be closed today at 1:15 due to impending weather. All school activities and athletic practices are cancelled today. After school care will be available for parents who are unable to pick up their children. Again, school will be closed today at 1:15.

Sunday, May 3, 2009 (All SMCS Families)

Teacher appreciation week begins tomorrow! It kicks off with give your teacher a hug! Please encourage your student's participation each day. For a full listing of daily events, please check EdLine or the Highlights posted on smcs.org. This is the perfect opportunity to uplift our teachers for all that they do!

Friday, May 1, 2009 (All SMCS Families)

The totals and winners for the Penny Drop fundraiser are in. God has given us \$31,401.82. This is over double our goal! Division winners among our students are: K5, 2nd grade and 5th grade. These grades will enjoy the Penny Drop grand prize of bowling/pizza parties on May 15th. Congratulations also to 8th grade and 10th grade for winning March Madness in the Junior and Senior High competition. Both classes will receive a day out of school on a date to be determined. Thank you to our volunteers and to all of you for your donations and efforts seeking donations from others. Please take time today and give thanks to our Heavenly Father - the supplier of all our needs. He truly has blessed us beyond measure. To Him be the glory for the great things He has done!

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 (K-6 grade Families)

We wanted to let the parents of 1st through 6th grade students know that tomorrow is the deadline for ordering hotdog lunches for Field Day. If your student would like to eat a hotdog lunch on Friday, you must turn in a form with payment to your teacher tomorrow. The meals are \$4.00 each and will include 1 hotdog, Lay's potato chips, a cookie and drink. Additional hotdogs can be purchased for \$1 each. Students not placing orders must bring a sack lunch that day. The Field Day hotdog lunch form can be downloaded from the school's website at smcs.org, so don't miss out on pre-ordering the hotdog lunch.

Sunday, April 19, 2009 (All SMCS Families)

Tomorrow kicks off our first Penny Drop fundraiser. Students will rally each morning to present their grades' good money and pollute the competition. Rally locations and times are: Kindergarten in Mrs. Chonoski's room at 8:50, 1st thru 6th grade in the Garage at 8:15, and 7th thru 12th grade in the gymnasium at 9:00. Parents are welcome to attend. If you obtained one of the Penny Drop jars to place in a business, please collect it this week so your student can turn in the money and be sure to return all those jars back to the school by Friday. Continue to pray for the Lord's provision for SMCS. We thank you for your continued support.

Thursday, April 16, 2009 (All Secondary Families)

The Spring Induction Ceremony for the SMCS Cross Bearers Chapter of the National Honor Society will take place tomorrow, Friday, April 17th at 1:45 pm in the Sanctuary. All Secondary students, grades 7-12, will attend and should follow the guidelines for "Dressy Occasions" as outlined on page 53 of the student handbook. Visitors are asked to sit in the balcony. There will be a reception for the new members and their families following the ceremony.

Monday, March 30, 2009 (Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 6)

Tomorrow is **PICTURE DAY** for all Kindergarten and Elementary students. Kindergarten pictures will include individual Spring pictures and Group pictures. Cap and Gown Pictures will also be taken for our K-5 graduates. Grades 1-6 pictures will include individual Spring pictures and Group pictures. Remind your children to wear BIG smiles to school tomorrow. Hope you have a blessed evening.

Thursday, March 5, 2009 (individuals going to Orlando Band Trip)

This is a reminder that there is a meeting scheduled for Friday, March 6th from 5:30-6PM in the band room to discuss the Orlando Spring trip. Important paperwork, rooming list, & final financial information is on the agenda. All students, parents of students, and chaperons attending the trip must be in attendance. Also, if we have not made copies of your insurance cards, please bring them with you as well.

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 (all SMCS families)

This is a reminder that this coming Friday, February 27th, is the last day for current SMCS families to re-enroll for the next school year at the early rate. Starting on Monday, enrollment is open to the general public and the early rate is no longer in effect. If you are planning to re-enroll for the 2009-2010 school year, we hope that you will be able to take advantage of this early discounted rate by re-enrolling by Friday.

