



The Crusader Connection Summer Edition

July 25, 2008

ORIENTATION INFORMATION



Orientation will take place on Monday, August 11th for all grades. The Schedule will be as follows:

- Preschool (K2-K4)- Will meet in the classrooms at 5:00 and then will proceed to the Auditorium at 5:30
- Elementary (K5-5)- Will meet in the Auditorium at 5:30 and then will proceed to the classrooms at 6:00
- Student Drivers will meet in the Cafeteria at 7:00
- Secondary (6-12)- Will meet in the Auditorium at 7:30

It is very important that all parents attend orientation as there will be a lot of important and new information given.

Looking To Save Money On Gas?



Need to save money on gas? Carpooling is a great option for many families, but finding people that live near you can be a challenge.

Let us help! We will begin a Carpooling link on our web-site. If you would like to post your information, please e-mail your name, phone number and /or e-mail address and general location of where you live to jcanterbury@scacrusaders.com. That information will be posted on the link so families can get in touch with one another directly. We will update this list throughout the summer. We hope this will be a helpful resource as you begin to make plans for the 2008-2009 school year.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO SCA

We ask that any student not returning to SCA for the 2008-2009 school year please contact Lorrie Treen at ext. 237 so that your records are handled correctly.

GRADING SCALE CHANGE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

We wanted to make you aware of a change that will be taking place in our grading scale for the upcoming school year. Listed below is the new scale:

- A 100-90
- B 89-80
- C 79-71
- D 70-65
- F 64 and below



The rationale in making this policy change is four-fold:

- (1) Colleges are now scaling back the number of applicants they are receiving, due to the poor economy. We want to give our students every possible opportunity to earn scholarships and gain acceptance to the schools of their choosing.
- (2) We want to encourage our students to take more challenging classes. With a relaxed grading scale, we hope to see an increase in the numbers of students taking advanced, honors and AP classes.
- (3) The scale is used by all colleges and a majority of other private, Christian schools.
- (4) If our students are required to work harder than the average public school student, we feel they should at least be on an even plain from a grading scale stand point.

Our elementary students will still have the opportunity to earn A+, A-, etc, within the new grading scale, and we will be providing you with more information on this matter as the school year approaches. Our secondary students, however, will be on the college grading scale which provides only for whole points and whole letter grades. In other words, there will no longer be any A-, or B+ grades for secondary students. We are excited about this new policy, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Duncan.

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



BACK-TO-SCHOOL LOCK-IN SET FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Students in grades 8-12 are invited to attend our 2nd annual "Back-to-School Lock-in". The lock-in is held at Malibu Grand Prix from midnight to 6 am. The cost is \$30 per student and includes putt-putt golf, the small go-karts, and the video games in the Castle. Students who are interested in the batting cages and big car track will need to pay additional fees. We will meet at the school at 11 pm on Friday night, August 8, and will return Saturday morning, at approximately 6:30 am. Students and parents are invited. We especially want to encourage our new students to attend. This activity is a great way to meet our returning students and develop some good friendships. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Duncan.

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. Due to rising fuel prices the cost of air travel will go up soon. We can get next year's trip at this year's prices, but time is running out. Contact Group Leader Dr. David Head, High School Academic Principal, or view the detailed information on eftours.com under Tour # 464525.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

As of July 27th, the weight room will be closed for the rest of the summer.

The SCA Athletic Department is proud to announce that Armwood High School will be donating 4 light poles from their football field to our school. We need dads and male athletes on Saturday, August 2nd to help transport the lights and the poles to the school. All those helping need to meet at SCA at 7:00am on August 2nd. The work will involve disassembling the lights from the poles, loading the lights and poles, and reattaching the lights at SCA. There will not be any work with electricity. We are asking that the moms and female athletes prepare a covered dish, as there will be lunch in the gym mezzanine. This will benefit the entire athletic program, so please show your support.

- There will be a meeting for all parents of athletes in grades 6th-12th on Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 in the school cafeteria. This is for all sports, and there will be a pot luck a dinner. All parents will be expected to bring some kind of food, dessert, etc. The new SCA Athletic Department Handbooks will be handed out at the meeting.
- Mr. Holmes is looking for 2 more parents to help start a Fundraising Committee for the Athletic Program. The work would involve selling sign advertisements to businesses in our greater area that will be placed in the gym and on our athletic fields. It will also involve scheduling parents for working concessions. Please contact Mr. Holmes at x225 or email aholmes@scacrusaders.com for details.
- **IMPORTANT NEWS FOR 5TH GRADE & MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS/ATHLETES-** At the end of last school year the decision was made to withdraw SCA's membership in the BCAL League. SCA will offer Cross Country and Volleyball in the fall, Basketball and Soccer in the winter, and Softball and Baseball in the spring for Middle School athletes. **FOR THE 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR ONLY**, 5th graders will be allowed to tryout for the Middle School teams. There will be no guarantee of 5th grade athletes making a team or playing time, but they will be given the opportunity to try out. Our Middle School Soccer and Basketball teams will be played concurrently, so athletes must decide between playing soccer or basketball. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Mr. Holmes at x225 or aholmes@scacrusaders.com.