



Eagle Events

September 2011

Our mission is to inspire students to achieve their God-given potential through excellent academics and Christian training in a compassionate environment.

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2011 SENIOR MISSION TRIP

For those of you who are new to SCA or are not very familiar with the Senior Mission Trip, I would like to share the who, what, where, when, and why of this SCA tradition. When we added a high school program, it was our goal to provide ministry opportunities for students to live out and solidify their faith. Mission trips provide opportunities for students to be a part of what God is doing in other parts of the world/country and see how He can use them to minister to others. Students are put in challenging situations where they can use the Christian training they have learned here at school, at home, and at church to make right choices and impact their world for Christ.

The mission trip is in the fall which serves to bond the senior class at the beginning of the year. It has been so encouraging to see our seniors come back excited to work together to serve the Lord and anxious to put into practice right here at school the lessons learned on the mission field. They have had a wonderful impact on their lower classmen as they minister to and encourage them in their faith.

This year's senior class left on Thursday, August 18, and drove 20 hours to a Navajo Indian Reservation in the Arizona desert. Splitting into several groups, students worked with preschool students and babies at an orphanage while others worked with teens when they returned from school. Kelcey Gillespie, SCA Bible teacher, added, "The senior girls who worked at the orphanage were greatly moved by seeing God at work despite the tragic trauma most of these children have faced." Still other groups worked on construction projects at the orphanage, at a Navajo church, and at a Navajo campground. SCA Bible teacher, Wayne Stam commented, "Although we ran into many difficult weather conditions, the students had amazing attitudes and a great work ethic. Nothing kept them from serving the people."

Senior Patrick Love was blessed by "great teachings from Mr. Stam and Coach Kates" and senior Angel Brown was encouraged to get better acquainted and bond spiritually with her classmates.

All trips have had their own unique highlights but our overall goal of helping students learn to serve and minister to others in the name of our Lord has been achieved each and every year. Younger students have much to look forward to!

Linda Harrelson, Administrator

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BOARD REPORT

The SCA Board of Education met on Thursday, August 11. Pastor Fel Bagunu presented a devotion and challenged those present to live a life full in Christ and not fall into a state of dormancy. The Board reviewed the year-end financial reports, which indicate that we ended the year in the black thanks to the cost-saving efforts of the entire staff and faculty. It was pointed out that we received a designated donation for the baseball fields as well as a donation of concrete and labor for the backstops. The project is nearly complete.

Mrs. Harrelson reviewed the enrollment report, which shows our student population pretty much the same as last year at this time. The national average of attrition for Christian schools is around 20% and we are pleased to be well under that figure. The success of the Virtuosity program was reviewed. Mrs. Harrelson also pointed out that we are working with Y.E.S! Kids Fitness to make a similar program available in the area of fitness.

The Board wrote off outstanding account balances of \$12,543 for school years 2007/08, 2008/09, and 2009/10. This is an extremely low figure for a budget our size, for which we are very grateful.

The Board reread and approved two new policies: Visitors of SCA Campus and Custody Issues. Changes to the Leave of Absence and Long-Term Debt policies were also approved. Changes to the Fundraising policy will be reviewed again at the September meeting.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Annual Fund 2011-2012 **"Equipping Generations"**

"But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations." Psalm 33:11

The SCA faculty is committed to excellence in Christian education as we equip this generation of students. SCA teachers hold a high standard through annual curriculum reviews, professional development opportunities, and furthering their education by earning advanced degrees. Even more important, they take time to mentor, befriend and pour their love and passion into the lives of their students. With this formula in place, our students are proving they have what it takes to be successful. Consider these facts:

- Students continue to score well above the national and local averages on standardized tests.
- SCA students demonstrate excellence by winning awards in a wide range of academic, athletic, and artistic endeavors.
- Solid enrollment in these difficult economic times reveals that parents and students value the education received here.
- **SCA was recognized as the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year in 2010.**
- SCA students of all ages live out their love for Christ in the classroom, at school, during activities, and through community service projects. *(Please see Mrs. Harrelson's article on the senior mission trip.)*

The annual appeal is the school's most important fundraising effort, that directly enhances all aspects of student life from academics and athletics to fine arts and technology, as well as tuition assistance for qualified families.

We ask you to prayerfully consider what God would have you give to the SCA Annual Fund this year. Your donation can be given online through summit-christian-academy.org by clicking Contribute Online from the Community Support dropdown menu.

Your pledge is appreciated by December 15, 2011.

