

# Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

## *Coming Soon*

To A School Near You.....

*June 1, 2009*

### ***District Events***

#### **Board of Public Education Meeting**

The Savannah-Chatham County Board of Public Education will meet in regular session Wednesday, June 3, 2009. All meetings will be held at the Whitney Administrative Complex - Building G, 2 Laura Street with the schedule as follows:

**Executive Session** begins at 10:00 a.m. (Executive Sessions are closed to the public for the purpose of discussing personnel, student and legal matters.)

**Informal Session** begins at 1:00 p.m.

**Formal (Regular) Session** begins at 3:00 p.m.

The agenda for Wednesday's meeting is available on the "[Board Docs \(Agenda\)](#)" section under the board tab of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System's website.

The Formal Session will also be webcasted through a partnership between the school district and the Savannah Morning News. To access the link, log on to [www.sccpss.com](http://www.sccpss.com) and click on the video tab.

#### **Freshmen Night Schedule**

Freshmen Night activities continue for rising ninth graders and their families. The event provides an opportunity to become familiar with what each school has to offer students. Information about Small Learning Communities and the Freshman Academy will also be available. The remaining schedule is as follows:

**Jenkins High – Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Summer School and Credit Recovery Program**

SCCPSS will offer a Summer School 1<sup>st</sup> Time Credit and Credit Recovery Program at Groves High School to provide students in grades 9-12 with the opportunity to complete missing credits and achieve academic success. Pre-Registration will take place June 8-10, 2009 at the Savannah Arts Academy from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Registration will be held June 18 and 19 at Groves High School from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Angie Lewis at (912) 201-5000.



## 2009 SCCPSS Commencement Schedule

SCCPSS will hold its 2009 Commencement Ceremonies beginning Friday, June 12 through Tuesday, June 16, 2009. They will all take place at the Savannah Civic Center with the schedule as follows.

Savannah Arts Academy	Friday, June 12, 2009	4:00 p.m.
Jenkins High School	Monday, June 15, 2009	10:00 a.m.
Savannah High School	Monday, June 15, 2009	1:30 p.m.
Groves High School	Monday, June 15, 2009	5:00 p.m.
Windsor Forest High School	Tuesday, June 16, 2009	10:00 a.m.
Johnson High School	Tuesday, June 16, 2009	1:30 p.m.
Beach High School	Tuesday, June 16, 2009	5:00 p.m.

Doors will open one hour prior to the beginning of each ceremony. For family members and friends unable to attend, the graduations will also be webcasted through a partnership between the school district and the Savannah Morning News. To access the link, log on to [www.sccpss.com](http://www.sccpss.com) and click on the video tab.

## Family Fun Day

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) will sponsor Family Fun Day Friday, June 26, 2009 at Savannah High School. The event will last from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will feature food, prizes, basketball tournaments and clinics, chess tournaments, a poetry slam and more. For more information, contact Aldric Dekle, Project Director, 21st CCLC, at 395-5686.

## *School Events*

### Painted Ties Sale at Beach High School

Looking for a special gift for dad this Father's Day? Mr. Daniel Bonnell, a Beach High School art teacher, is selling hand painted ties to help fund a field trip to the Telfair Museum for his students. Sixty ties, each with a unique design, are available for \$5 apiece. For more information, contact the school at 395-5330.

### Olympic Week at Gould Elementary

Gould Elementary School will host its annual Olympic Week festivities June 1-5. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, June 1, 2009 - Olympic Assembly featuring Gould Elementary Band, jump rope demonstrations and Indian Dance performances @ 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2, 2009 - International food tasting from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3, 2009 - Basketball demonstration with SSU Women's Team @ 10:00 a.m.  
- International food tasting from 1:00 to 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 4, 2009 - Opening Ceremonies @ 10:00 a.m.  
- Olympic Field Day for Grades Pre-K, K, 1 & 2 @ 10:30 a.m.

Friday, June 5, 2009 - Olympic Field Day for Grades 3, 4 & 5 @ 10:00 a.m.  
- Closing Ceremonies @ 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the school at 395-5400.



