



The Crusader Connection



October 21, 2009



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.



TIPS TO HELP US IN THE CASH 4 CLASS CONTEST SCA IS IN THE TOP 5!!

Help SCA win \$10,000. There are only a few weeks until the Nov. 1st deadline and with an extra effort by all of our SCA family we're sure to finish strong. This huge cash prize will help our school make improvements that all of us will enjoy. We must act right away. Here are some ideas...

- If possible, try to go to Brandon Mall for your lunch break. Chick-Fil-A counts as "double points" everyday as well as Books-a-Million and Panera.
- If you think you'll be spending \$200 at Westfield over the next few months, buy the gift card now.
- Consider buying a few \$20 gift cards to give out as gifts for Christmas. SCA will get the points and you'll have the gift card(s) to use as gifts or to make your purchases over the next few months.
- Remember Wednesday is double points day.
- If you have friends or family that would be willing to give their name/email addresses, we can submit their information with the special coupon for an extra 100 points. [Address is for mall purposes only and you will not be spammed.]
- Continue to send in any mall receipts you might have.

Note: The American Express gift cards may be used anywhere and there is a \$3 activation fee for each card.

SPIRIT WEEK



This year's Spirit Week will be Nov. 2-6. Secondary days- 11/2 Extreme Age, 11/3 Extreme Style, 11/4 Extreme Country, 11/5 Extreme Unity and 11/6 Extreme Spirit. The Elementary days will be slightly different, therefore a flyer will be sent home. The homecoming banquet for grades 9th-12th will be held at the Downtown Sheraton Grand, Saturday, Nov. 7th, @ 6:00 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

Oct 21	Report Cards Go Home
Oct. 24	Comedy Brulee
Nov. 2-6	Spirit Week
Nov. 06	Homecoming Game @ Strawberry Crest HS
Nov. 07	Homecoming Banquet
Nov. 11	Mid Quarter Reports Issued
Nov. 12	Grandparent Day K2-5th / Silent Auction
Nov. 13	1/2 Day of School / Fall Festival



STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Report cards will be going home today. All accounts must be current in order to receive report cards. If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact Gloria Guy at ext. 220.

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

Lunch

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

10/26-10/30

- **Monday**– Hamburger, Chips, Veggies, Fruit, Drink
- **Tuesday**-Lasagna, Salad, Roll, Fruit, Drink
- **Wednesday**– Baked Potato, Veggie, Fruit, Drink or Chick-Fil-A Option
- **Thursday**– Taco Salad, Fruit, Drink
- **Friday**– Pizza, Chips, Ice Cream, Drink



Also Available Daily, Country 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 began 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.

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

8th grade will be offering breakfast on Tuesday's for any SCA students who would like to have breakfast here at school. Each item will range from \$.50-\$1.00.

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:

This event will only be as successful as the support it receives from our families. Everyone can play a role and we need your support. Examine you resources and contacts for possible donations, consider underwriting a portion of the auction and finally please volunteer your services on the day of the Auction and Fall Festival.

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

Friday, October 23

Academy of Holy Names 6:30

Monday, October 26

Districts 6:00

Tuesday, October 27

Districts TBA

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, October 24

Bradenton Runners Club Inv.

@ GT Bray Park-Bradenton

VG-8:00 VB-8:30 JVB-9:40

2009 Fall Baseball Schedule

October 26 @Riverview

October 29 vs. Bloomingdale

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

ATHLETIC INFORMATION:

• **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

• **CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE**

The team competed at the Little Everglades Pre-State Invitational this past weekend. This is the site of the FHSAA Cross Country Finals. The Varsity Boys were led by Brian Fearnow's time of 18:29, which is a new SCA record. Also setting personal records were Michael Oquendo (18:43) and Grant Dohrenwend (19:41). The boys team finished 13th in a competitive field. The girls team was led by Alexis Bright, who set a personal record in a time of 23:35. The girls team finished 19th. Up next, the team will compete at the Bradenton Runners Club Invitational on Saturday

• **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS AND MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS**

More information will be posted on tryouts for these teams in the next week or two.

• **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TRYOUTS**

Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 26 3:30-5:00 @E.L. Bing Park

Directions from SCA- turn left on CR 579, and take 579 North to Pruet Road (there will be a sign for McDonald Elementary). Take a right on Pruet, and a right on Taylor Rd, and the park will be on the right

All players must have a completed FHSAA Physical Form and FHSAA Consent and Release Form turned in to the coach before trying out

- **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.**

BOYS VARSITY AND JV BASKETBALL TRYOUTS TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 2:

Varsity and JV boys basketball teams tryouts will begin on Monday, November 2. The practice schedule for that week is as follows:

Nov. 2 – JV (5:00 – 6:30)	Varsity (6:00 – 8:00)
Nov. 3 – JV (5:00 – 6:30)	Varsity (6:00 – 8:00)
Nov. 4 - JV and Varsity (4:15 – 5:30)	
Nov. 5 - JV (5:00 – 6:30)	Varsity (6:00 – 8:00)
Nov. 6 – JV and Varsity (4:30 – 6:00)	



We will begin after school conditioning on Monday, October 26 immediately after school. All players planning to try out need to attend. Fall baseball and soccer players are excluded from this requirement. Please contact Mr. Duncan if you have any questions.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

General Standardized Test Taking Tips:

Before Test Day

Get organized:

Make sure you have two No. 2 pencils and a soft eraser. Pens and mechanical pencils are not allowed. Check your [calculator](#) and put **fresh batteries** in it. Bring a watch to time yourself. Use a watch that has no audible alarm—separate timers are not allowed. Prepare snacks to take. A healthy snack will help keep you alert during the test.

Prepare yourself like an athlete:

Get plenty of sleep the night before the test. Your brain will work better if you are rested. Eat a good breakfast that morning.

On Test Day

Leave your cell phone at home. *If your phone rings during testing, it could cost you your scores!*

We strongly advise you not to bring a cell phone or any other prohibited electronic device to the test center. If your electronic device makes any noise, or you are seen using it at any time—including breaks—you may be dismissed immediately, your scores may be canceled, and the device may be confiscated.

This policy applies to any prohibited digital and/or electronic device such as a BlackBerry®, pager, iPod®, MP3 player, camera or other photographic equipment, or separate timers of any kind.

Leave early. Get to the testing location **ON TIME!**

Taking the Test

Make sure you use a No. 2 pencil. Follow the instructions on your answer sheet when filling it out.

Keep focused:

Use breaks to eat or drink any snacks you have brought with you.

Pace yourself. Each question counts the same. Do not spend too much time on any one question.

Seniors

This is your **FINAL** reminder to turn in your Diploma Name Forms. If you do not turn your completed form in by **THIS Friday, (10/23)** I will be forced to make the decision on what name will appear on your diploma. If you want control over what will be on your diploma (for example if you want your middle name or initial or you do not want to include it at all) I suggest turning in your form **J** Also, these forms insure that your name is spelled correctly.