

Timmerman School

Newsletter for September 2011

Sam Morton Writes Again . . . Sam's Latest and Quite Possibly, His Greatest!

A Timmerman Parent for the past nine years, **Sam Morton** also has been a professional wrestler, deputy sheriff, media relations guru, and freelance writer. However, he says that his greatest accomplishment is his two children, Alexey (8th grade) and Nikki (5th grade). They have kept Sam very busy being "DADDY" to these uniquely talented individuals. Somehow, Sam has still managed to find time to pen three excellent novels: *Disavowed (2006)*, *Betrayed (2009)* and *Ten Weeks Til . . . (2011)*.

Yes, Sam has done it again! *Ten Weeks Til . . .* debuted at the 2011 South Carolina Book Festival this past May. A.J. Hartley (*What Time Devours*) said, "Sam Morton is a writer to watch!" Pat Conroy, best-selling author of *The Prince of Tides*, *Beach Music*, and *The Great Santini*, said, "In *Betrayed*, Sam weaves a tale of laughter, passion, and fury!" These are absolutely great comments coming from fellow authors, who have had multiple entries on the *New York Times* bestsellers list themselves.

In addition to debuting his new novel at the South Carolina Book Festival, Sam also participated on two discussion panels: Fantastic Fiction! Werewolves, Vampires, and Blood! and Thrillers & Mysteries II. Being selected to appear on these panels and present his views on these two exciting genres, again reinforces the rising literary prestige our Timmerman Parent has achieved. Write on, Sam!

Payment Method

Please help us keep monies credited to the correct accounts by writing separate checks for tuition, daycare, athletics, lunch and fundraising. If you are set up with automatic debits, you will receive separate line item on your account statement. If paying by cash, make sure you receive a cash receipt. Also, please send all physical education and athletic department monies directly to Chris Braciszewski. Remember, all checks should be made payable to Timmerman School. Thank you for your help and understanding.

3K - 2nd Grade Fees

Parents of students from 3K through 2nd grade are reminded to please remit \$20.00 to your child's teacher by September 9 for the Children's Theater at Richland Mall. Our students love attending these productions.

New Faculty Members

Mrs. Louisa Tiller comes to us after 30+ years in education. She received her undergraduate degree in English from Coker College and her Masters in Education degree from USC. Mrs. Tiller led and implemented the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program for District One and taught language arts in the Leadership Academy for District Two. Her resume also includes stints as an assistant principal and instructor of English 101 and 102 at Coastal Carolina University. Mrs. Tiller teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade language arts.

Ms. Caylee Snelling is our new 2nd grade teacher. She received her undergraduate degree from USC and her Masters of Arts in Teaching from Liberty University in Virginia. Previously, she taught at the 3rd grade level. In addition to her teaching duties, she is also our middle school volleyball coach.

Miss Shannon Johnson is our newest 4K teacher. She is a graduate of USC having earned her Bachelor of Science degree. Most of you know her from our afternoon and summer extended care programs where she has worked for the past two years. Also, congratulations are in order to Miss Johnson and her fiancé on their recent engagement.

Mrs. Debra Hokanson has an art education degree from USC and is a 4K aide and works in the main office – another Debbie in the main office! We will refer to her as Mrs. H.!

Grandparents' Days October 3rd and 4th

We will welcome grandparents to our campus in October. Grandparents of 3K, 4K, 5K, and 1st grade students will have their day on Monday, October 3, from 9:00 am until 10:30 am. Grandparents of 2nd grade through 8th grade students will have their day on Tuesday, October 4, from 9:00 am until 10:30 pm. If a family has children in both age brackets, the grandparents may choose which day they would like to attend. Please remember this occasion is for grandparents and great-grandparents only, not any other family members. Also, middle school students, grades 5 – 8, are required to dress up that day.

Carpool Line Pick Up

Please place your child's **last name** in **large bold lettering** on the passenger side of your front windshield. **We need your help! You would not believe how much more quickly we can load out this way.**

REMINDER – Capital Assessment

The \$100 Capital Fund Assessment Fee was due September 1. Please make sure that you have paid this fee. This fee is divided between bus maintenance, playground maintenance, and computer lab upgrades.

Booster Club Fundraiser

This is our major fundraiser during the fall. If you need additional packets, see Debbie in the front office. We need 100% participation for this program to be successful. All students can earn awards as listed in the *Awards Program Flyer*. Funds from this promotion underwrite our physical education and our athletic program. Should you choose not to participate, please make a donation to our **Athletic Account**. Thank you for your support. All orders and monies are due Friday, September 16. ***Do Not Charge Sales Tax. Please make sure all sheets are totaled at the bottom and keep the bottom order form for you. You may also order online at www.gafundraising.com. If you order online, please turn in a copy of your order. Use the code: 416198***

Fall Sports

Soccer season is here! We will compete in the YMCA soccer program at Owens Field. We are looking forward to having fun during this season. Please remember that all of our coaches are volunteers who try to do their best. We expect our parents on the sidelines to exhibit courteous and proper behavior. Remember, our little ones are all eyes!

Volleyball for middle school girls is also underway. This team has been practicing very hard with skills camp, team practices and scrimmages. The team is under the direction of Coach Caylee Snelling.

