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# Sedgefield Middle School

## Transition Update – Fall 2018

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Dear Dilworth families,

We wanted to share some important updates that have occurred over the summer:

### SMS Welcomes the New Faculty!

- ***Dr. Eric Tornfelt, Assistant Principal***

Dr. Tornfelt was named Assistant Principal in 2013 at Piedmont IB Middle and earned Teacher of the Year working with Piedmont's Principal, Jackie Barrone. Dr. Tornfelt joined the administrative team at Garinger High School in July of 2015 as a part of the Beacon school turnaround initiative. Dr. Tornfelt completed his Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Wingate University.

- ***Jason Gwinn, Dean of Students***

Mr. Gwinn has worked within CMS schools for nearly a decade leading the development and implementation of clear and attainable goals to ensure high levels of student success. He has a Master of Education with a focus on counseling from Georgia Southern University and recently obtained a Masters in Educational Leadership and Administration from Queens University. Mr. Gwinn will focus on student discipline at SMS, promoting positive behavior among students.

- ***Vikki Harmon, Media Coordinator***

Ms. Harmon joins Sedgefield Middle School from the Atlanta, Georgia area. Most recently she taught at Rex Mill Middle School in Rex, GA. Ms. Harmon holds an Ed.S in School Library Media from West Georgia University, M.Ed., Instructional Technology/Online Teaching Endorsement, GA Southern University, 2013 Ed.S., Leadership and Administration, Columbus State University. Ms. Harmon has worked at both the middle and high school levels and we're excited for her to bring her experience and enthusiasm to our campus.

### Facilities & Grounds Updates

- ***New Sedgefield Media Center***

SMS has a newly renovated and refurbished media center! After receiving a substantial grant this past summer, students are now enjoying additional books, flexible seating areas, media resources, materials and technology. New paint, carpet, shelves and furniture make this a beautiful new space for students, teachers and visitors.

- ***Spartan MakerSpace***

Grant funding also provided the opportunity to create a "MakerSpace" center for students. This MakerSpace encourages students to design, experiment, build and invent. It offers hands-on ways for students to create, engaging in science, engineering and tinkering. Students use MakerSpace during supervised free time and teachers incorporate this new resource into their classroom activities.

- ***Blacktop Under Construction***

The outdoor basketball court and surrounding blacktop area is currently under renovation with plans for completion later this fall.

## Parent Teacher Organization

- The Sedgefield Middle School PTO has all positions filled this year with a full slate of officers, under the leadership of PTO President, Kiley Thiel. Kiley has a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student who was previously at Dilworth and welcomes any questions from parents considering SMS! Please contact her at [kileythiel@gmail.com](mailto:kileythiel@gmail.com).
- Join the PTO! Families of prospective students are invited to join the SMS PTO and receive information about upcoming school events and activities. Interested in joining? Please contact Morgn Rooney at [morganrooney4@gmail.com](mailto:morganrooney4@gmail.com).

## Get Involved

- Are you interested in getting involved at SMS? Registered CMS volunteers may sign up to help at various events or purchase supplies to support the students:
  - o [Volunteer at Upcoming Athletic Events](#)
  - o [Support School Book Fair](#)
  - o [Donate to Healthy Child Initiative](#)
- The Hoplite Club, the new SMS booster club, is up and running and has already exceeded its initial \$3,000 fundraising goal. Membership and donations are still welcome; to join or make a contribution click [here](#).

## Mark Your Calendars

- **CMS Community Update – November 1, 2018 at 6 PM.** Sedgefield Middle School Media Center. Join Superintendent Dr. Clayton Wilcox, Principal Turner and members of the CMS administration to discuss updates on 2019-20 transition preparation including staff training, new hiring, bell schedule and transportation.
- **Prospective Parents Open House – November 15, 2018 at 6 PM.** Sedgefield Middle School Media Center. Families of current 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to learn more about the SMS administration and curriculum and to take a tour of the campus.
- **Prospective Parents Event – November 15, 2018 at 7:30 PM.** Location TBD. Immediately following Open House, parents are invited to meet other current and interested families. Details to follow.

We look forward to sharing more information about Sedgefield Middle as the year unfolds. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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