

Good morning and Happy New Year Macon-Hall Families! I hope you all enjoyed your holiday and took some time to rest and rejuvenate!

A few updates are included in this email:

~**School Choice Transfer for the 2021-2022 school year:** If you are already on a choice transfer at Macon-Hall and meet the requirements of acceptable grades, attendance, and discipline you do not need to reapply for a choice transfer. If you have a student at another school and you would like him or her to attend Macon-Hall next year (21/22), or if you know someone who is interesting in having their child attend Macon-Hall but does not live in our zone, please have them apply for a General Choice Transfer (not optional school transfer). The transfer period opens January 26th.

~The next **Saturday Learning Academy** in January 23rd. Registration opens tomorrow and the flyer is attached.

~**5th grade parents:** Attached is an informational flyer from Maxine Smith STEAM Academy

~A former Macon-Hall student, high school sophomore, Spoorthi Marada, recently started a nonprofit organization called **Steps to Science**. With this organization, they are hoping to help more kids become interested in science at a young age; one step at a time. Classes will launch at the end of this month and are free to all students grades 1-5.

Here is a quick overview of the organization!

Students should register for one of the two classes we offer based on their grades on our website for a completely free 16-week course through Zoom.

We will teach 45-minute classes once per week.

We will teach them new topics that may not be covered in normal schooling. This semester we will teach them some topics in biology, geology, and physics. Students can come back later this year when we teach other science subjects!

Each topic contains two lessons, activities, an experiment, and a review game, which we hope will let the students have fun with learning! Let's support this Macon-Hall alumni!

Please look at their website and schedule and register there. <https://stepstoscience.wixsite.com/home>

### **Calendar:**

January 14, 3:30-4:30: First grade headphone pick up

January 18: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

February 4th: 1st semester ends

February 5th: No school for students, teacher PD day

February 8th: Second Semester begins

February 15th: No School, President's Day

Attached to this email:

- Meal Distribution information
- Virtual Learning Academy information
- Maxine Smith Open House information
- School Choice Transfer Information

Don't forget to check out our webpage and follow social media for the most up to date information~

School Website: <https://schools.scsk12.org/maconhall-es>

Facebook: @maconhallscs

Twitter: @maconhallscs

Instagram: maconhallscs

As always, please reach out if you need anything or have any questions.

Jill Asher  
Macon-Hall Elementary Principal

# VIRTUAL SATURDAY LEARNING ACADEMY

Monthly Saturday Learning Academies are available for K-12 SCS students to provide extra enrichment throughout the year. The academies are also a key strategy for addressing learning loss caused by school closures in the spring due to COVID-19.



**THE NEXT SATURDAY  
ACADEMY  
IS JANUARY 23.**

**Registration is  
open January 8-17  
for K-12 students.**


- FREE for all K-12 SCS students
- One Saturday per month, October 2020 - May 2021
- Enrichment in Reading & Math for K-8 students
- ACT prep for high school students
- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. for all grades

**REGISTER ONLINE @ [WWW.SCSK12.ORG/SATURDAYACADEMY](http://WWW.SCSK12.ORG/SATURDAYACADEMY)**

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## MAXINE SMITH STEAM ACADEMY



Collaboration

Attitude

Responsibility

Effort



**STEM CLASS**  
Every Day



**ARTS-FOCUSED**  
Electives



**CULTURE**  
of Kindness



**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Athletics



**AWARD-WINNING**  
Robotics

### Learn more about Maxine Smith STEAM Academy at one of our virtual open houses!

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. ([link to be available on our website](#))  
Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. ([link to be available on our website](#))

**Apply for admission on January 26, 2021 at 10 a.m. at [scsk12.org](https://schools.scsk12.org).**

# SCS Weekly Bulk Meal Distribution

EATING WELL

*in the*



**NEW!**



**NOW SERVING**  
**7 supper meals & 7 snacks**

*in addition to breakfast and lunch meals.*

Pick up weekly at any SCS school location:

**Every Thursday**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Every Friday**

7 a.m. - 9 a.m.

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