Cross Country for middle school students has begun. Once again, Coach Amie Meyer will lead her runners to improve their personal best in this 3.1 mile event. The team consists of boys and girls in grades 5–8.

Immunizations

Please make sure that your child is up to date on all immunizations and that the office has a copy. If you have any questions, call Debbie at 782-2748.

Homeroom Parents

If you are interested in being a homeroom parent, please call Mrs. Debbie in the main office. If a homeroom parent has already been designated, your help is still needed. We will need volunteers all year for various fundraisers. Please volunteer!

School Aftercare Program

Mrs. Nancy Glen is the director of the Timmerman Extended Care Program for the school year. Not only is she well-qualified, but she has a highly qualified staff prepared to work with your child during our after school hours. You can contact Mrs. Glen at 782-2748 if you have any questions about this program.

Dance

Timmerman Performing Arts is pleased to announce the 2011-12 season. The Youth Ballet's major production this year is Cinderella which will be performed this spring. Please pick up a Slipper Club brochure and help us find sponsors for this year. Dance classes began Monday, August 29. If you have not signed up yet, come by the main office to register. Timmerman Performing Arts currently offers classes in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, and acrobatics.

1st Middle School Dance

Our 5th graders will be the *guests of honor* at the first dance of the year. All students in grades 5-8 are invited to attend this dance which will be held on Friday, September 16th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm in the Commons. The cost for students in grades 6-8 will be \$5.00 per person with all **5th graders admitted free** of charge. FUN, FUN, FUN!!!

Timmerman Building Fund

The Timmerman School Building Fund has raised over \$100,000 at the present time. We need your help in order to reach our goal of \$400,000 so that we may build a **multi-purpose building** which would serve indoor basketball, volleyball, physical education, rainy day recess, and parent-student activities.

Cell Phones and Electronics

Cell phones and other electronic gadgets are not permitted at school. If a student is found with an electronic device, the device will be confiscated and returned to the parents on the first offense. If there is a second offense, the device will be confiscated and returned to the parents on the last day of school. Also, Timmerman School is not responsible for any electronic device that is lost, stolen, or damaged at anytime. Do not bring or send these items to school.

Scout News

Anyone interested in registering his/her son for Cub Scouts at Timmerman School should contact **Mr. Creek** at 803-794-0200 or attend the sign up meeting in the school Commons on Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 pm. Boys in grades 1-5 are eligible to join Cub Scouts.

Chick-Fil-A Night

Please eat at the Forest Drive Chick-Fil-A on Tuesday, September 20th as we have partnered with this location. Chick-Fil-A will donate 20% of all proceeds to our building fund. All you have to do is tell the cashier that you are from Timmerman School and they will credit your purchase to our account.

Grocery Store Credits

Come by the office and pick up a Publix keychain barcode tag, a Piggly Wiggly (Forest Drive location only) barcode sheet and a Kroger (South Carolina stores only) barcode sheet. If you scan these barcodes at checkout, our school will receive a donation from each grocery store to apply toward our building fund. Tell all of your family, friends, and neighbors to do the same. Thank you for your help.

Physical Education Uniforms

Physical education uniforms are available for purchase in room 15 in the main building. Shirts and shorts cost \$25 for the set. See Mr. Chris to purchase a set for your child.

Oktoberfest Cook-Off

The Timmerman German Honor Society, Delta Epsilon Phi, will be hosting a German Bratwurst and dessert cook-off. Parents and students will face off against each other to make the best bratwurst, cakes, strudel, etc. on September 22 at 6:00 pm. In honor of Oktoberfest, drinks, spaetzel, and bread will be provided. Tickets are \$5.00 and the proceeds will be split evenly between our German Honor Society and our building fund. You may contact Amie Meyer at ameyer@timmermanschool.org to register, purchase tickets, or for additional information.

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Please check our website on a regular basis as our webmaster provides daily updates. Timmerman School is preparing to go "paperless" by making www.timmermanschool.com your main source of information. As a matter of fact, the October newsletter will only be available online. If you are not online, you may request a hard copy from the main office.

Golf Tournament

Family Guild will sponsor a golf tournament in the spring at Northwoods. The tentative date is Saturday, April 14. Start getting your foursome together for good food, good fun, and good golf (well, maybe).

Golf Club

This fall, Timmerman School will host a golf club open to students grades 3-8. On certain Mondays and Wednesdays, the club will go to The Golf Center Par Three. See Mr. Chris or Mr. Robbie for additional information.

Junior Doll Club

Our Junior Doll Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:00 until 3:45 in Ms. Guffey's room 23 in the main building. Grades 2 and up are invited to attend. Mrs. Morris and Ms. Guffey are the sponsors.

Upcoming Events

Sept.	5	Labor Day School Holiday
	8	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
	16	Middle School Dance
		Gift Wrap Orders Due
	20	Chick-Fil-A Night
	22	Columbia Children's Theater
		Oktoberfest Cook-Off
Oct.	3	Grandparents Day (K3-1st)
	4	Grandparents Day (2 nd -8 th)
	5	Report Cards (1-5)
	11	Mother/Son Formal
	14	Student Holiday
		Staff Development
		Daycare Open \$20 daily rate
	26	Report Cards (6-8)