Friday, February 13, 2009

This calling post is a reminder that there will be a school-wide parent meeting held on the evening of February 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Shades Mountain Independent Church sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss two challenges presented by our struggling economy. Because of the nature of the meeting we are requesting that students not attend. It is our expectation that the meeting should last approximately a little over an hour. We hope that you will be able to join us on Tuesday evening.

Monday, February 9, 2009 (Senior Class)

We will have an important financial aid meeting for the parents of seniors tomorrow night, Tuesday, February 10th, in the SMIC Chapel, adjacent to the lunchroom. Come and join us to hear about the types of financial aid available, the FAFSA form, and other helpful college resources. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow night.

Monday, February 9, 2009 (7th-12th grades)

This is a reminder that the final deadline for ordering a yearbook for grades 7-12 is tomorrow, Tuesday, February 10th. The cost is \$55 and your payment needs to be in the office by 9 a.m. The final number for yearbooks will be ordered tomorrow and there will not be any extras to be purchased at the end of the year. If you have questions, please leave a message for Staci Caldwell at the school office.

Thursday, January 8, 2009 (All SMCS Families)

Re: Changes to School Calendar. This message is to advise you of 2 very important changes to our School Calendar. (1) There will be no school on February 12th and 13th. These are the corrected dates for the ACSI Teachers Conference which were listed incorrectly in the student directory. (2) The last day of school has been changed from June 3rd to May 29th. Additional information, including exam dates, is included in today's Highlights. Revised copies of the School Calendar may be picked up in the main office or downloaded from our website @ www.smcs.org.

Saturday, January 3, 2009 (Football & Cheerleader Families)

This is a reminder for all football and cheerleader families to make reservations for the Football & Cheerleader Awards Program to be held in the SMCS Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8th. If you did not receive an invitation and reservation form sent by mail earlier in week you can download a form from the SMCS football website or you can pick up the reservation form at the Secondary office. To make reservations on-line go to: SMCSFOOTBALL.ORG. The link to the on-line reservation form is on the right side of the Welcome Page. Reservations need to be made by Tuesday, January 6th.

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 (Christmas Shoppe; K3-6th Parents)

Christmas is quickly approaching and it is time to shop! The PTF will host a Christmas Shoppe for elementary students this Thursday and Friday - December 11th and 12th. Items will vary in price from \$2.00 to \$5.00. So send your students with a Christmas list so they don't forget anyone and enough money for everyone on their list. The students love this opportunity to shop for parents, grandparents, sisters and brothers! Merry Christmas!

Thursday, November 20, 2008 (Parents of Seniors)

The senior ad page must be turned in on Monday, November 24th along with your payment of \$100 for a ½ page ad or \$150 for a full page ad. These prices include your senior's copy of the yearbook. Also due on Monday are your formal Senior Pictures. Please direct any questions to Staci Caldwell at stacicaldwell@smcs.org or you may call her at 205-447-4454. And for those who did not turn in your graduation announcement orders yet, the representative will be here again on Tuesday, November 25th at 7:45 a.m.

Monday, November 3, 2008 (SMCS Spirit Night – All Families)

Tomorrow evening, November 4th, is SMCS Spirit Night at the Galleria . . . presented by Chick-fil-A and the Shades Mountain Christian Athletic Boosters. Please join us from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Chick-fil-A inside the Food Court at the Galleria Mall. Ten percent (10%) of the total sales during that time period will be donated to the SMCS Athletic Booster Club. The class with the most participation will receive an ice cream party courtesy of Chick-fil-A. Double points will be awarded for wearing SMCS Spirit Wear! We do realize that tomorrow is Election Day. What a great idea for dinner... after you vote at the polls.

