

## VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE & ORIENTATION DATES

### Thursday, August 13

12:00 - 2:00 Virtual 6th Grade Orientation  
(Live sessions with teachers!)

Starting at 2:00 Virtual 6th-8th Open House  
(Teacher videos available)



### Virtual 6th Grade Orientation Info

The **6th grade Orientation** will begin at **12:00pm** and will offer **LIVE** online sessions with 6th grade core teachers. Families will begin by going to the SEMS website and clicking on the Orientation/Open House webpage. From there, you will first view the welcome video from the principal, Ms. Gentry. Starting at 12:15, families will click on the link for their 1st period teacher for a meet and greet. Then every 15-20 minutes after, families will click on their next period core teacher to meet them online as well.

At the conclusion of this process, families can then click on the names of each encore teacher to view their welcome video. Support staff videos, Canvas login instructions, and more will be available for view for your convenience. Families will have the opportunity to submit requests for additional information from specific teachers and support staff.

This event gives students and parents the greatest opportunity to meet individual teachers. We strongly urge 6th grade families to attend this afternoon session instead of the Open House. You will receive much more detailed information in the Orientation sessions. So please plan to be online and ready to go at 12:00pm!

### 6th-8th Virtual Open House Info

Our Virtual Open House can be accessed at any time starting at **2:00pm on Thursday, August 13**. Families can log on to the SEMS website and click on the page for the Open House. From there, you can click on any teacher's name to view their welcome video. Support staff videos, Canvas login instructions, and more will be available for view for your convenience. Families will have the opportunity to submit requests for additional information from specific teachers and support staff.

# Southeast Middle School

## August 2020 Newsletter



**Stephanie Gentry, Principal**  
**Aaron Bailey, Asst. Principal**  
**Alicia Cone, Asst. Principal**  
**Meghan Helms, Instr. Asst. Principal**

### First Day of School!

The first day of school is **Monday, August 17**. Students are expected to log in to their first period teacher's class by **8:00am**. Daily attendance and tardies will be recorded by each teacher. So it is important that students are on time to all of their classes.

### Technology Distribution

Need a Chromebook? Need a wifi hotspot? SEMS will be open at the following times for families to come to pick up any technology needed:

Monday, August 10	9:00-1:00
Tuesday, August 11	4:00-7:00
Wednesday, August 12	9:00-1:00

Please pull through our front parking lot and stop at the Media Center door (just before the main front entrance). We will assist you from your vehicle. We must have a parent/guardian to sign an agreement before assigning devices.

### Student Schedules

SEMS reserves the right to change student schedules at any time during the school year. If we have a change in our teacher allotment (lose or gain teachers) or if we return to school for reduced capacity face-to-face instruction, we will have to adjust students schedules in order to accommodate those changes.

SEMS does **not** honor parent/student requests for **core teacher or teams**. The primary reason for this is because of our size. We cannot accommodate all requests. So to be fair to all students, once core teams have been assigned, they will remain in place. **Any requests of this nature will not be considered.** However, if you would like to request a change in your child's encore classes (i.e. Art, Music, Foreign Language, etc), then you may fill out an online encore change request form. These forms will be available online on our school's website beginning August 13. We will honor changes that we can accommodate. Once a class is full, we will be unable to add more students.

## WSFCS Virtual Supply List

The following is the list of basic supplies that middle school students are expected to have for online learning. This list is standard for all middle schools.

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| Loose-leaf paper                       | Erasers          |
| 1 Pack of #2 pencils                   | Index cards      |
| Glue sticks                            | Ear buds         |
| 1 Pack of highlighters                 | Pencil sharpener |
| 1 Pack of graph paper                  |                  |
| 1 Pack colored pencils or markers      |                  |
| 4 Pocket folders (Core classes)        |                  |
| 4 Composition Notebooks (Core classes) |                  |



Students can access an online calculator. But if you wish to purchase a calculator, we recommend:

For 7th/8th Grade - TI-84+ Graphing Calc

For 6th grade - TI-34 Calc

If you are enrolled in Art class, the following items are recommended for purchase:

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| Sketchbook          | Scissors   |
| Watercolor set      | Paintbrush |
| Black felt-tip pens |            |

### We need your updated information!

Have you moved over the summer? New phone number? Documentation must be provided in order to update your change of address. This can be a lease agreement, a utility bill, or a bank statement. This documentation can be uploaded and emailed to our Data Manager, Ms. Lester, or you can make an appointment to come in to the school.

Have you signed up for the Powerschool Parent Portal? The Parent Portal gives families instant access to your student's grades and attendance. Parents can now sign up online by going to the WSFCS website. Click on Powerschool Parent Portal under the Quick Links. You can upload a copy of your ID and submit, or you can make an appointment to come in to the school..

### What is Canvas and how do I access?

Canvas is the learning system that will be used by teachers for online instruction. Students will log on to Canvas each day to access their lessons and activities.

To access, go to the WSFCS website and click Staff and Student Links in the top right corner. Click Canvas/PSL, and then students can log in using their student ID number and password. Once there, students can select Canvas and they will see their assigned classes.

Need more information? Check out our Canvas help video:

<https://sites.google.com/wsfcs.k12.nc.us/canvasforstudent/s/how-to-navigate-canvas>.

### What does my daily schedule look like?

Students will be expected to attend each online class according to the grade level schedule below. Teachers will conduct a **LIVE** (synchronous) session between 10-30 minutes during their scheduled class time. Then students will be expected to complete a series of tasks/assignments during the remainder of that class period.

Encore classes will be on an A/B rotation: **A-day classes on Monday and Wednesday. B-day classes on Tuesday and Thursday.** We will have Flex Fridays, where students can complete assignments, submit questions to their teachers, and participate in tutoring.

#### 6th Grade Schedule:

Homebase	8:00 - 8:10
1st Period	8:10 - 9:00
2nd Period	9:10 - 10:00
3rd Period	10:10 - 11:00
4th Period	11:10 - 12:00
Lunch Break	12:00 - 12:45
5th Encore	12:50 - 1:35
6th Encore	1:45 - 2:30

#### 7th Grade Schedule:

Homebase	8:00 - 8:10
1st Period	8:10 - 9:00
2nd Period	9:10 - 10:00
3rd Encore	10:10 - 10:55
4th Encore	11:05 - 11:50
Lunch Break	11:50 - 12:35
5th Period	12:40 - 1:30
6th Period	1:40 - 2:30

#### 8th Grade Schedule:

1st Encore	8:00 - 8:45
2nd Encore	8:55 - 9:40
Homebase	9:50 - 10:00
3rd Period	10:00 - 10:50
4th Period	11:00 - 11:50
Lunch Break	11:50 - 12:35
5th Period	12:40 - 1:30
6th Period	1:40 - 2:30

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