# The Dove's Nest

The Official Newsletter of



January 2020



## Welcome Back

School will reopen for students on Tuesday January 7th, 2020, but on Monday January 6th we will have an Open House for prospective families and Report Card Conferences for current families. Please be sure to sign-up for a conference with your homeroom teacher.

#### More Than a Number

To kick off the end of the 2019 - 20 school year we'd like to introduce our "More than a Number" campaign. Since inception SKTCS has been committed to doing things differently, stepping outside of the box. At times it has seemed uncertain and perhaps unsteady, but one thing that has never wavered is our dedication to your students and our commitment to them as individuals.

Nevertheless, the outside world seems committed to quantifying success through test scores, funding, enrollment, and other numbers that at times seem arbitrary or tell an incomplete story. But our

students are "More than a Number."

We would like to formally capture the stories and anecdotes that you share everyday to use in our promotional materials that show who we really are, what we really do, and the difference that we are making in the lives of your children.

If you need some inspiration, you could use the sentence starter that each of our teachers have in their biography on our website, "I choose SKTCS because ..."

Or perhaps, "Our family loves SKTCS because ..."

Or even, "Since enrolling at SKTCS we've noticed \_\_\_\_ changes in our student ..."

Each of us makes a choice every day to return to this school and it's time to share the secret of the greatness of SKTCS with the rest of Savannah.

Please send your pictures, anecdotes, testimonials, and volunteer experiences to <a href="mailto:communications@sktcs.org">communications@sktcs.org</a>.



As we begin planning for the 2020 - 21 school year, we want to hear from you. Please complete this quick survey to give feedback about some of our most critical decisions for next year!

Survey Link



## Tell your family, tell your friends!!!

**Application Window:** November 12th 2019 - February 7th, 2020.

Lottery: February 17th, 2020 11 am @ SKTCS

## **Open Houses:**

- Monday January 6th (10 am Noon)
- Saturday January 25th (9 am 11 am)
- School Expo at Savannah Mall on January 11th, 2020.

These will be the only tour dates of the season, please plan to attend before or after applying!!

In the meantime, please remember to <u>reregister your students for the 2020 - 21</u> school year by visiting the school admin portal <u>before January 15th</u>. Be sure to sign-in on the right instead of creating a new account on the left. If you need help, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



If you or someone you know is interested in a table please complete and <u>submit an application</u>.

requiring our participants to commit to any kind of program will not be allowed. For information or to sign up to be a vendor please contact Susan at info@sktcs.org. Agencies representation and table rsvp should be recieved no later than January 13, 2020.

We also want to encourage all of our families to join us on this day for a little family fun and familiarity with the people in your neighborhood.







## **Fundraising Opportunities**

We don't ask for parents to sell wrapping paper or chocolates, but as a charter school we cannot survive on local funding alone. Please consider these <u>easy</u> ways to donate to our school through your regular shopping.

We're excited to share that our school is part of the Coca-Cola Give program. This opens up SKTCS to new funding opportunities to help improve learning environments for students. The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you make Coca-Cola purchases, you simply enter the product codes here: <a href="https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/">https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/</a> and our school receives a donation.

Help SKTCS make the most of this program and learn more at Coke.com/give.

#### **Kroger**

Do you regularly shop at Kroger? Please make sure that your store card is set-up for SKTCS to receive a donation every time you shop. Connect your card here: <a href="http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/">http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/</a>

#### **Amazon Smile**

We all shop at Amazon, but did you know that if you shop smile.amazon.com you make your purchases the same way and a portion of your purchases goes to SKTCS?

## Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

## Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

## How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a>, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a> will result in a donation.

AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the program.

#### Can I change my charity?

Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity, sign in to <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a> on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account."

Publix - Coming Soon ...





## **Kudos Korner**

Kudos to Krista Roach and Ericka Brown who have been hired on as our Communication Coordinators. In this role they will take on managing the website, facebook, and promotional materials for SKTCS. If you see them, please join us in congratulating them.



## **School Photos**

The deadline for purchasing school photos has been extended to January 20th! Our fancy new system allows you to <u>purchase online</u> and store your pics on your phone or computer and/or print directly from the website, at home, or at a store like Staples or WalMart. This process allows you to personalize how you receive your student's image. A portion of your purchase will benefit the SKTCS PTA.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Molly Hayden at <a href="molly.hayden@sktcs.org">molly.hayden@sktcs.org</a>.



## Save the Date:

Monday January 6th - Friday January 10th

Quarter 2 Report Cards must be picked up from homeroom teachers

### **Monday January 6th**

10 am - 12 noon: Open House for Prospective Families

12 noon - 8 pm: Report Card Conferences

## **Wednesday January 8th**

5 pm - 6 pm: Board Work Session - Student Success (Rm 108, enter from parking lot)

6 pm - 7:30 pm: Board Meeting (Rm 108, enter from parking lot)

### **Friday January 10th**

12:30 - 2 pm: Student Success Meeting (Front Office)

## Friday January 17th

3:15 - 3:45 pm: First Grade Presents: Lower School Assembly

## **Monday January 20th**

School Closed - In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday

#### **Saturday January 25th**

9 - 11 am: Open House & Community Resource Expo

## Volunteers, Chaperones, Club Leaders

We are always in need of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering (even as a trip chaperone) for the school or in your student's classroom please complete the volunteer orientation and return the <a href="Certificate of Completion">Certificate of Completion</a> to each of your students' teachers.



## 2019-2020 School Calendar

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