### **Jacob G. Smith Elementary Hosts Field Day**

Jacob G. Smith Elementary School will host Field Day Tuesday, June 2 and Wednesday June 3, 2009. On Tuesday, students in Pre-K – 2nd grade will participate in exciting competitions and activities. Students in grades 3-5 will take center stage Wednesday, challenging themselves in numerous exciting field day stations. The events last from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. both days. Officials from Savannah Fire Department, Station 1, will also participate in the festivities. For more information, contact the school at 395-6530.

### **Islands Elementary Hosts American History Fair**

The students and staff at Islands Elementary School will present their annual American History Fair Tuesday, June 2, 2009 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Students will present hands-on activities focusing on Teddy Roosevelt and the National Parks, Mary Musgrove's Trading Post, Assembly line production, edible American flags, patriotic songs by the band, a tour of the Underground Railroad with Harriet Tubman, a play about Jackie Robinson and the Star Spangled Banner. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact the school at 898-3900.

### **DeRenne Middle Hosts A.S.P.I.R.E. End of Year Showcase**

DeRenne Middle School's A.S.P.I.R.E. (Achievement-Service-Initiative-Responsibility-Education) organization will present their End of the Year Showcase Wednesday, June 3, 2009. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. at the school. A.S.P.I.R.E. is group for young men at DeRenne Middle who help provide mentorship to their male peers through exposure to programs, workshops, lectures, discussion groups, field trips and activities that focus on promoting positive decision-making, social responsibility, physical wellness, community involvement and academic achievement. The event will help celebrate the accomplishments of these young men as they progressed through the program, as well as provide an opportunity for them to share individual talents with family, friends, fellow students and faculty/staff. A.S.P.I.R.E. has also continued its partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation by helping to raise money for this worthy cause throughout the school year. Prior to the Showcase, students will also collect a \$1 admission fee and donate the proceeds to the foundation. For more information, contact the school at 201-5900.

### **Jenkins High School Presents "The Verdict"**

Drama students from Jenkins High School will perform an adaptation of the production "12 Angry Men," entitled "The Verdict," Thursday, June 4, 2009 and Friday, June 5, 2009. The performance on Thursday begins at 10:00 a.m. Two more performances, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., will be held Friday. They will all take place in the Jenkins High School auditorium. For more information, contact the school at 395-6300.

### **Jacob G. Smith Elementary Hosts Pre-K "Almost Kindergarten" Potluck Dinner**

The Pre-K year at Jacob G. Smith Elementary School will culminate with its "Almost Kindergarten" Potluck Dinner Thursday, June 4, 2009. It begins at 6:30 p.m. at the school. Parents will receive important information regarding what they can do over the summer to get their children ready for Kindergarten. Paprice Simmons, the school's Resource Coordinator, will pass out the Kindergarten readiness packets from Bright From the Start. Ms. Heidi Schaffner will show a Power Point presentation summarizing the year, and then recognize the children for their achievements throughout the year. For more information, contact the school at 395-6530.

### **Senior Appreciation Program at Savannah Corporate Academy**

The Savannah Corporate Academy Performance Learning Center will hold its Senior Appreciation Program Thursday, June 4, 2009. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Savannah Technical College Auditorium. For more information, contact the school at 303-3494.



### **Charles Ellis PTA Meeting**

Charles Ellis Montessori Academy's PTA will hold a general meeting Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the school at 201-5470.

### **Charles Ellis Presents Student Art Show**

On Thursday, June 4, 2009 Charles Ellis Montessori Academy will host an Art Show featuring the talents of second and third grade students. The event will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the school's Media Center. Students will display artistic interpretations of their personal stories and works exploring history. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact the school at 201-5470.

### **Savannah Arts Academy Hosts Outdoor Music Concert**

The Savannah Arts Academy will close out their performance year with its annual "Outdoor Music Concert" Thursday, June 4, 2009. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in front of the school. Band, chorus, orchestra and piano students will perform a medley of musical numbers for your enjoyment. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact the school at 201-5000.

