

SMS Adventures

Newsletter

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Calendar

Jan.	13	Wed.	7 & 8 Basketball Game at Weavertown 11 AM
	15	Fri.	End of 2nd Quarter
	18	Mon.	NO SCHOOL- Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00-8:30 PM
	20	Wed.	WWW: Kickoff
	21	Thurs.	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 PM
	25-29	M.-F.	Character Week
	27	Wed.	WWW: Pop-a-Balloon Day 4th Grade Class Chapel
	28	Thurs.	Bible Quiz-a-Thon @ Black Rock Retreat
Feb.	02	Tues.	Open House 9-11 AM, 6:30-8:30 PM
	03	Wed.	Open House 9-11 AM WWW: Cozy Day
	11	Thurs.	WWW: Grandparent's Day
	12	Fri.	Bible Quiz Regionals
	15	Mon.	NO SCHOOL- Snow Make-Up Day
	17	Wed.	WWW: Clash Day
	22-26	M.-F.	Color Week
	24	Wed.	5th Grade Class Chapel
	26	Fri.	Bible Quiz-a-Thon @ Black Rock Retreat

Staff Goals for 2021

I hope to be able to train tricks to my new puppy. ~Ms. Burkholder
Teach my students to use critical thinking, and think for themselves. ~Mrs. Eunice

1) Get a wedding planned. 2) Expand my photography and graphic design experience. ~ Ms. Weaver

Grow as a teacher, try out more healthy habits, and start my very own blog. ~Ms. Newswanger

Start reading more books. ~Mrs. Crissa

I hope to travel again/more. ~Ms. Sensenig

Practice my music skills on my new keyboard. ~Ms. Kaitlyn

Continue my master classes and incorporate more exercise and fun into my daily life. ~Ms. Martin

Learn a new hobby/skill ~Ms. Fox

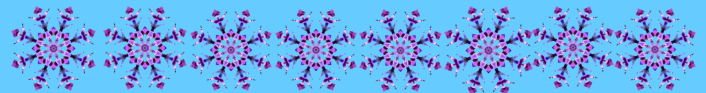
I have a goal to wake up a little earlier during the winter months, and I'd also like to create set blocks of time during my week for "extras". ~Mr. Martin

I hope to help my students become proficient with their multiplication & division facts. ~Ms. Shirk

Improve my juggling skills. ~Ms. Bollinger

Organize & minimalize my entire house & wardrobe. ~Ms. Fisher

Be more present. ~Mr. Caleb

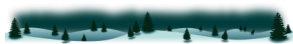


Farewell, Ms. Good

It has been a delight to have Ms. Lyndi Good on the faculty team for the past 2 1/2 years.

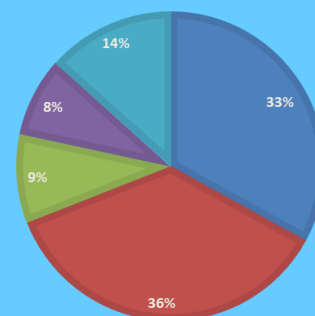
This year she committed to half a year in hopes of participating in IGO. Unfortunately, IGO has been cancelled for 2nd semester, but Ms. Good will be joining Jamaica Relief Ministries in January as short term staff.

Thank you, Ms. Good, for investing wholeheartedly into the SMS family. May God bless you as you serve in Jamaica.



FAVORITE WINTER ACTIVITIES OF SMS STUDENTS

■ Sledding ■ Ice Skating ■ Baking ■ Reading ■ Playing Games



Christmas Program

We hope that the Christmas program was a blessing and a reward to you as parents just like it was to us as staff. Thanks again to Mr. Swanson & Ms. Sensenig, each homeroom teacher, and the students for a job well done!

The total of the offering from the evening was \$3,410.00. This amount was applied to the year-end matching fund.

Due to copyright laws, SMS has a private YouTube link available for those who were unable to attend the program. Please contact the school office if you would like access to the private link.



SMS Staff Christmas Gift Fund

Dear Patrons,

We appreciate your support that comes to us in so many ways throughout the year. Working with you and your children is a privilege. Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift to our staff this year! We are very grateful! Blessings to you! ~Ms. Zimmerman

Matching Fund Update

Thank you to everyone who assisted SMS by giving to the year-end matching fund. The amount given as of this printing is \$37,040.00, which exceeded our \$30,000 goal. A final number will be reported in the March quarterly newsletter. We praise the Lord for contributors who want to see the operating needs met.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Monday, January 18 and Thursday, January 21**. Your appointment card will be sent home next week in your child's Monday Folder.

Association Applications

If you were hoping for voting privileges at the annual association meeting this spring, please turn in your association application by **Wednesday, February 17, 2021**. Applications are available from the office.

Open House

The greatest asset to SMS is patrons, and more patrons are better! We ask you as a current patron to promote SMS's open house to friends in our local community who could benefit from an SMS education. Additional invitations for the event are available from the office.

Potential patrons, interested persons, and current patrons are welcome to attend our Open House. Mark your calendar: **Tuesday and Wednesday, February 2 and 3, 2021**. On Tuesday, visitors are welcome from 9:00-11:00 AM as well as 6:30-8:30 PM. On Wednesday, Open House will be from 9:00-11:00 AM.

New Staff

We are happy to welcome Esther Boll as the new art teacher for the remainder of the school year. Esther Boll is the wife of Gerald Boll and the grandmother of Madelynne Boll (2nd). Filling the role of teacher's aide for the remainder of the year is Delena Martin, sister of Mr. Martin. She has been a nanny for the past few years and loves working with children. Welcome, ladies! If you would personally like to welcome them to the SMS family, you may email them at gneboll84@gmail.com and delenarosem@gmail.com.



Winter Activities at SMS

Character Week

Monday, January 25 - Friday, January 29 is Character Week at SMS. Students can look forward to chapel presentations highlighting Godly character traits.

Wonderful Winter Wednesdays (WWW)

A highlight of every winter for students and staff are Wonderful Winter Wednesdays. A few days are planned with "out of the ordinary" activities to add some fun to the winter days at school! **A WWW schedule is enclosed with further details.**

The 2021 dates are outlined below:

- * **January 20: Pizza Party Kickoff**
- * **January 27: Pop-a-Balloon Day**
- * **February 3: Open House & Cozy Day**
- * **February 11: Grandparent's Day (invitations enclosed)**
- * **February 17: Clash Day**
- * **February 22 - 26: Color Week**