



SMS Newsletter

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Calendar of Events	
May	
4	Eighth Grade Dance 7:30-10:30 P.M.
7	ELLAPACT
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9	Math PACT
11	Poetry Reading
	Showcase of Talent 6:30 P.M.
15	Science PACT
16	Social Studies PACT
17	PACT Field Test
21	Eighth Grade Awards Ceremony 8:00 A.M.
22	Full Day of School for Students
23	1/2 Day for Students, Full Day for Teachers
24	Full Teacher Work Day
August	
1	Registration 9-4
2	Registration 11-7



**SALUDA MIDDLE SCHOOL
RELATED ARTS
DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS
A SHOWCASE OF TALENT**

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2007
6:30 PM.

SALUDA HIGH SCHOOL GYM

COST \$200 PER PERSON
CHILDREN 4 AND UNDER FREE
FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION
CONTACT MRS. GARTRELL
AT SMS



- SMS Awards & Celebrations**
- ★ May 15 6th grade field day
 - ★ May 15 8th grade cookout 1:00-3:20
 - ★ May 21 8:00-8:30 8th grade juice and muffins
 - ★ May 21 8:30-10:30 8th grade awards
 - ★ May 21 11:00-12:30 7th grade awards
 - ★ May 21 11:00-1:00 5th graders visit SMS
 - ★ May 21 2:00-3:15 6th grade awards
 - ★ May 22 7th grade field day 8:15-3:00

- Changes to the School Calendar**
- Tuesday, May 22 will be a full day of school for students. Wednesday, May 23 will be a 1/2 day of school for students and a full day for teachers. Thursday, May 24 will be a full teacher work day. Please make note of these changes to the school calendar.



ATTENTION EIGHTH GRADERS
Please bring your two baby pictures AS AP! They do not have to be when you were a tiny baby. Any childhood pictures will do. HURRY!! Mrs. Webb's seventh grade class is currently working on the eighth grade Awards Day Presentation. You don't want to be left out. Please bring your pictures to Mrs. Webb's class, Room 401.
Deadline is May 4

The library staff will begin inventory on Monday, May 14th, 2007. This will be the last day for scheduled classes and most independent work in the library. We also ask that all materials checked out by the teachers be returned by Friday, May 18th. This will include books, videos, equipment, and any textbooks you are no longer using.

For students, library books need to be returned to the media center by Friday, May 11th. We will be notifying the students about their fines so please encourage them to pay these as soon as possible.

Class News

News from Mrs. Croudi

Crouch's ESOL class is preparing for PACT. Students are working in the PACT Coach Reading/Language Arts workbook daily. They set their goals several weeks ago to reach a higher level than last year. Good work students!

SMS Poetry Reading

All students have been invited to sign up to participate in a school-wide poetry reading in May. The reading is open to all students regardless of grade level. Over the past two weeks, students have been able to sign up either individually or in a group of two or three to read a poem in front of the entire school. The reading will be held Friday, May 11 around 8:15 AM in the SMS gym.



News from Miss Dunson

In Miss Burnison's science class this month, we have been flying through space and learning all about the gravitational forces that keep us grounded. In the coming weeks, we will be taking on some physics, learning all about motion, friction and even more about gravity.



News from Mrs. Pugh

Mrs. Pugh's students attained 100% improvement in reading and math based on the district end of year reading and math assessments.



Career Development Facilitator

If you have not signed your eighth grade student's Individual Graduation Plan (IGP), the office would like for you to come by and do so or call to make an appointment with Mr. Willie Scott.

For more information call 445-3767 ext 808.

Tennis



Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade girl interested in playing SIS tennis next season, please see Coach Crouch in room 307 if you did not attend the meeting on Friday, April 27. If you did attend the meeting and would like to play, be sure to get your info back to Coach Crouch by the deadline indicated on your paperwork. Remember there will be lessons and clinics offered during the summer to get you ready for the upcoming season. We will offer a Varsity team as well as JV again this year.



Piedmont Technical College Summer Camps

Environmental Horticulture By James Conroy -- Participants will learn the basics of landscaping and water pond design. The camp runs from 8:00 to 4:00, June 25th-28th. The cost of the camp is \$125.

Automotive Technology Camp -- Introduced our students to the fun of automotive technology. Students will tour the BMW Manufacturing Facility and Dale Earnhardt Inc. The camp runs from 8:30 to 4:30, June 4th-9th. The cost of the camp is \$95.



FACT is near... Here are some TEST TAKING TIPS

FOR STUDENTS:

- Read the question before you look at the answer choices. Then, read all the choices before choosing your answer.
- Come up with the answer in your head before looking at the possible answers; this way choices given on the test won't throw you off or trick you.
- Eliminate answers you know aren't right. Do not continuously change your answer; usually your first choice is the right one, unless you misread the question.
- In "All of the above" and "None of the above" choices, if you are certain one of the elements is true, don't choose "None of the above" or if one of the statements is false, don't choose "All of the above".
- A positive choice is more likely to be true than a negative one.
- If there is an "All of the above" option and you know that at least two of the choices are correct, select the "All of the above" choice.

FOR PARENTS:

- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before the test.
- Allow time for your child to eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the test.
- Talk to your child about the test to help ease any nervousness they might be experiencing due to test anxiety.
- Attendance during these days is very important. Please make sure your child is at school and that any doctor appointments, etc. are scheduled afterno on on May 7-9 and May 15-17.







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