



The Crusader Connection

September 12, 2008

DO YOU NEED SOME IDEAS FOR HELPING HANDS SPONSORS?

The Helping Hands school wide fundraiser begins this week. Information is being sent home with the students, and we are so excited about the possibility of having our greatest response ever. We have listed below some examples of possible sponsors that you could send the sponsorship forms to:

- Your dentist/orthodontist
- Your pool service company
- Your lawn service company
- Your CPA
- Your insurance agent
- Your hair stylist
- Your auto mechanic
- Your doctor or pediatrician
- Your florist
- Your neighbors, friends or family
- Your child's little league coach



Any business associate you have is a great candidate to be a sponsor. We are asking each student to complete and turn in 25 forms. Thank you so much for help and support. With your help we can reach our goal of raising over \$100,000.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SECONDARY PARENTS



Parents, we wanted to make you aware that we will no longer be distributing hard copies of the mid quarter reports for our students to take home. With Edline now being available, we felt the distribution of mid quarter reports was not a wise usage of both our time and resources. We also had problems with getting the reports signed and returned, so our students were accumulating numerous detentions. **If you would like for us to send a hard copy home for you, simply, contact your child's teacher, and we will gladly provide that service.** We want to offer this service for those parents that may not be able to check Edline. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Duncan at ext. 211.

UPCOMING SECONDARY EVENTS

- **Secondary Conference Night**– September 25 for 6-12 grade parents only. Parents will need to make appointments with the teachers they desire to see that evening to allow all parents to meet teachers without excessive waiting. You may email or call teachers to schedule an appointment
- **Jean Day**– Friday, September 12. The cost is \$2.00. This is a fundraiser for the senior class.
- **Student Government Activity**– September 19. Contact Mrs. Duncan for more details.
- **See You at the Pole**– September 24th @ 7:00am around the flagpole. Grades 6-12.



EARLY BIRD REMINDER

Helping Hands early bird is Monday Sept. 15th. Be sure to get your forms turned in to be eligible for the prizes.

INTRODUCING A HEALTHIER CHOICE FOR DRINKS

We now have new drink choices in the cafeteria. The drinks that are now available during lunch are: Coke Zero, Sprite Zero, Lemonade Lite, Powerade Lemon Lime, Caffeine Free Diet Coke, Milk, Sweet & Unsweet Tea. Drinks are sugar free and some contain aspartame. If your child is allergic, please notify your child's teacher.



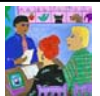
IDENT-A-KID



The IDENT-A-KID Program will be at our school on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd to photograph, fingerprint, weigh, and measure Pre-school through 8th grade children. High school students are also welcome to participate. Participation in the program is at the individual parents' option. A fee will be charged and the parents will be provided with a laminated wallet sized ID card (similar to a driver's license) with information about their child. An application envelope with additional information about the IDENT-A-KID Program will be sent home with the children about one week before the program date.

ATTENTION ELEMENTARY PARENTS

There has been some confusion regarding Parent/Teacher Conferences on September 25th for middle school and high school only. If you would like to have a conference with an elementary teacher, contact them individually and they will be glad to meet with you at any time.



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

Spirit Week Days 2008 For 6th thru 12th Grade
"Crusader Classics"



September 29- Classic TV - Dress up in your favorite classic TV or cartoon attire

September 30- A Classic Start- Pay tribute to the first days of SCA in 1983- Dress up 80's style !

October 1- Classic Clash- Dress in the craziest, non-matching clothes you can find.

October 2- Become a Classic – Each class should pick its own classic theme to continue the tradition of class unity. Extra class points given for the most original theme.

October 3- Classic Colors – Maroon and white day. Show your SCA pride for the annual parade and support the Homecoming game tonight.

General Guidelines

1. Students that do not participate will need to wear their regular uniform.
2. Students that participate may wear jeans if part of the costume. Girls may wear pants or capris. Please do not wear shorts (except pre-school). All costumes for girls must come to the top of the knee.
3. Students may paint their face if part of the costume, but please do not dye a student's hair. Colored hairspray is allowed for Friday only; however, the cans of colored hairspray must not be brought to school.
4. Students will be allowed to purchase SCA items throughout the week during lunch.
5. Points will be awarded for class participation. The winner will be announced at the Homecoming game.

Lunch Menu
Sept.15-Sept. 19

Pre-School \$2.75
Elementary \$3.50
Secondary \$3.75



Monday

Nachos Supreme
Fruit
Drink

Tuesday

Hamburgers
Veggies w/ dip
Brownies
Drink

Wednesday

Salisbury Steak
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fruit
Roll
Drink

Thursday

Chicken Sandwich
Veggies w/ dip
Chips
Fruit
Drink

Friday

Pizza
Chips
Dessert
Drink



Each day the following
will also be available:

Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Chips, Dessert & Drink

PBJ Sandwich, Chips,
Dessert & Drink

Garden Salad, Chips,
Dessert & Drink

LIBRARY NEWS



Things are off to a great start in the library! Would you believe that in the past 3 weeks, students have checked out almost 1500 books?! I am excited about things to come in the year ahead! Enjoy the journey!

