



The Crusader Connection

April 3, 2008

SPRING BREAK, APRIL 7-11, 2008

EXTENDED CARE WILL BE OPEN, STUDENTS STAYING WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH.

ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY

April 4, 2008

K5-2nd Grade 9:00 a.m.
3-5th Grade 12:30 p.m.

Parents, please be sure that students have sun-screen and appropriate clothing. Knee length shorts and Capri pants may be worn. No bike shorts allowed.

All volunteers please arrive 30 minutes before each event.



HEALTH REMINDER

To limit the spread of colds, flu and other viruses, we are asking that you do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

fever within the past 24 hours, excessive mucus from the nose (runny nose, particularly greenish-yellow mucus), sore/red throat, persistent coughing or sneezing, vomiting or diarrhea within past 24 hours, rash, earache, drainage from ear. We encourage any child who displays these symptoms to be seen by their pediatrician.

We have had a few cases of a virus called Molluscum Contagiosum. This is a virus that begins with small, raised bumps on your skin. The bumps are firm, smooth, and are skin-colored or white. These bumps are often thought to be warts. This is a harmless virus; however, it can be spread if proper care is not taken. Please contact your child's pediatrician if your child has any of these symptoms or if you have any questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND AND CHORUS PERFORM IN ORLANDO

Congratulations to our middle school choir and band for their outstanding performances this past weekend in Orlando. They both received 1st place and were commended by the judges for their outstanding behavior and performance. They represented Seffner Christian Academy exceptionally well and we are proud of all our middle school choir and band students!!! Great job Mr. Skiles and Mr. Smith on a job well done.



JEAN DAY TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Students in grades K5-12 can participate in Jean Day by paying \$2.00 to their homeroom teacher. All proceeds are going towards the Junior Class. Students who choose not to participate need to wear their regular school uniform. We have asked the students to show good judgment in the jeans they wear. There should be no holes or writing on them, and they should fit modestly. No bell-bottoms or cut-offs are permitted. Please assist us in making this day an enjoyment for everyone.

"THE HOUSE THAT PETER BUILT"

Tickets are now on sale for this event in the school office. We are anticipating a huge turnout, so purchase your tickets quickly. The evening will include a catered dinner, special music by SCA chorale groups, a tribute to Mr. Paularinne, and a reverse auction to purchase construction items for the house completion. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 for the house project and an additional \$100,000 for expenses such as property taxes, insurance, etc. We are asking members of our school family to contact as many businesses and corporations as possible to inquire about potential donations. We will have brochures completed by Friday afternoon to assist in this process. Please be praying daily for this event that God will move in a mighty way.



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

"SERVANTS IN ACTION" (SIA) PARENT VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Looking for a way to get involved at SCA? The SIA is making preparations for the many year-end activities at SCA. There are numerous events and opportunities for parents to participate and be involved. The amount of time varies according to the event, so feel free to choose those activities that work with your schedule.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Teacher Appreciation Week: April 21-25, 2008.

Contact Donna Baird dgbaird@tampabay.rr.com

Elementary Field Day: April 4th Help needed throughout the day.

Contact Vickie Evans at vevans@scacrusaders.com

Library: Work as little or as much as you like on your own schedule. AR Party April 25, 2008 – help needed throughout the day.

Contact Mrs. Simpson at jsimpson@scacrusaders.com

Golf Tournament April 26: Help needed to set up and serve lunch.

Contact Bethea Cock at bcock@scacrusaders.com

High School Athletic Banquet May 3, 2008: Help needed to serve and clean up at the banquet.

Contact Andy Holmes at aholmes@scacrusaders.com

High School Fine Arts Banquet May 10: Help needed to serve and clean up.

Contact Kevin Skiles at kskiles@scacrusaders.com

K5 Graduation May 20th: Help needed to serve cake and punch after the graduation ceremony.

Contact Donna Head at dhead@scacrusaders.com

High School Graduation Reception May 22: Help needed to serve cake and punch after the graduation ceremony.

Contact Jamie Canterbury at jcanterbury@scacrusaders.com

In addition, don't forget to check with your homeroom parent to see if they have something that you can be involved with in your child's classroom. If you do not know who your homeroom parent is, please contact Donna Baird (SCA homeroom coordinator) at dgbaird@tampabay.rr.com.

Lunch Menu **April 14– April 18**

Pre-School \$2.50
Elementary \$3.00
Secondary \$3.25

Monday

Spaghetti
Side Salad
Roll/Dessert
Drink

Tuesday

Chicken Sandwich
Vegetable Sticks
Side Salad
Dessert
Drink

Wednesday

Hot Dog
w/Chili & Cheese
Chips
Side Salad/Dessert
Drink

Thursday

Ravioli
Green Beans
Roll
Dessert
Drink

Friday

Pizza
Chips
Ice Cream
Drink



Each day the following will also be available:

Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Chips, Dessert & Drink

Un crustable PBJ Sandwich, Chips, Dessert & Drink

Garden Salad, Chips, Dessert & Drink

CHANGES IN MINI-MESTER FORMAT

In past years, there have been some students who are resistant in signing up for a mini-mester assignment. They seem to be indecisive to the point that they get nothing profitable from the mini-mester period. To motivate these students, we have told them that those who do not sign up for something this year will be required to come to school and complete extensive school work for the 3-day period. We hope to have no one in this position, so please encourage your child to begin preparations immediately for what they plan on doing. Listed below are the current options available:

1. Internship at an approved site (forms available in the office)
2. Mission Trip to Homestead, FL (Mrs. Price –Sponsor)
3. Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters (Mr. Fawbush-Sponsor)
4. Service Learning Community Trip (Mrs. Everitt-Sponsor)
5. Shakespeare Performance Trip (Dr. Head-Sponsor)

