

Mane Events

Shoal River Middle School

Student & Parent Newsletter

Volume 3, Issue 1 * August 2011



A message from Mr. Whiddon, SRMS Principal

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year and to let you know how excited I am to join the Shoal River family. I am looking forward to meeting our new students, incoming 6th graders, and our returning students in 7th and 8th grades. I am also looking forward to working with faculty, staff, parents and community members.

Shoal River had an excellent academic year, receiving an "A" for high student performance and achievement; an excellent athletic year with Boys and Girls Basketball being County and Tournament Champs; and an excellent activities year, with high levels of participation in clubs, activities and accelerated classes.

Now we are preparing for this year, and much activity has already occurred this summer. Ms. Caraway and the Shoal River cheerleaders have been to summer camp and earned the NCA Camp's "Game Time Top Team award". Ms. Manchester and the Starz Dance Team have been working on their routines for the upcoming year.

Coach Buckelew and Coach Gillis have had successful boys and girls basketball camps and Coach Whited had a great volley ball camp. Coach K. Buckelew and her cross country team has been working hard, and Coach Gillis and his football players are working hard and getting ready for their upcoming season. We also had eight of our students that attended and graduated from the "Bridges" program. I would like to give these students a special thanks and congratulations. They have gone the extra mile toward student achievement and success.

There will also be plenty of **new activities** that will be occurring as we move into our new school year:

For the first time we will have a Survival Camp for the incoming 6th graders. This camp will be held on August 19th from 12:30 to 3:00 and will give 6th graders the opportunity to see how middle school works. It will also be an opportunity to get agenda books and lockers. (6th graders only).

We will also be implementing the automatic calling system. We will be able to update parents and students about upcoming events via the phone system.

The HORSE program will continue to help our readers succeed, but will be part of an extended 4th period instead of a separate class. This schedule eliminates split lunches and will provide greater opportunities for reading enhancement.

As we move into our new school year I want to challenge students to work hard academically, get involved in the many programs that SRMS has to offer and have an even better year. I also want to encourage our parents to become involved as a volunteer or to join and serve in our PTO.

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, August 16th

Parents and students are asked to meet in the GYM at the time noted below for each grade level.

4:30 - 8th Grade

5:15 - 7th Grade

6:00 - 6th Grade

Schedules will be available in the lunchroom. Please keep your meetings with teachers brief due the number of parents/students trying to meet during this time. If you need to have a discussion with any of your child's teachers, please schedule a conference through guidance.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 16: Open House & Mustang Mayhem
- August 19: 6th Grade Survival Camp from 12:00 - 3:00
- August 22: First Day of School
- August 22: Cross County Practice until 4:15
- August 22 - 23: Volleyball Tryouts 3:00 - 5:00 in gym
- September 1: First Football Game v/s Davidson at CHS

NEW
SCHOOL START TIME:
School will start at 8:08 AM
and end at 2:45 PM.

SCHEDULE PICK UP

Class schedules will be available during the following times:

August 15th-19th from 10am-2pm in the Foyer

August 16 During Open House in the Cafeteria

Please bookmark the school website on your home computer in order to keep up with the latest news, information, calendars, sports schedules and pictures from Mustang Country.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Please have your child bring a 3 ring binder with notebook paper and a pencil the first week of school. Each teacher will send a supply list home with your child during Open House or during the first week of school.

PE UNIFORMS

We will be selling PE uniforms this year for \$20 during our Open House dates and also during the school year. The uniforms are a grey SRMS shirt and your choice of blue or red shorts. These uniforms are not mandatory, but are highly recommended. The uniform offers a place to write your student's

name on the shirt which will help against loss or theft. If you choose not to purchase a uniform, PE students must wear a grey shirt with red or blue shorts.



BUS ROUTES with times and locations will be published in the Daily News a few weeks before school starts. If you have any questions regarding your child's bus route, please call the Transportation Department at 689-7301.

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES:

When dropping your child off in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon, please follow these procedures for efficient traffic flow and for the safety of your child and other children.

1. As you enter the parking lot, please continue straight until you get to end of the lot then follow around left to the covered walkway. Please do not cut through the parking areas. Stay on the loop.

2. Do not leave your vehicle on the front ramp. If you must come in the building, please park in the designated visitor parking spaces.

3. Do not, under any circumstances, drop your child off on the bus ramp or on Redstone Avenue. This may be dangerous.

4. Students are not permitted to walk through the parking lot unattended by an adult. You must drop off or pick up from the covered walkway or park and walk to the crosswalk to pick up your child.

Students arriving before **7:50 a.m.** must report to the cafeteria. Please drop them off at cafeteria entrance where the covered walk-way begins. Students must remain in the cafeteria until **7:50 a.m.** when the first bell rings.

After 7:50 please pull up to main entrance of school.



MUSTANG SPORTS



If your child plans to tryout for or play any sport for SRMS please make sure they have an updated Parent Permission Form (which must be notarized) and a current physical. Sports physicals are good for one calendar year from the date the physical was administered. Your child **MUST** have these forms on file in order to attend any workouts or tryouts. Please get this done early so your child will not miss out on any activity they would like to take part in. If you have any questions, contact Coach Buckelew, Athletic Director.

HOME
Football Games
will be played
at SRMS this
year!

