



The Crusader Connection Summer Edition

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CD ROM TEXTBOOK OPTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SELECTED CLASSES

We wanted to make you aware of a new service we will be providing to high school students in selected classes. Both parents and students have expressed a concern regarding the size and weight of some of our textbooks. In some cases, it is difficult for students to carry these books back and forth, from home to school. This year, we would like to make available the opportunity for students to be issued a CD rom that they can use at home to do their homework. This would allow them to keep their textbooks in the classroom or their lockers, yet still be able to complete their homework using the CD rom. There is also an online textbook option the students can use at home as well, to alleviate the transporting of books. The classes that will have this option are listed below, and it is applicable to both honors and standard classes:

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- British Literature (12th Grade)
- Biology
- Chemistry
- American Literature (11th Grade)

The teachers will be speaking to the students in these classes about this option, we hope it serves as a benefit to our students.



IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGE FOR NEXT YEAR

We are adding one extra day to the 2009-10 school year, which means High School Graduation and our last day of school will be Friday, June 4. By adding an extra day, we can get all our exams in during the week of June 1, as opposed to having to start them on Friday, May 28. Please make these changes on your calendars.



FOOTBALL

SCA will be hosting a Football Kick-off Event on Saturday, September 12 to celebrate the starting of our football program. The event will include a cook-out, an informational meeting, and a Flag Football game for boys interested in participating in our inaugural year of football. Contact Mr. Holmes, if you have any questions.

UPDATE ON MR. CRADDOCK

Many of you have been inquiring about Mr. Craddock's condition. Unfortunately, he is still having a difficult time. His doctors have been unable to find a medication that will control his arthritis. He is still weak physically, continues to battle pain, and it is a struggle for him to get around. This week he informed me that he will not be able to teach for us this year, due to these physical problems. Needless to say, this was a very difficult decision for him. He loves SCA, our parents and teachers so much. He has been a fixture at our school for many years. He has been a model of faithfulness, and our hearts break for him at this time. He wanted me to make sure I communicate to you how grateful he is to you for allowing him to work with your children. He appreciates your prayers, and although he continues to battle the arthritis, he is thankful that he is not battling cancer. Initially, this doctors' diagnosis involved the possibility of cancer, but we praise the Lord this was not Mr. Craddock's ailment. He asked that you continue to pray for him that God will meet his physical needs. We hope to schedule some events throughout the year that will allow you to come and let him know how much you appreciate him. We will you keep you informed of these events as they are scheduled. If you would like to send him a card or gift, just drop it off at the school office, and we will make sure he gets it. Thank you.

SUMMER READING AND FLASHMASTER CHALLENGE

All students should be encouraged to continue with their summer reading lists. Elementary students are challenged to participate in the flashmaster challenge. This is a great way to keep your academic skills ready for school to start

Please visit our website @ www.scacrusaders.com for additional information.

USED UNIFORM SALE PROCEEDS TO ENHANCE SCA PROGRAMS

We will be having our annual used uniform sale from July 27-Aug. 7. All proceeds from this sale will be used to enhance SCA programs. If you have any uniforms you would like to donate, you may begin dropping them off in the school office. This year uniforms will be accepted as donations only. Your donation will be tax deductible. We have changed our format and will no longer be consigning uniforms. Only items in good condition will be accepted.



2010 ITALY AND GREECE SPRING BREAK TRIP

Planned for 2010, this trip, led by High School Academic Principal, Dr. David Head, will include guided tours of Rome, Capri, Pompeii, Delphi and Athens, with an optional day trip to Florence and an optional Greek Island cruise extension. Contact www.eftours.com to sign up for detailed information on Tour #560324



UNIFORM POLICY CHANGE FOR ELEMENTARY BOYS

K-5 thru 5th grade boys will be allowed to wear uniform shorts next school year. Last year, shorts were only allowed thru 3rd grade, and there were designated months that they were to be worn. This year, they can be worn anytime throughout the year, and this will include boys in all elementary grades. We do want to remind our parents that the only shorts allowed are the uniform shorts purchased from Educational Outfitters. Our parents were tremendous last year in their cooperation with this policy, and we hope to have the same positive experience this year as well. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

FOOTBALL NEWS

SCA Football is coming soon! Spring Football practice at SCA will begin May 1, 2010. In order to prepare for our inaugural season, there are many team needs for the program. Here is a list of needs for our football program with approximate costs, all checks should be made payable to SCA Football. Any questions please contact Mr. Holmes.

- 5-Man Sled- \$4,200
- Goal Posts- \$2,500
- Goal Post Padding- \$200
- Oklahoma Chute- \$600
- Dial-a-Down Chain Set- \$550
- Sideline Markers- \$237
- Pylons- \$150
- Chain Gang Vests- \$40
- Blocking Shields- \$1,195
- Coaching Platform- \$250
- Kick Off Tees- \$12
- Extra Point Tees- \$6
- Easy Hold Football Holder- \$32
- Helmet Cart- \$300
- Shoulder Pad Rack- \$600
- Kicking Cage- \$135
- Gatorade Coolers- \$272
- Inline Hydration System- \$330
- Football Field Marking System- \$220
- Football Equipment Cart- \$290
- Commercial Washer/Dryer- \$1,500
- Game Balls- \$250
- Practice Balls- \$280



In addition to these needs, our biggest Capital Needs will be the following:

- Uniforms- \$25,000-\$30,000
- Equipment/Dressing Facility- \$5,000
- Bleachers- \$20,000