### **Living History Festival at Savannah High**

Savannah High School and Local Outreach Volunteer Educators Mentors (L.O.V.E.) invite you to explore history through the Living History Festival Friday, June 5, 2009. The event will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Savannah High School's Media Center. It will help celebrate the accomplishments of SHS' inaugural class of Oral Historians, as well as their families and the elders and community volunteers who made the project possible. Savannah State University's President, Dr. Earl Yarbrough, will serve as keynote speaker. Savannah Mayor Dr. Otis Johnson, School Superintendent, Dr. Thomas B. Lockamy, Jr., School Board President, Dr. Joe Buck, and other members of the School Board have been invited to attend. For more information, contact Dr. Lynne Schwartz at 349-0618 or Mrs. Wright at 598-5171.

### **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon at Charles Ellis**

Charles Ellis Montessori Academy will host an Appreciation Luncheon for its teachers and staff Friday, June 5, 2009. For more information, contact the school at 201-5470.

### **Mercer Middle Hosts Health Fair**

Mercer Middle School will host a Health Fair Friday, June 5, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the school's gym. A Blood Drive will also be held throughout the day. For more information, contact the school at 965-6700.

### **Pooler Elementary Hosts ADA Kiss-a-Pig Campaign Events**

Pooler Elementary School will show their support for the American Diabetes Association's Kiss-a-Pig Campaign by participating in various activities from now until the end of the school year. The tentative remaining schedule is as follows:

Friday, June 5 - "ADA Sports/Uniform Day". Students and faculty/staff can wear their favorite sports jersey/uniform/outfit.

Tuesday, June 9 - "ADA Pooler Idol" - Faculty/staff members will perform their favorite acts for students beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, June 12 - "ADA Popsicle Day" - Students will help beat the heat by enjoying refreshing popsicles.

For more information on any of these events, contact the school at 748-3625.



### **Mercer Middle Hosts Product & Performance Night**

Mercer Middle School invites everyone to its annual Product & Performance Night Friday, June 5, 2009. The event will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the school and is an opportunity for students to highlight their Renzulli Enrichment Cluster Service-Learning Projects. This year students and teachers were challenged to take their common interests, find a real world connection that required action and create a way to meet the needs. Visitors are also invited to view the elaborate student displays decorating the hallways. For more information, contact Julie Nichols at 965-6700.

### **Hubert Middle Hosts Family Cookout**

Hubert Middle School will host a Family Cookout Saturday, June 6, 2009. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact the school at 395-5235.

### **Savannah High Hosts Basketball Camp**

The 12th Annual Hoop School Basketball Camp will be held June 22-26, 2009 at Savannah High School. The event is for boys and girls ages 6-14 and will help teach fundamental drills, conditioning, ball handling, fast breaks, post moves, defending, rebounding and passing. The cost of the camp is \$95 for each participant. Campers are also required to bring a lunch or purchase food and drinks from concessions. For more information contact: SHS Men's Basketball Coach, Tim Jordan at 201-5091, Coach George Johnson at 507-8573 or Coach Bakari Bryant at 596-1527.

## ***Community Events***

### **Fresh Local Produce Available at Forsyth Farmers' Market**

The Savannah Local Food Collaborative (SLFC) is partnering with the Coastal Health District, Step-Up Savannah, the City of Savannah and Healthy Savannah to provide a seasonal farmers' market at the south end of Forsyth Park. The Forsyth Farmers' Market (FFM) will be held every Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., now through November 21, 2009. The FFM has joined forces with the two year old Starland Farmers Market and will be the new home for those food vendors. The program will offer regionally grown, fresh food and food products sold by the producers. A pavilion will also be set up on the second Saturday of each month, featuring free health, nutrition and gardening lectures/workshops. For more information, contact Kristin Russell, Savannah Local Food Collaborative, at 220-8757.

### **SCCPSS Employee Appreciation Picnic**

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Mu Phi Chapter and the Chatham Association of Educators will present the third annual Savannah-Chatham County Public School System Employee Appreciation Picnic Thursday, June 18, 2009. It will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Tom Triplett Park/Pavilion, located on Highway 80 East in Pooler. The event is free, but those interested in attending are asked to RSVP by Friday, June 12, 2009 via email to [omegapicnic09@hotmail.com](mailto:omegapicnic09@hotmail.com). For more information, contact 665-1681 or 844-2578.

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