*...except for the
home game v/s
Davidson which
will be played
at CHS.*

SRMS is a no bully zone!

Shoal River Middle School is a new state of the art learning facility. Our mission is to provide a safe, nurturing environment in which all students can learn. Hence, bullying will not be tolerated.

The "Jeffrey Johnston 'Stand Up for All Students' Act" and School Board Policy 4-43 address bullying. Our school is required to educate students, staff members, and provide

interventions, as well as consequences to acts of bullying. Our school has always taken the issue of bullying very seriously and we now have the backing of state law to protect each and every student at SRMS.

If at any time you have questions regarding your student and the possibility of bullying, please contact an Administrator or Guidance Counselor at 689-7229.

HORSE

For parents and students who are new to SRMS, we have a daily literacy period we call HORSE:

Helping Our Readers Succeed Everyday.

The heart of our HORSE program is the teacher read aloud from books that are selected for school wide reading and grade level reading. Students also participate in fun activities related to the current HORSE book and are provided with SSR time – Sustained Silent Reading.

Dress Code Smesh Code

"What's the big deal, anyway?" many ask. Truthfully, how you dress, can affect the way you feel, act...SUCCEED! And, at Shoal River Middle School, our mustangs

Dress for Success!

The transition from elementary to middle school is a tough one. Multiple classes and multiple teachers are just a few things to add to the list of craziness and items which must be juggled. Don't let dress code issues add to your stress. If you follow a few simple rules, you will be able to dress for success and your time at Shoal River will be quite a memorable experience.

-The 3 X 5 Index Card Rule: Shirt straps must be at least 3" in width on the shoulders. -Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 5" above the knee.

-No holes or rips in jeans or shorts. Duct tape may not be used to cover rips and tears. Students will be sent home for a change of clothes before returning to class.

-Pants may not sag. "Twine suspenders" are issued for repeat offenders.

-Stomachs must be covered when arms are raised above the head.

-Undergarments or cleavage should not show at

anytime.

-Hair color must be naturally occurring. (Ex: NO red, blue, pink, purple, green, etc)

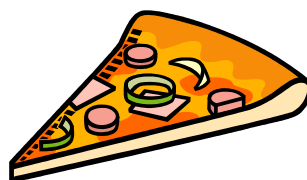
-No Mohawks or other visually distracting haircuts which create a disturbance to the learning environment.

Remember these few tips while "back to school" shopping this fall. In doing so, you will prepare yourself for a great year as you **DRESS FOR SUCCESS!**

CAFETERIA NEWS

The Okaloosa School food program is run by Sodexo, Inc. Students are not allowed to charge their lunch. Students who do not have money, or a balance in their account, will be given a sandwich and milk and charged for that instead of a regular lunch. Please be sure your child has money for lunch.. You may also pay on your child's account on-line at www.schoolpaymentsolutions.com

The Nutrition Center phone number is 833-3020 should you have any questions. Mrs. Campbell, our Cafeteria Manager, will be able to assist you once school starts in August. Her phone number is 689-7309.



NEW CAFETERIA PRICES:

Breakfast: \$ 1.60

Lunch: \$ 2.35

Shoal River Middle School
Home of the Mustangs

Phone: 850-689-7229
Student Svs. 689-7235
Guidance 689-7447
Fax: 850-689-7245

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We always appreciate parent volunteers. If you would like to volunteer your time or plan to attend any field trips with your student, please make sure you stop by and pick up a Volunteer Form in the Front Office. This form must be notarized. If you have any questions about these forms, see Ms. Miller in the Media Center.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

We need parents and interested community members to serve on our School Advisory Committee (SAC). If you are interested in being part of this organization please see Mrs. Bouton in the Front Office and let her know.



Daily Bell Schedule:

1st: 8:08 - 9:00
2nd: 9:05 - 9:57
3rd: 10:02 - 10:54
4th/ HORSE: 10:59 - 12:51
5th: 12:56 - 1:48
6th: 1:53 - 2:45

Group A:

Lunch 10:59-11:24
HORSE 11:29 - 11:54
4th Period 11:59 - 12:51

Group B:

HORSE 10:59 - 11:24
Lunch 11:29 - 11:54
4th Period 11:59 - 12:51

Group C:

4th Period 10:59 - 11:51
Lunch 11:56 - 12:21
HORSE 12:26 - 12:51

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

The Shoal River PTO needs Parent Volunteers/Members. Michelle Williams, PTO President, will be available during Open House to answer any questions you have and let you know how you can join.

**The 2011—2012
School Calendar is
on-line at
www.okaloosaschools.com**

7th Graders

TDAP Immunizations are required for entry into the 7th grade. Student will NOT be able to pick up schedules for 2011/12 school yr unless they have proof of immunizations. STUDENTS CAN NOT START SCHOOL IN AUGUST WITHOUT THIS IMMUNIZATION AND WILL BE SENT HOME UNTIL PROOF IS PROVIDED. Please bring information and paperwork to the school. Our summer guidance office hours are 8:00—2:00. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Brannon at 689-7447

JS2S
SHOAL RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

ARE YOU NEW TO THE 'VIEW?'

Join us for

Mustang Mayhem

August 16, 2011

10am - 12pm

Shoal River Middle School

Meet at the **MUSTANG!**

SRMS

A+

School

2010 2011