



The Crusader Connection



October 14, 2009

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH. EXTENDED CARE WILL BE OPEN & STUDENTS MUST BRING A BAG LUNCH.

ELEMENTARY STORYBOOK CHARACTER DAY



SCA's 11th annual Storybook Character Day and parade will be on Thursday, October 15th. Our parade will begin at 8:50 am and will be held in the main parking lot of the school. Please do not plan to park in that area. All parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to attend! We will be observing "Reading Showcase Day" on the 16th as well, as our elementary school will devote the entire day to reading.



COMEDY BRULEE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24



Tickets for Comedy Brulee are on sale now for \$10 from any chorus or band student. The show will take place on Oct. 24th in the auditorium at 7:00 pm. Doors will open at 6:15 and dessert will follow the show. Come on out for a night full of laughter. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Tina Davis @ 813-478-2439 or tinadavis8888@aol.com.



CASH 4 CLASSES SCA IS IN THE TOP 5!!

Keep up the good work and let's finish this contest with a strong showing from SCA! Shop at any of the local Westfield Malls and turn in your receipts to either the concierge desk at the Brandon Mall or to the SCA office to earn points and help SCA win \$10,000 for our school. You still have time to turn in your 100 point coupon for any family or friends with a valid email. Remember, all purchases on Wednesday's are double points and any gift card purchase is double points as well. We only have 2 more weeks, so lets make a strong finish. For more details see the flyer on the SCA website at www.SCAcrusader.com.

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 15	End of First Nine Weeks
Oct. 15	Storybook Character Day K2-5th
Oct. 15	Reading Showcase Day
Oct. 16	No School / Extended Care Open
Oct. 21	PLAN Testing for Sophomores
Oct. 21	Report Cards Go Home
Oct. 24	Comedy Brulee
Nov. 01	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov. 2-6	Spirit Week
Nov. 06	Homecoming Game @ Strawberry Crest HS
Nov. 07	Homecoming Banquet



FALL FESTIVAL



Fall is here and that means our annual SCA Fall Festival and Auction is just around the corner! This year's Fall Festival and Auction is scheduled for Friday, November 13th. For more information or to volunteer please contact Donna Baird at 813-294-0655 or dgbaird@tampabay.rr.com.

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

Lunch

Cost: Preschool \$2.75 K5-5th \$3.50 6-12 \$3.75

10/19-10/23

- **Monday**– Chicken Sandwich, Tator Tots, Fruit, Drink
- **Tuesday**–Ravioli, Corn, Fruit, Drink
- **Wednesday**– Chicken Alfredo, Peas, Roll , Fruit, Drink
- **Thursday**– Corn Dog, Slaw, Chip, Fruit, Drink
- **Friday**– Pizza, Chips, Ice Cream, Drink



Also Available Daily, Baked Chicken Strip Wrap, Salad, Ham & Cheese Sandwich or PBJ Uncrustable. All are served with chips, dessert or fruit and a drink.



LIBRARY NEWS

Pizza Hut Book-It begins Oct. 1st for all students in K/5 through 5th grades. Read for rewards! Each classroom will set their goals. Pre-school Book-It will happen in the spring.

Storybook Character Day – October 15th. Our annual parade will be in the school parking lot that morning. All students in K/3 through 5th grades are encouraged to dress as a character from their favorite book. Students should carry their book with them in the parade. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to bring your cameras and join us for this celebration of books.

Box tops for Education and Campbells Soup labels are being collected again this year to help fund the library. Our first mailing will be the end of this month, so please send your box tops and labels in a.s.a.p. Thanks for supporting your library!

Accelerated Reading – Everyone in 1st through 5th grades has been tested for AR and can now begin reading and testing on their levels. I look forward to a great year of reading and earning lots of points. If you have questions about AR, please feel free to contact Mrs. Simpson in the library.

8th GRADE FUNDRAISERS

BAKE SALE:

Come prepared! Every Thursday during lunch, 8th graders will have a Bake Sale with cookies, brownies, root beer floats and more.



PECAN SALE:

Don't forget to order your pecan's for your holiday baking needs. All orders are due by Oct. 30th. Order forms are available in the front office. Thanks for your support.



SIA VOLUNTEER NEWS

Box Tops 4 Education:

This is an easy way for you to help earn money for SCA. The school receives \$.10 for each box top coupon submitted. The fall deadline for Box Tops 4 Education is October 28th. You may drop off your box tops in the front office or send them in to your child's homeroom teacher.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>



Upcoming Dates of Interest

November 13th Fall Festival and Auction

Class Directory - Final Week to submit your permission slip:

Thank you for returning the forms. We hope to have them ready within a few weeks.

Fall Festival and Auction updates:

Thank you for your tremendous response to the request for \$25 baskets!

We need containers for the \$25 gift baskets. If you have extra small, medium or large baskets that you would like to donate you may leave them in the front office.

ITALY-GREECE SPRING BREAK TRIP INCENTIVE FOR OCTOBER.