2009 SCA Summer Sports Calendar

Annual Parent Athletic Meeting

This year's annual Parent Athletic Meeting will be on Friday, August 21 at 6:00 in the cafeteria. This is for all parents of athletes grades 5th-12th who will have a child participating in athletics this year. At least one parent is expected to attend the meeting. We will have a pot luck dinner starting at 6:00. All parents are asked to bring some sort of food item, drink, dessert etc. ALL PARENTS ARE ASKED TO DOWNLOAD THE 2009-10 ATHLETIC HANDBOOK FROM THE GENERAL INFORMATION PAGE UNDER ATHLETICS ON THE SCHOOL WEB SITE. ALL PARENTS MUST SIGN THE HANDBOOK COMPLIANCE FORM BEFORE THEIR CHILD IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPORT. **The Handbook Compliance Form is on the very last page of the Athletic Handbook.**

The Athletic Department will be selling Nike "Seffner Christian Athletics" T-Shirts this fall for \$12 each. Shirts must be pre-ordered by Friday, August 28. These will be made available to all parents, students, teachers, etc. To place an order email Mr. Holmes at aholmes@scacrusaders.com with the quantity of t-shirts you wish to buy and the sizes

- **Cross Country**- First day of Cross Country practice is Monday, August 17 at 7:00am @SCA. Any athlete wishing to participate needs to be present. All runners must have a completed FHSAA Physical and FHSAA Consent form by August 17th in order to participate
- **Baseball**- Practices, August 3 & 10 9:00-10:30
- **Weight Training Schedule**- (June 8-July 31) Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:30-10:15 and 1:00-2:45
- **Girls Soccer**- Mr. Canterbury will be holding practices for all girls interested in playing soccer this year on the following dates and times: July 14, 21, 28, and August 11 6:00; August 4 7:00
- **Girls Tennis**- For all girls interested in trying out for our first year of Girls Tennis, the Brandon Sports and Aquatic Center is putting on camps each week throughout the summer Monday-Friday from 9:30-1:00 each day. The camps are run by Allen Liberato, Girls Tennis Coach at Academy of the Holy Names. The cost of the camp is \$115 per week. This is their Junior Development Camp. They warm up from 9:30-10:00, are on the court from 10:00-12:00 and then optional pool/soccer/games until 1:00. If 6 or more girls from SCA sign up, they each get a 10% discount. Any girls wanting to try out for the team in the spring are strongly encouraged to take part in the camps. You can reach Coach Liberato at 416-2315. Any girls interested in participating in tennis for the upcoming year should have their parent email Mr. Holmes at aholmes@scacrusaders.com to get an idea of how many girls will be coming out.
- **JV Volleyball**- tryouts will August 13 and 14 from 4:00-6:30
- **Middle School Volleyball**- tryouts are TBA

Varsity Volleyball Tryouts

Currently scheduled for August 10th & 11th from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. The practices will be closed to anyone not trying out for a varsity position.

The first day will determine who returns for the second day of tryouts.

First Day Minimum Requirements:

Consistent Overhand Serves that put the volleyball in play
Multiple Self "Sets" within a defined space
Multiple Self "Bumps" within a defined space

These are the MINIMUM skills sets and will be performed individually in front of the other athletes.

Open Gym is a great time to practice!

INFORMATION FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Congratulations to Bright Futures Award Recipients:

Florida Academic Scholars:

Dylan Coleman
Bobby Hinderliter
Daniel LoCicero
William Swartz

Florida Medallion Scholars

Jordan Bolton
Breanna Bryan
Forrest Crim
Spencer Dohrenwend
Heather Ferris
Elizabeth Greiving
Brian Kelly
Bianca Lopez
Nick Marquez
Jenny Moorer
Matt Murray

Austin Parimore
Jessica Preston
Elisa Price
Sunny Rama
Zach Roosen
Joseph Stephens
Hannah Walker
Melissa Walters
Courtney Welch
Samantha Whiting
Brett Witherington

ACT & SAT 2009-2010 Test Dates: 11th & 12th grade students mark your calendars!

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

2009-10 Test Dates	Registration Deadline
October 10, 2009	September 9, 2009
November 7, 2009	October 1, 2009
December 5, 2009	October 30, 2009
January 23, 2010	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010

ACT: www.actstudent.org

2009-10 Test Dates	Registration Deadline
September 12, 2009	August 7, 2009
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010

PARENTING TIPS:

From the Biblical Parenting Organization: www.biblicalparenting.org

It's Like a Bonsai Tree

The word "discipline" used in the Old Testament is translated from the Hebrew word "chanak" and means "to train." Training implies guidance to a particular goal.

I remember visiting a bonsai exhibit with many small beautiful trees, each in their own pot. Next to each tree was a card telling the story of that particular tree. In particular, I was interested in how long the training had been going on. Many had been in process for 30-40 years and one began its training over 100 years ago.

Training takes time. Too much force will break a branch and too little care returns the plant to the wild. The same is true with children. Firm consistent discipline is needed to guide and direct kids. Some parents are tempted to have a few big consequences to "really make an impression on this kid." Rather, many small corrections and consequences would be more effective.

Many of the problems children have are either behavioral habits or character deficiencies. It would be nice if they could have a "burning bush" experience that would change their lives instantly, but it usually doesn't happen that way. Even Moses had to spend forty years in the desert as a shepherd leading sheep before he was ready to lead people.

Change takes time and many small corrections and reminders can contribute to long-term change in your child. So choose a character quality your child needs, define it, think of ways to implement it, and pray that God will use your daily words and actions of correction to help your child make the heart changes necessary.

High School Student Transcript Requests:

If your student needs a copy of his/her transcript during the summer, please visit www.scacrusaders.com and click on "Transcript Request Form" under the "Quick Links" section on the homepage. This will allow to do download the transcript request form. Please complete and mail, fax, or drop off the request to the school. Transcripts can not be released without the student or parent signature according to federal law. The transcript request forms are also available in the front office, guidance office, and academic dean's office. It may take up 3-5 days to process a transcript during the summer, so please plan accordingly.