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 (Fall Festival – All Families)

Fall Festival is this Saturday, October 25 from 4:00 until 8:00! Tickets and one price armbands will be on sale tomorrow and Friday in carpool and at lunch! We will be collecting candy and cakes for the cake walk in carpool line tomorrow, so please have those items ready! We are looking forward to an awesome event! Please bring someone with you and let them find out about our great school! Look forward to seeing you then!

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 (Fall Festival – All Families)

Fall Festival is quickly approaching - Saturday, October 25 from 4:00 until 8:00. There will be 22 booths, food, lots of candy and FUN! There are still plenty of volunteer opportunities available for this event, so please take an opportunity to contribute. Your teacher, room mother or class liaison can provide additional information. Also, each student is requested to bring two bags of individually wrapped candy for the class booth, you may begin sending candy in immediately! Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Additionally, take an opportunity to bring a family member or have your child bring a friend, this will be a great event for all!

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 (Testing; 9th-11th grade)

This is a reminder that tomorrow is the testing day for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. The fee for the EXPLORE test for 9th grade is \$7.50; the PLAN test for 10th grade is \$9.50; and the PSAT for some 10th graders and all 11th graders is \$13.00. Fees must be paid to the test proctor tomorrow BEFORE the testing begins. NO FEES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER TESTING BEGINS. Checks should be made payable to SMCS...no cash please. Thank you for your help.

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 (Schedule Clarification for Seniors)

Seniors will be exempt from the Green 1 & Green 2 block classes tomorrow, Wednesday, Oct. 15th. This is a testing morning for the 9th-11th grade students so seniors get to sleep in. Seniors are to report to their 3rd block through 5th block classes only. Those with lunch BEFORE 3rd block class must check in at 12:35. Those with 3rd block class before lunch must check in at 11:10. Enjoy your morning off, seniors!

Thursday, October 2, 2008 (Computer Problems - All SMCS Families)

We would like to make you aware of a couple of in-house computer related problems that we are currently experiencing. For some unknown reason, we are unable to reply to emails sent from an AOL address at this time. Until this problem is resolved, if you feel you must get in touch with a teacher, you may call the school office and leave a message. The second problem involves Edline. Some teachers at the secondary level have had problems uploading grades and updating Edline. We are sorry for this inconvenience and hope to resolve these problems soon.

Monday, September 29, 2008 (PTF OPEN HOUSE - All SMCS Families)

Just a reminder that the PTF Open House is tomorrow night Tuesday, September 30. The general assembly will begin in the auditorium at 6:00pm. This is YOUR opportunity to learn about the school's vision and how you can find your place to assist. You will also have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom. There will also be an area to provide donations for the teachers' wish lists. The elementary AND secondary teacher with the highest percentage of parent visitors will each receive a \$100.00 gift card to assist with their wish list purchases. Don't worry about dinner because the Band Booster Club is hosting a BBQ dinner from 4:30 to 5:45

prior to the general assembly for \$5.00 per person, so come out and support the band boosters! We look forward to see you tomorrow night.

Monday, September 22, 2008 (*Powder Puff Activities - Grades 7-12*)

This is an important message for all students who are planning to participate in tomorrow's Powder Puff games. **All Powder Puff girl players, boy coaches and boy cheerleaders** must turn in a permission form to Mrs. Hill no later than tomorrow morning. The forms were due this past Friday and in order to participate, you must turn in a Powder Puff permission form signed by parents. If you have lost your form, it will be posted on-line at www.SMCS.org this afternoon and listed under *Powder Puff Permission Form*. We want everyone to participate and enjoy this special event, but **YOU WILL NOT GET TO PLAY, COACH OR CHEER IF THE FORM IS NOT TURNED IN . . .** so please download your form and turn it in to Mrs. Hill first thing in the morning.