JOPLIN VIDEO

In May when the EF5 tornado tore through Joplin, Missouri, our school took action. SCA families dropped off donations and several deliveries were sent to the people of Joplin throughout the summer months. Visit the SCA website under Community Support to see the inspiring video by SCA dad and Pastor Fel Bagunu of how your contributions made a difference. Thank you for your willingness to give.

NEW FAMILY WELCOME

If your family is new to SCA this year, please join us for this special morning.

**Tuesday, September 6, 8:45 a.m.
Elementary Commons**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Learn more about SCA, meet with administration, and enjoy refreshments.

ELEMENTARY CHAPEL

This year's elementary chapel theme is "Deal With It". Throughout the year, we will be *dealing* with eight different tough topics through the lens of God's Word. We will *deal* with fear, loneliness, stress, bad attitudes, anger, our tongue, sadness, and forgiveness. We will learn that the Bible is the only survival book we need to look to for direction when we encounter these issues. With each lesson, the students will also be learning a focus verse and a BIG IDEA. In addition, a monthly family devotion will be published monthly in the newsletter.

Parents and grandparents are always welcome to join us for chapel. Just stop by the office to sign in and meet us in the elementary commons every *Tuesday* (with the exception of September 6).

Our new chapel times this year are 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. for kindergarten through third-grade students and 9:30 – 10:10 a.m. for our fourth through sixth-grade students. **We'd love to have you join as we worship and learn some answers to tough questions.**

SECONDARY CHAPEL

Our focus in junior and senior high chapels for the 2011-2012 school year will be the study of several names of the Lord. Psalm 145:3 says, "Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom." As Christians, we often limit God or put Him in a box. It is time for us to try to fathom His GREATNESS and get a glimpse of His GLORY!

In secondary chapels this year, we will explore how awesome the Lord is by digging deep into just a handful of the names of God used in scripture. Names like:

Jehovah Shammah, the Lord is Here
Jehovah Nissi, the Lord is my Banner (identity)
Jehovah Roi, the Lord my Shepherd
Jehovah Jireh, the Lord my Provider
Jehovah Shalom, the Lord is Peace

Our prayer is like that of A.W. Tozer in The Knowledge of the Holy, "Enlighten our minds that we may KNOW Thee as Thou art, so that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily praise Thee."

Secondary students have a new chapel *day* this year. Chapels are now held on *Thursdays* from 8:45 - 9:38 a.m. Junior high students meet in the elementary commons and senior high students meet in the secondary gym unless otherwise notified.

There will be an all school chapel **service on September 8, at 8:45 a.m., at Lee's Summit Community Church.** The senior class will be sharing information on their recent week long mission trip to Arizona.

THANK YOU BUSINESS PARTNERS

Summit Christian Academy appreciates those businesses that partner with us to enhance our school. To show our appreciation, we offer these businesses a generous one-year incentive package. SCA makes a concentrated effort to encourage families, friends, and visitors to consider these businesses for their needs.

When a business agrees to become an Eagle Business Partner, they are offered a number of benefits based on the level of giving. They are listed in our Family Directory that goes out to 450+ families, they receive recognition in a full page ad in the local newspaper, they are listed on the SCA web site with a link to their web site, they are listed on a sponsor banner in the high school gymnasium, among other things.

We want to take this time to thank the following 2010-2011 Business Partners:

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BECOMING A BUSINESS PARTNER

Business Owners and Professionals are encouraged to prayerfully consider becoming an Eagle Business Partner. You can become a partner for less than the cost of a small advertisement in the local newspaper and you will be helping our school. Last year Business Partners accounted for over \$75,000! Consider the benefits:

- Your gift is tax deductible
- Your gift brings you a whole year of aggressive exposure - to both school families and our community
- 100% of your gift supports the school and directly benefits our students

Your gift makes a tremendous difference! To find out how to become a Business Partner for the 2011-2012 school year visit Summit-Christian-Academy.org and click Community Support, Business Partner where you will find a Business Partner Registration form. Fill out the form and return it to the Development Office. If you have questions, please call Christy Merrell or Michele Walden at 816-525-1480.

Sign up by September 30 for your business to be included in the family directory and on our banners!



HEALTHY EATING

SCA 2nd grade students are being challenged to eat healthy as they are reminded that God created us in His image. They learned about the five food groups and the new "food plate".

Mrs. Musil said, "It's fun to see the variety of fruits and vegetables students are bringing in their lunches." Students who eat from the five food groups for one month will earn an extra recess at the end of September. They are motivated!

"RED FRIDAY" CELEBRATION

Elementary will celebrate the Kansas City Chiefs "Red Friday" on September 9. All elementary students and staff are asked to wear a red Chiefs jersey/shirt (or just a red shirt) with jeans. Students may also bring footballs for recess.



