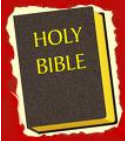




The Crusader Connection

September 19, 2008



ATTENTION SECONDARY PARENTS

We have challenged our secondary students to participate in a 40-day spiritual focus challenge. The challenge begins Monday, September 22 and concludes on Friday, October 31. This program will involve some specific tasks and Scripture memory that the students will be doing. We will be putting this information on the website next week for you to download. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Duncan.

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
- **Student Government Activity**–September 19. Contact Mrs. Duncan for more details. **CANCELLED**
- **See You at the Pole**– September 24th @ 7:00am around the flagpole. Grades 6-12.



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 25. They are 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.



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.



HOMECOMING T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Be sure to order your homecoming t-shirt before September 26th. The shirts are \$10.00 each. We have a sample shirt in the office if you would like to see it. Shirts come in youth and adult sizes. The students will be able to wear these shirts all year on jean days.

UPCOMING DATES

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| September 25 | Secondary Parent/Teacher Conference |
| September 29-3 | Spirit Week |
| September 30 | College Fair |
| October 2 | K2-K5 Family Library Night @ 6:30 |
| October 3 | Homecoming Game @ Brandon High School– Activities Begin @ 7:00 |
| October 4 | Homecoming Banquet |
| October 8 | PLAN Test (10th grade only) |
| October 10 | Pre-School Grandparents Day
End of 1st Nine Weeks |



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.

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

Lunch Menu
Sept.22-Sept. 26

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



Monday

Mac & Cheese
Peas
Fruit
Drink

Tuesday

BBQ Sandwich
Coleslaw
Chips
Fruit
Drink

Wednesday

Lasagna
Side Salad
Roll
Fruit
Drink

Thursday

Cheeseburger
Tator Tots
Fruit
Drink

Friday

Pizza
Chips
Ice Cream
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



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.



LIBRARY NEWS

Elementary students have taken home their 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.

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.

HELP CLASS SCHEDULE 2008-2009
6TH-12TH GRADE

Mr. Dillard	Upon request for 1st semester
Ms. Stephens	As needed
Dr. Head	Wednesday afternoon
Mrs. Haddad	Tuesday 3:10-4:30
Ms. Edwards	Tuesday 3:15-3:45
Ms. Morrell	Monday 3:15-3:45
Ms. Clark	Phy. Science-Monday 3:15-3:45
Mrs. Price	Spanish-Wednesday 3:15-3:45
Mrs. Brown	Monday 3:15-3:45
Mrs. Phillips	Tuesday 3:15-3:45
Mr. Bingham	Thursday 3:15-4:15
Mrs. Norton	7:00 am Friday Mornings
Ms. Smith	Chemistry-Thursday 3:15-3:45
	Biology-3:15-3:45



SIGN UP NOW FOR
"CURTAIN TIME IN
LONDON"

Now is the time to sign up for the 2009 spring break trip to England. The trip will focus on live theater, including a tour and workshops at the re-built Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, as well as excursions to Windsor Castle, Bath, Stonehenge, Oxford and Stratford. Contact Group Leader Dr. David Head, High School Academic Principal, or view the detailed information on eftours.com under Tour # 464525.

SCA ATHLETIC SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

SOCCER

Tuesday, September 23

@ Berean Academy 4:30

Friday, September 26

CCC Soccer Classic @ CCC
vs. Cornerstone Academy 10:30
vs. Wilson Christian Academy 4:30

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, September 23

@ All Saints Academy 7:00

Friday, September 26

CCC Tournament @ CCC
vs. Wilson Christian Academy 10:15
vs. Hampton Park School 12:45
vs. Faith Christian School 3:15

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, September 23

@ All Saints Academy 5:00

Tuesday, September 30

@ Citrus Park Christian 4:30

JV VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, September 23

@ All Saints Academy 6:00

Friday, September 26

Indian Rocks Christian Tourn.
5:00 & 7:00

Saturday, September 27

Indian Rocks Christian Tourn.
TBA

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, September 20

Elite Running Invitational
GV 7:50/BV 8:20/JV 9:20

Friday, September 26

Calvary Christian Classic
JV 3:30/VG 4:15/VB 5:00

Tuesday, September 30

Ron Frost Invitational
VG 6:00/VB 6:35/JV 7:15

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 Boys Basketball- October 27
JV, and Varsity Boys Basketball- November 3
Softball- January 12
Baseball- January 19