Elementary students are bringing home forms for **Box Tops for Education**. For every form they fill with 30 box tops, the company has agreed to double. That means each form is worth \$6.00. Only 2 are permitted per address, and they must be returned by October 24th. Your help in this is greatly appreciated! (Of course we will be collecting box tops all year, so if you miss the deadline, we can still use the box tops.) If you need an extra form, contact the library.

All students in 1st through 5th grades are busy this week taking the S.T.A.R. (Standardized Test for Assessment of Reading) which will determine their reading level for AR. We will plan to begin AR next week, if all classes have been tested. Please refer to the AR information I sent home a couple weeks ago. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at ext. 229.

Coming up in October:

- **Pizza Hut Book-It will begin Oct. 1st** for K-5 through 5th grade. Teachers will set classroom goals. Remember, in many cases, the same book can be used for Book-It, AR, and book reports.
- **Preschool Library Night is Oct. 2nd from 6:30-7:30** in the lunchroom. This is for K-2-K5. Plan to bring your preschooler for a time of crafts, bedtime snack, and a bedtime story. Bring them in their pajamas, and they'll be all ready to tuck into bed when you get home.
- **Storybook Character Day is Oct. 16th**. Students in K-3 through 5th grade will dress as a character from their favorite book for our annual Storybook Character Day parade. More information will be sent home as the date approaches.

SERVANTS IN ACTION NEWS



Our homeroom parents have been busy organizing and getting ready for the new year. You should receive an email or a letter from your homeroom parent giving you their contact information and also information concerning your child's class. It's time to begin planning for the Auction! Please come to our first meeting on Wednesday, September 24th, 8:00 AM in the SCA cafeteria. We have a variety of opportunities available so please come and put your talents to use. We especially need motivated individuals to help solicit donations throughout our community. To volunteer or for more information please contact Donna Baird at 813-294-0655 or dgbaird@tampabay.rr.com.

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Art show open to K5-12th grade. Secondary students may submit 2 pieces and Elementary may submit 1 piece. All entries must be turned in by October 30th. If you are interested in participating please contact Mrs. Brown or Ms. Cook for further information.



SCA ATHLETIC SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

SOCCER

Friday, September 12
@ Seven Rivers Christian 4:30

Saturday, September 13
Canterbury Fort Myers 1:00

Tuesday, September 16
@ Faith Christian Academy 3:15

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Monday, September 15
Calvary Christian 6:00

Tuesday, September 16
Cambridge Christian 6:00

Tuesday, September 23
All Saints Academy 7:00

JV VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, September 16
Cambridge Christian 5:00

Tuesday, September 23
All Saints Academy 6:00

Friday, September 26
Indian Rocks Christian Tourn. TBA

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, September 16
Cambridge Christian 4:00

Tuesday, September 23
All Saints Academy 5:00

Tuesday, September 30
@ Citrus Park Christian 4:30

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, September 13
Gator Creek Run 8:00 am

Tuesday, September 16
East Hillsborough Invitational
GV 6:00/BV 6:35

Saturday, September 20
Elite Running Invitational
GV 8:15/BV 8:45/JV 9:45

ATTENTION PARENTS

Mr. Holmes is looking for parent volunteers for Boys Varsity Soccer and Volleyball seasons. We need help in soccer with concessions and scoreboard. During volleyball games we need help with concessions, scoreboard, book keeper, libero tracker, and statistician. If you would like to help, contact Mr. Holmes at x225 or email aholmes@scacrusaders.com

ATHLETIC REMINDER

All athletes playing a winter sports must have a FHSAA Physical from their doctor, FHSAA Consent Form, and SCA Athletic Waiver before they are permitted to try-out in any sport. If athletes cannot get an appointment to their doctor before the first day of tryouts, then they must go to a Walk-in Clinic. The FHSAA Physical and Consent Form are available on the Home Page of the school web site, as well as in the school office. The SCA Athletic Waiver is available in the school office. Listed below are the tryout dates that athletes must have these forms completed by:

Varsity Girls Soccer- October 13
Middle School Boys Soccer- November 3
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Middle School, JV, and Varsity Girls Basketball- October 27
Middle School, JV, and Varsity Boys Basketball- November 3
Softball- January 12
Baseball- January 19



BOYS AND GIRL BASKETBALL YARD SALE AND CAR WASH MOVED TO OCTOBER 11

The annual Yard Sale and Car wash hosted by the boys and girls basketball teams has been moved back one week to Saturday, October 11. We needed to change the date because Homecoming is on October 4. The hours will be from 7:00 am until noon. If you would like to donate any merchandise to this worthy cause, please contact Mr. Fawbush or Mr. Duncan.



INFORMATION FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

If you were unable to attend the fall parent planning meetings on 8/25 or 8/26, please contact Mrs. Everitt and indicate the grade of your high school student. She will send home all pertinent information regarding guidance planning for your high school student.