There will be an exciting Red Friday Assembly in the elementary gym at 3:00 p.m. Our SCA football team will be introduced and recognized as we celebrate the addition of football to our sports offering.

We will submit pictures and narratives from this day to the Chiefs organization for a chance to win a "Chiefs Community Caring Team" school assembly or even a \$10,000 "NFL Play 60" health and wellness grant! Parents are encouraged to come and join the fun. All students are asked to participate even if they have a different favorite team. After all, the Kansas City Chiefs are still our "home town" team. Wear your red! GO CHIEFS!

PRAYER GROUPS STARTING

Summit Christian Academy was founded on prayer and we appreciate our praying families! If you are interested in praying with other parents/grandparents for our students, families, staff, and teachers, there are two opportunities each week on the school campus: Mondays at 8:00 a.m. or Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the secondary conference room. We look forward to seeing you there!

ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In keeping with our core value of igniting leadership, we are excited to announce the formation of a new Elementary Student Council under the advisement of Mrs. Michelle Bacon. After a brief but fun campaign complete with posters and speeches, we are thrilled to give congratulations to the following student council representatives:

- Fourth Grade - Gage Brown, Kyle Cumberland, Faith Lilly, Kylee Lunn, Laura Mussatti, Riley Painter
- Fifth Grade - John Davis, Payton Godshall, Max Hammond, Makenna McGraw, Alyssa Pemberton, Ashley Perkins
- Sixth Grade - Peter Christy, Zarah DeMeire, Connor Healy, Nathan Ramsey, Sydney Schmoeger, Levi Trimmer



NEW MARQUIS SIGN

Thanks to donations to the 2010/2011 Annual Fund, a beautiful new marquis sign has been installed in front of the elementary building.

This sign helps identify our school and our new name to the community. It also offers a changeable letter area for school communication to families as they exit the campus.

We are excited to have this new addition!



MEET ME AT THE MOVIES

All Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students are invited to come enjoy popcorn and a movie with school friends. Meet in the elementary commons at 7:00 p.m. on September 16. Bring a blanket and pillow!

SCA SAYS Y.E.S!

SCA continues to strive to fulfill our mission of teaching the WHOLE child (spiritually, physically, emotionally, and mentally) to his or her full potential. In keeping with this idea, we are thrilled to announce we are strengthening **our efforts in the physical realm by partnering with Y.E.S! Kids Fitness by offering "energy sessions" on our campus.**

Y.E.S! Kids Fitness is a local business owned by school parent Mike Cardinale. Their company's mission is to serve children in all of their fitness and athletic needs. Though many students may choose to participate with Y.E.S! to hone their athletic skills for the sport of their choice, it is our hope at SCA that those students who struggle with the area of personal fitness will participate as well. As with other areas of learning, the earlier the intervention, the greater the chance of resolving the problem. Y.E.S! and SCA in partnership hope to ensure that all students will be confident in their body image and healthy so as to go about the mission to which the Lord has called them.

For a fee parents may enroll their child before, during, or after school to receive services on campus. There will be an initial fitness evaluation for each child and parents will consult with the personal trainer to determine the most effective plan of service to achieve set goals. Students may either work one-on-one with a trainer or in small groups. P.E. time may be used for this service as well.

The SCA program administrator, P.J. Null can be reached at Pnull@sca-kc.org. A flyer with all the details can be found on Sycamore on the News page under Top Stories. Feel free to contact Mrs. Null with any questions or to sign up for the program. Once she receives your email, your child will receive an intake form for you to complete, and he/she will then be scheduled for a fitness evaluation at no charge. Training times and content will be determined and communicated during your fitness consultation.

LOOSE THE HOUNDS!!!

Dear Daddy Dogs, We Need You! Did you know that SCA's core philosophy of parent partnership has caused us to weave the Watch D.O.G.S. program throughout our school day? Watch D.O.G.S. help in a variety of ways - **from aiding in emergency procedures, to helping in car line, to patrolling our parking lots, to being some child's daddy of the day.** Mrs. Gill and the SCA staff have become loyal to this lovable pack. You are an integral part of who we are.

Current Daddy Dogs, please contact top dogs Allen Walden at ridmyhd@sbcglobal.net or Curtis Pemberton at curtis@kcweb.net to schedule your day. Also, we would like to have you attend the Dog Pack meeting with your child to receive updates. This year, we would like to more efficiently plug dads into the areas in which they would **like to serve (i.e. if you love recess, we'll give you all we got; but if you are more of a spreadsheet guy, we'll get you in computer applications and science computations).** When you come to the pack meeting, be prepared to write down your areas of service preference. Meeting details are below.