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 (*Vision Screening: Grades K3-12*)

Good Morning, Parents: This is a reminder that we will be conducting the vision screening tomorrow, Thursday, September 18. If you are interested and did not get the permission form turned in, **it is not too late!** You may turn your form in to the school office first thing Thursday morning. Remember to include \$7.00 for each student to be screened. We hope you will take advantage of this service provided by Vestavia Eye Care.

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

7th – 12th grade: All Powder Puff players, boy coaches and boy cheerleaders must turn in their signed permission/waiver sheet to Mrs. Hill by Friday, September 19th to be able to participate in the games next Tuesday. Mrs. Hill has copies if you need one.

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

7th – 12th grade girl Homecoming Court representatives who have not gotten their dresses approved need to let Mrs. Hill know and she will contact Mrs. Williamson & Mrs. Knox to set up an appointment. Approval must be done by Friday, September 19th.

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 (*Vision Screening: Grades K3-12*)

Next week, Vestavia Eye Care will be conducting vision screening for interested students in all grades, including kindergarten. These screenings will be held on Thursday, September 18th, on our campus at a cost of \$7.00 per student. A letter of explanation and permission form has been mailed to your home with detailed information. If you would like for your student to participate, please return the permission form to the main school office, along with your check, by Friday, September 12th. Families with two or more students, may list all students on one form.

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 (*School Pictures: Grades K3-11*)

School pictures will be taken this coming Friday, September 12th, for students in Kindergarten through the 11th grade. Please be on the lookout for information attached to Highlights tomorrow.

Monday, September 8, 2008 *(for All SMCS Families)*

Hello SMCS families! PTF would like to remind you that tomorrow, Tuesday, September 9th, will be our **final** Turn-in Day for magazine sales. Currently, our sales are only at 83% of last year sales, so we need everyone to keep selling! Please take a few moments today to finalize any sales you may have pending and make sure the magazine orders get into your child's backpack. Remember that you can also place your order at www.qsp.com. We are so appreciative of the way you have helped the school, students, and faculty by your support. Remember, our goal is 6 magazines per student. Let's finish strong and hit the mark! With your help, we can reach our goal of raising \$20,000!!

Sunday, September 7, 2008 *(for all Junior & Senior Class Members and Parents)*

The Guidance Office would like to invite all Juniors, Seniors and their parents to attend a special session tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. regarding the college search and application process. We will discuss the steps to follow for getting into college. There is a lot to cover and this may answer many questions that students and parents have about the process. We will meet in the Chapel which is located downstairs next door to the lunchroom. We look forward to seeing the juniors and seniors, along with your parents, tomorrow night, September 8th, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 3, 2008 *(for All SMCS Families)*

The Athletic Booster Council would like for you to know that season passes will be on sale this Thursday night at the home volleyball match beginning at 5 p.m. They will also be on sale this Friday during lunch and before the football game at Finley Stadium. Season Passes are \$50.00 and are good for admission to all home athletic events. Advance tickets to all home football games will be on sale during lunch each Friday before the game for \$4.00.

Monday, September 1, 2008 *(for All SMCS Families)*

Tuesday, September 2nd, is our next Turn-in Day for magazine subscriptions! Students who turn in their orders tomorrow will be eligible for prizes on Wednesday! We had a great response this past week, but we only have one more week left to reach our goal of 6 magazine subscription's sold per student. Remember that this money is used to equip our school and faculty with much needed resources and to help defray costs to you! It is so easy to go on-line at www.qsp.com to place your order, so please spread the word to family, friends and co-workers and let's finish strong!

Monday, August 25, 2008 *(for All SMCS Families)*

Attention parents and students! Tomorrow is the first Turn-in Day for our Magazine Sale Fundraiser. If you get those orders turned in tomorrow, students can earn double coins for all orders. Our first lollipop pull and money wheel spin will be held

this Wednesday. We are asking all students to reach their goal of 6 magazine sales. Remember, magazines can be viewed and sold online at www.qsp.com. The school code is listed in your magazine package. So spread the word to family and friends to shop and support our school!