Important Guidance Dates for 2008-09 School Year:

September 18 th – 21 st	College Trip for Juniors and Seniors- limited attendance (Christian Colleges in TN & GA)
September 30 th 1:00 -5:00 pm	Christian College Fair in SCA Gym
October 8 th	PLAN Testing (Sophomores Only)
October 15 th	PSAT Testing (Juniors Only)
January 20 th	Senior Parent Graduation & Financial Aid Meeting
January 27 th	Welcome to High School Night
March 16-19	Stanford Achievement Testing (K-11 th)
March 19 th	Junior College Planning Night

Parent Email List

If you are the parent of a high school student and are not receiving email notifications from the guidance counselor about events and information for your student, please send Mrs. Everitt your email address and your student's name and grade. You will be added to the guidance email list. meveritt@scaclusaders.com

Scholarship Corner:

Prudential Spirit of the Community Award

ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: information regarding the Spirit of the Community was passed out to all interested students during the lunch hour this week. If you did not receive the information, please contact Mrs. Everitt.

Defense Intelligence and Central Intelligence Agencies Scholarship Program

Information regarding the DIA and CIA scholarship programs was passed out to interested seniors. If this information did not make it home, please email Mrs. Everitt

College Preview Days:

Every week college preview days will be posted in this section of the newsletter:

Clearwater Christian College <http://www.clearwater.edu/admissions/undergrad/campusvisit.asp>

Jan 19th- Florida Resident Days

Feb 19th – 20th – College Days

Covenant College <http://www.covenant.edu/visit/cpw>

Oct 2-4th – College Preview Weekend

Cedarville University <http://www.cedarville.edu/admissions/campusvisits/academicpreviews.cfm>

Academic Preview Days

Sept 13th- Social Work Day

Oct. 11th- Theatre Day

Nov. 1st- Business Day

Jan 31st – Nursing Day

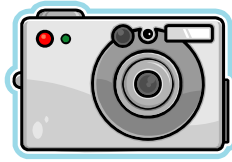
Feb. 14th – Engineering and Computer Science Day

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Servants In Action News



CLASS PICTURES

The class pictures for the Auction will be taken on Wednesday, September 17th.

These pictures are very popular items at the Auction. Please make every effort to have your student at school for these pictures so they will be included in this important part of their class history.



You are invited to join us as we make plans for our annual Fall Festival and Auction

Date:
Wednesday, 8/24/08

Place:
SCA Cafeteria

Time:
Auction Coffee
8:00 to 9:00 AM

This is your opportunity to get involved in our biggest event of the year. Because this is such a large event help is needed in a variety of areas so please join us and be part of the excitement.

A signup sheet will be available so feel free to drop by or stay for the discussion. All proceeds from the auction go directly to SCA to benefit the students and the campus.

If you cannot be at the coffee to sign up but want to help please contact:

Donna Baird – 294-0655 or dgbaird@tampabay.rr.com

Want to know an easy way you can help fund-raise for SCA?



Check out Box Tops For Education!

3 easy ways to make a difference!

It's easy to earn cash for our school. Simply look for the Box Tops for Education symbol on the items you buy at the grocery store, clip them and send them into school with your child. For your convenience we have manila envelopes to store your Box Tops available in the office.

So pick up yours today and start clipping.

- 1. Clip Box Tops:** Find Box Tops coupons on hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢ for our school.
 - **Send Box Tops to School:** Turn in your Box Tops coupons. Our school will collect the Box Tops and send them to Box Tops for Education.
 - **Our School Earns Cash:** Twice each year, Box Tops will send a check to our school for each Box Tops coupon redeemed, up to \$20,000 each year.
- 2. Sign Up Online:** Sign up at the Box Tops website (btfe.com) to support our school and see where to shop at over 70 retail stores who help support us!
 - **Shop Online:** Shop online at the Box Tops MarketplaceSM. Choose from quality stores such as JCPenney, Lands' End and Office Max.
 - **Our School Earns Cash** Up to 8% of your purchase will be automatically donated back to our school, up to \$20,000 each year, with no additional cost to you. Take advantage of the bonus opportunities each month in the Bonus Box Tops section of the website and in stores in your area, to earn extra Box Tops and earnings for our school.
- 3. Log in to Begin Shopping**
 - **Log on** to btfe.com/readingroom to begin shopping. Click on the "Shop Now" button to go to BarnesandNoble.com
 - **Purchase Books** Select your items and follow the standard Barnes & Noble checkout process.
 - **Our School Earns Cash** Our school automatically earns 6% on new book purchases and 3% on all other online purchases.

2008 Homecoming T-Shirt

\$10.00



The t-shirt is burgundy with silver and white.

All money and orders must be received by September 26th.

Parents, teachers, and all SCA students are encouraged to purchase a homecoming shirt and wear it to the homecoming game on October 3rd to show support for SCA!

These shirts will be allowed on all jean days throughout the year.

Please mark the number of T-shirts you want in each size and attach a check for the correct amount.

____ YXS
____ YS
____ YM
____ YL

____ S
____ M
____ L
____ XL

____ XXL (additional \$1.50)
____ XXXL (additional \$2.00)

Total Number of shirts ordered: _____ X 10.00 Total enclosed: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

****If more than one t-shirt is ordered, all shirts will be sent with the student who is listed above.**

Shirts will be sent home by the Wednesday of Spirit Week.