**LET'S
GO
SADERS**

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

Middle School Parents:

Mrs. Everitt is currently in the process of collecting email addresses for a middle school email distribution list. You will receive email updates from Mrs. Everitt on a regular basis. This will be an excellent way of keeping up to date on all guidance information for middle school students. Please send your contact email address to meveritt@scacrusaders.com

Attention all Families: A Note from the Guidance Counselor

Take Charge of your Schedules

School bells bring super-sized family calendars. Even busy elementary students need their own social secretaries. We hear a lot about children who are hurried, harried, and overscheduled. Research shows that kids-and families are paying the price for always being busy. Now there's a renewed emphasis to provide plenty of free time and just let kids be kids. It's possible to grow your children's talents and give them lots of opportunities without injecting extra stress. Here are a few ideas for keeping a healthy balance between busyness and rest.

1. **Sign up with care-** Now is the time to limit activities before you dive into too many. Be realistic about how many activities your family can handle- and about the amount of homework time and sleep that each child needs. Many students who struggle with attention issues in school are not getting enough sleep in the night. 8 hours is a minimum for any student 6-17 years old.
* The sleep Foundation reports that 11% of children 12 years old and younger complain of being tired during the day "often" or "always."
15% of children told their parents that they had fallen asleep at school during the past year.
2. **Evaluate talents-** Ask each child about his or her preferences. Which sport or activity means the most to each? Which are they willing to cut? Of course, parents make the final decision. Kids can't decide to skip a church activity that parents have decided is non-negotiable.
3. **Schedule Family Time-** Block this out in your calendar, just like you would other important obligations. Plan at least a couple of hours a week for together time, and don't let other duties interfere.
4. **Make Meal time a PRIORITY- In a 5 year study conducted at the University of Minnesota,** reaseachers found that in families who ate meals together at least 5 times a week, teenage girls are less likely to smoke, drink, or use drugs. Kids who eat more meals with their families also report significantly better academic success and mental health than those kids who do not eat with their families.

Fun Meal Time Ideas:

- **Mad, Sad, Glad:** Have family members each share something about their day that made them mad, sad, and glad. This prompt will help everyone reflect on their day and identify feelings and experiences. Before clearing the table, pray together about those experiences. Even keep a prayer journal to watch how God is working in your family.
- *** Everybody do your part-** Include the children in meal time preparation. You may assign your older children to cooking the meal for the family. Or asking the young ones to set and clear the table. Possibly, allowing the younger children to help in baking dessert. This helps foster a family spirit, and also gives parents opportunities to praise their children for a "good meal" or a "good job."

Important Guidance Dates for 2008-09 School Year:

September 30th Christian College Fair in SCA Gym
October 8th PLAN Testing (Sophomores Only)
October 15th PSAT Testing (Juniors Only)
January 20th Senior Parent Graduation & Financial Aid Meeting
January 27th Welcome to High School Night
March 16-19 Stanford Achievement Testing (K-11th)
March 19th Junior College Planning Night

Scholarship Corner:

AXA Achievement Award

Information regarding the AXA Scholarship program was passed out to all 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:

Free Will Baptist Bible College- http://www.fwbbc.edu/FutureStudents/plan_your_visit.html

[Senior Days: October 16-18, 2008](#)

[Senior Days: November 20-22, 2008](#)

[Senior Days: January 22-24, 2009](#)

[Senior Days: February 12-14, 2009](#)

[Welcome Days: November 6-8, 2008](#)

[Welcome Days: March 26-28, 2009](#)

The Master's College- <http://www.masters.edu/DeptPageNew.asp?PageID=897>

Mondays @ Masters:

September 15, 2008

November 10, 2008

Bryan College- <http://www.bryan.edu/visit.html>

Highlight Day- Friday, November 6, 2008

Illuminate Overnight Event- Thursday-Friday, November 6-7, 2008