EF Educational Tours is giving a \$150 discount off our current Italy-Greece trip for any Florida resident who signs up by October 31st. SCA parents and students in grades 9-12 are invited to travel. Contact Dr. David Head, High School Principal, for information, or log on to www.eftours.com and go to Tour # 560324 for price, itinerary and on-line sign-up.

SCA ATHLETICS

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, October 15

Keswick Christian 7:00

Tuesday, October 20

@ Lakeland Christian 6:00

JV VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, October 20

@ Lakeland Christian 5:00

Thursday, October 22

Pepin Academy 6:00

MS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, October 15

Keswick Christian 6:00

Friday, October 23

Academy of Holy Names 5:30

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, October 17

Little Everglades Pre-State Inv.

@ Little Everglades Ranch-Dade
City

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER IMPORTANT NEWS

Practice schedule for the first week of Girls Varsity Soccer will be as follows:

Wednesday, October 14- 3:20-4:30

Thursday, October 15- 3:20-5:00

Friday, October 16- 8:00-10:00am

Tryouts will begin when Cross Country and Volleyball seasons have concluded. All girls that will be participating must have an updated FHSAA Physical form and an updated FHSAA Consent and Release form before coming out to practice. These forms need to be turned in to the coach.



2009 Fall Baseball Schedule

October 19 vs. Strawberry Crest

October 22 vs. Wharton

October 26 @Riverview

October 29 vs. Bloomingdale

All games are on Monday and
Thursday, and all start at 5:00pm

• SENIOR NIGHT FOR VOLLEYBALL AND CROSS COUNTRY

We will honor our Volleyball and Cross Country Seniors on Friday, October 23rd between the Middle School and Varsity Volleyball games (approximately 6:30). All Senior parents need to be present for this event

• CHAMPS! BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

Our next Champs! Booster Club Meeting will be Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. All parents who have children in athletics are encouraged to attend

• CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

The Cross Country team competed at the Land O' Lakes Gator Invitational this past weekend. In a very competitive field, the girls team took 17th place, and the boys team took 16th place. Haley Traylor was the top girls finisher in a time of 23:36, and Brian Fearnow was the top boys finisher in a time of 19:24. This was a very difficult course as well. Up next the team will compete at the Little Everglades Pre-State Invitational (site of the FHSAA Cross Country Finals) this Saturday. Race times are VG- 8:30, VB- 9:10, JVG- 9:30, JVB- 9:50

• MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS AND MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for Middle School Girls and Middle School Boys Basketball will start on Monday, November 2. Times and locations for tryouts will be posted in the next week or so in the newsletter and the school web site

• MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS AND MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

Tryouts for Middle School Girls Soccer will be October 19 from 3:25-5:30 on the softball field and October 21 3:25-4:30 on the baseball field

Tryouts for Middle School Boys Soccer will start the week of October 26, and will be posted in next week's newsletter and on the school web site

- **In order to participate, all athletes must have a completed FHSAA Physical form, and a completed FHSAA Consent and Release Form turned in to their coach on the first day of tryouts.**

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Parents

I will be out of the office October 5th – 16th. Please feel free to email me on anything that can wait until my return. If you have a transcript request or any other academic request, please contact Mr. Smith (ext. 223). If an emergency arises that cannot wait until my return, contact the front office and they will direct you to someone that can help.

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL GUIDANCE MEETINGS

Appointment cards for the individual guidance meetings will be passed out to the Juniors in the next few weeks. Appointments will begin October 20th and continue until October 30th. The list of appointment times has been emailed to parents and teachers and is hanging outside of my office. I am excited about getting to know all of the Juniors I have not met yet!

Seniors

I have very few "Diploma Name Forms" that have been returned. Please bring your form to my office as soon as you can. If I am not in my office, you can put your form in my box. We need to have the completed list to give to Jostens soon. If you have misplaced your form, there are extra copies outside of my office door!

PLAN

The PSAT took place today during periods 1 through 4. Be sure to congratulate your sophomores and juniors on overcoming this hurdle!

PSAT

Right on the heels of the PSAT- the PLAN test will be taking place this coming Wednesday, October 21st, for all freshmen. Parents, be sure your freshmen gets a good nights sleep, eats breakfast, is on time to school, and brings a pencil and a calculator. I know our freshmen will do awesome!

A Peacemaker or a Troublemaker?

A good way to help children overcome the problem of anger is to teach them how to be peacemakers instead of troublemakers. Anyone can get angry and most people do. Few are mature enough to be peacemakers.

Being a peacemaker helps to break down anger in one's self and in others. Peacemakers seek to bring people together in agreement and look for solutions where everyone wins. They think of the needs of others and try to make everyone feel good. A peacemaker honors others and promotes harmony, bringing joy into the family.

So, how can you help children become peacemakers? Here are a few practical ideas. ----Target your parenting so that children can learn to be peacemakers. Teach children to:

- Look for things in common, not differences.
- Try to agree, not disagree.
- Work toward common solutions where everyone wins, not where one person wins and others lose.
- Use love as a motivation, not anger or meanness.
- Work to give your angry child a vision for being a peacemaker. It will open up new ways of thinking about offenses and provide opportunities to deal with anger in others as well. That's why Jesus said, "Blessed (or happy) are the peacemakers."