Future Daddy Dogs, **thanks for your commitment to your child's education!** Please come to our Dog Pack meeting on September 15 (details below) with \$15.00 to purchase your required Watch D.O.G.S. t-shirt. This meeting will review dog procedures and train you so you will know what to expect on your D.O.G. day.

PLEASE join us on September 15 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the elementary commons. Bring your kids and your appetite for pizza. Remember, every **dog has his day....don't miss out on having yours. Your kids (and your principals) NEED you!**



SCA SPIRIT NIGHT

This year's first Spirit Night is September 19, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Culver's in Lee's Summit.

Invite grandparents, neighbors, and friends to eat at Culver's any time between 5:00-8:00 p.m. on September 19 and Culver's will donate 10% of all sales directly to SCA.

Show your school spirit and enjoy dinner with friends and family!

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN TRIATHLON

On August 13, several SCA students participated in the Hy-Vee Ironkids Triathlon at Longview Lake. The mission of IronKids is to inspire and motivate youth to lead active, positive, and healthy lifestyles. The triathlon challenged participants to swim, bike, and run in age appropriate distances with an emphasis on fitness, fun and safety.



The distances were as follows:

- Ages 6-8 (50 yard swim/2 mile bike/500 yard run)
- Ages 9-11 (150 yard swim/4 mile bike/1 mile run)
- Ages 12-15 (300 yard swim/8 mile bike/2 mile run)

The top three athletes within each age category received a placement trophy. All participants within each race received a commemorative medal upon crossing the finish line.

Pictured left to right are SCA students with their medals - Mary Martin (5th grade), Aidan Satterfield (4th grade), Daniel Martin (4th grade), Maddie Martin (7th grade), and Sydney Schmoeger (6th grade). Great job!



CONGRATULATIONS

Senior Shannah Withrow represented SCA at the University of Central Missouri in the Missouri Girls State competition this summer. She was elected municipal and circuit court judge and finance director for her city and was on the city problem solving committee. She also ran for the Supreme Court in the primaries. Way to go Shannah!

DADS OF 6th - 8th GRADE BOYS

Come be a part of the S.W.A.T. (Spiritual Warriors After Transformation) Team! Secondary Principal Emir A. Ruiz Esparza will host dads of 6th-8th grade students in learning what it means to be a part of **their son's spiritual formation.** Join us on Saturday, September 17, for the upcoming conference. More information on this event will be sent home soon.



COURAGEOUS MOVIE NIGHT

Come as part of the SCA family for a special private showing of the new movie *COURAGEOUS* from the creators of *FIREPROOF*. The movie is about the importance of fatherhood and how to live courageously in the areas of responsibility, priorities, legacy, and faith.

This special feature is \$6.00 per person and will be on October 3, at 7:00 p.m., at Dickenson Theater in Lee's Summit.

The movie is rated PG-13, so we would encourage parents to make it a date night. The hope is that parents will leave the theater making the decision Joshua made when he declared in Joshua 24:15, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

UPCOMING COLLEGE & CAREER EVENTS

Outlined below are some upcoming college and career opportunities, please check the SCA website and bulletin board in the entrance of the secondary building before each event as information may change. College and Career Advisor, Kathy Tharp, is available to discuss your college plans. Contact her at 816-525-1480 or ktharp@sca-kc.org to make an appointment.

September 19, 7:00 p.m. - JR/SR College Night

(This is an important evening to make sure you are on task for college admission. Mid-America Nazarene University will provide a FAFSA and Scholarship/Financial Aid presentation.)

September 26, 6:00 p.m. - Christian College Fair at Maranatha Academy

September 29, 6:00 p.m. - Oak Grove High School College Fair at Oak Grove High School

October 3, 6:30 p.m. - Lee's Summit College Night at John Knox Pavilion

The following universities will be coming to SCA:

September 12 - Avila University

September 26 - John Brown University

September 27 - Indiana Wesleyan University

For those interested in learning more about military opportunities, we will have recruiters at tables during lunch on:

September 21 - Marines

September 22 - Air Force

SCA will also be hosting the ASVAB military entrance exam on September 23 at 1:00 p.m.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: 6 Things Seniors Need to Do NOW

Courtesy of Cristiana Quinn, GoLocalProv College Admissions Expert

Parents and students often forget that early admission deadlines fall just a few weeks after school begins. In recent years, colleges have been taking an increasing number of students in the early action and early decision rounds - sometimes as much as 70% of the entering freshman class. This means that there are far fewer seats available during the regular admission round and many more applicants. Here are some things you can do now to be ready for those strategic fall application deadlines.