ADDITIONAL MINI-MESTER OPTION NOW AVAILABLE

Ms. Smith is sponsoring a Science mini-mester event that will include the following:

- (1) On Wednesday, the 16th to MOSI to sit in on 2 Marine animal dissections. There is also a forensic lab possibility as well.
- (2) On Thursday, the 17th, students will be going to the Florida Aquarium where they will be able to see different marine life, and have a classroom tour that involves assuming the role of a biologist. They will discover the form and function of coral reef fishes, build a foundation in reef ecology, observe fish behavior, and survey the coral gallery.
- (3) On Friday, the 18th, students will hopefully be going to the Planetarium. This trip will include fossil exhibits, realistic dioramas, artifacts from archeological sites in Florida, a manatee aquarium, and a digital dome planetarium theatre. We are still waiting to hear if we can get in on this date. If we are unable to, we will have some contingency plans.

The cost to participate is \$40 per person. If you would like to sign up, please inform Ms. Smith.

If you have any questions about cost, itinerary, etc, please contact Mr. Duncan at ext. 211.

COLLEGE AND GUIDANCE INFORMATION

Attention 8th – 11th grade parents and students!

Course Selection Sheets are due on April 4th.

Please visit the school website www.scacrusaders.com to download the appropriate course selection sheet. If you have questions, please email Mrs. Everitt.

Service Hours Opportunity

High school students have the opportunity to volunteer at the “*House that Peter Built*” benefit dinner. Service hours will be awarded. Please see Mrs. Everitt to select a time slot and job.

Teen Leadership Camps- Patrick Henry College

PHC’s teen leadership camps provide an exciting context for students to explore an academic discipline and learn to apply a biblical worldview to the issues of today. Campers live in the college residence halls, eat in the dining hall, attend chapel, and interact with college students. The camps also include trips to local historical sites, monuments, and centers for American government. PHC is located in Purcellville, VA (1 hour from Washington, D.C.) <http://www.phc.edu/teencamps/>

Strategic Intelligence

Music

College Prep

Moot Court- National Security

Drama

Debate

Roots of Leadership

Worldview in Literature

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@scacrusaders.com

College Planning Night for Juniors & Parents- April 28th 7:00 pm

Juniors- Now is the time to start planning for college. Summer is the perfect time to visit colleges, prepare college applications, and search for scholarships. On April 28, vital college information will be provided to help you get the most out of your summer.

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School Guidance Counselor

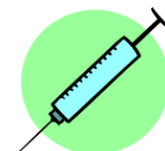
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MEDICAL UPDATES

All students going into 7th grade for the 2008-2009 school year will need to update their immunization records. All 7th grade students need to have the Hepatitis B series, and they will need a TD Booster. Please check with your physician to be sure that students are up to date. Students will not be allowed to start school unless immunizations are current.



Students entering K5 will need to also have updated immunization records and a new physical if their current physical is dated earlier than August 2007.

Parents you may also want to check with your physician about a new Meningitis vaccination that has been made available.

SPORTS & ATHLETIC INFORMATION

VARSITY BASEBALL

Thursday, April 3
Tampa Baptist 4:30
Tuesday, April 8
@ Bradenton Christian 4:00
Thursday, April 10
@ Indian Rocks 4:30
Friday, April 11
@ The Cambridge School 4:00
Monday, April 14
Canterbury School of Florida 5:00
Tuesday, April 15
Keswick Christian 4:30

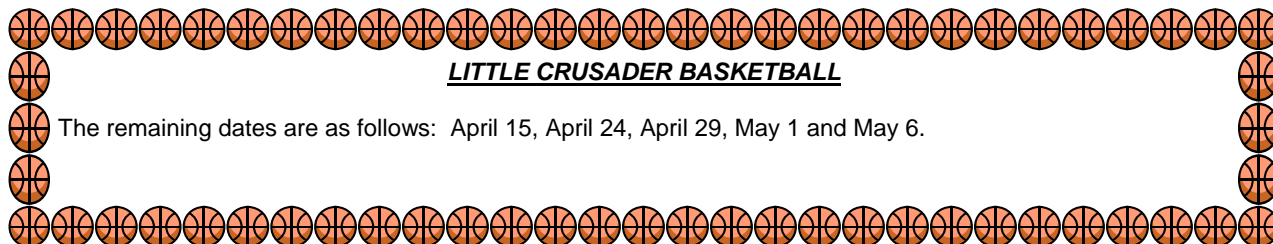


SOFTBALL

Tuesday, April 8
Cambridge Christian 4:30
Friday, April 11
@ Southwest Florida Christian 5:00
Saturday, April 12
@ Sarasota Christian 3:00
Thursday, April 17
FHSAA District Championship
SCA vs. Sonrise Christian 4:00
Tuesday, April 22
FHSAA Regionals TBA
Friday, April 25
FHSAA Regionals TBA
Tuesday, April 29
FHSAA Regionals TBA

SPORTS NEWS

- This year's Sports Banquet will be on Saturday, May 3rd at 6:00 in the school gym. Tickets will go on sale starting next week in the school office. The Sports Banquet is for all athletes who have played a JV or Varsity Sport this year. Please contact Mr. Holmes at x225 or aholmes@scacrusaders.com if you have any questions.
- All athletes with outstanding uniforms need to turn them in to Mr. Holmes as soon as possible.
- NEW WEIGHT TRAINING SCHEDULE- Coach Lewis' after school weight training program has a new schedule: Boys- Monday and Thursday 3:20-4:30; Girls- Tuesday and Friday 3:20-4:30



LITTLE CRUSADER BASKETBALL

The remaining dates are as follows: April 15, April 24, April 29, May 1 and May 6.