Schedule your fall SAT or ACT.

Register for the ACT at www.act.org and the SAT at www.collegeboard.com.

Schedule the remainder of your college visits.

Colleges within an 8 hour drive want to know that you have visited before you apply. Many are calculating an **"interest factor" based on the type and frequency of your interaction with them and this plays into admission** decisions at many colleges.

Finalize your college list and know where you are applying early action and/or early decision.

You should apply to about 9 colleges, evenly divided between stretch, reasonable, and backups. Early admission deadlines begin to hit October 15, with many falling November 1-December 1.

Finish your applications and essays well in advance of filing dates.

A good essay has been through AT LEAST 3 revisions before it is ready to submit. This is one of the most important documents you will ever file, treat it that way.

Secure at least 2 teacher recommendations.

Prepare the College Scholarship Service Profile if you plan on applying for financial aid at private colleges.

For a list of colleges that require the CSS Profile, go to : <http://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp>.

YOUTH COURT RECRUITING

The Lee's Summit Police Department is now recruiting for Youth Court Attorneys for the upcoming training class. You must be between the ages of 13 and 19 years. You must not have a juvenile record, and if selected, must be available for assignments in Court (typically the third Monday between 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. of every month).

Training includes eight sessions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lee's Summit Police Department Headquarters. The dates are October 4th, 5th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th, and graduation is on the 27th. Information about Youth Court, as well as an application can be found on the College & Career bulletin board or on the SCA website under Senior High, College & Career Advising. Applications are due no later than September 26th.

PSAT WORKSHOP

The Preliminary Standardized Admissions Test (PSAT) is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the college admissions test. It also gives students a chance to enter NMSC Scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. SCA is offering a half-day PSAT Workshop on September 24, from 8:30 – 12:30 p.m. in Room 147. This four hour workshop will include a practice PSAT as well as strategies for doing your best on the exam. The cost of the workshop is \$100, payable to the SCA no later than September 10th.

UPPER CLASSMEN CHALLENGED TO WRITE RIGHT

After a thorough review of writing across the curriculum, SCA has adopted some very exciting changes to our writing assignments in grades K-12. One specifically involves our juniors and seniors.

We live in a text message world full of misspellings, missing punctuation, and grammar errors - **all perfectly acceptable with fast communication standards. Students' minds** become geared toward sharing ideas quickly, without an eye for editing. Based on our last year's review, our parents, teachers, administration, and colleges all agree that the better our students can exercise their knowledge of grammar/punctuation skills in writing, the more apt they are to become respected leaders within their future fields of choice. We acknowledge the new procedure in grading will be slightly painful, and certainly challenging. Yet, we know our students are up to the challenge. We believe in students who can be fully confident in the excellent presentation of any work that they write.



In order to encourage this effort, a new procedure for grading writing will begin for juniors and seniors starting this January. Beginning at that time, teachers will mark student papers with a checkmark in the margin of the paper for every editing error. Once a student reaches five checkmarks, the paper will be returned to the student as a re-write for a grade no higher than 75%. Teachers will stop grading and only explain checks when the student makes an appointment for paper review. The paper must be edited properly before receiving that 75%. Students will have two weeks from the time rewrite papers are returned to fix errors and re-submit their paper. Teachers will then grade them using the normal rubric with 75% as the highest possible grade. All papers must be turned in before the end of the semester and no grade for the semester will be issued until all papers are in (i.e. not doing papers and/or re-writes is not an option). The following year, seniors will begin that policy in August, while all juniors will always begin in January.

Though many top achieving students will shed a tear or two, having earned their first 75% ever, it is our knowledge that a high standard will remit good thinkers who are also great writers. Students will work harder at taking grammar notes and applying them on a regular basis. They will become peer review experts and will do so without prompting. In short, they will no longer look at their teachers to circle spelling errors, but rather will find them themselves. If editing is a difficult skill for them, they will learn to reach out to the body of Christ and problem solve for themselves - a skill mandatory for the college years.

In support of students, we are also providing writing consultation time with English teachers in order to help students focus on their writing needs. As usual, we will continue with formal training in grammar skills. Questions concerning this procedure should go directly to Mrs. Gill who is overseeing the implementation process. As she also has a senior this year, she will most certainly become familiar with several thoughts concerning this implementation.

SCA 2011/12 Staff & Faculty

Linda Harrelson, Administrator
 Emir A. Ruiz Esparza, Secondary Principal
 Kimberlee Gill, Elementary Principal
 Connie Kenyon, Elementary Asst. Principal
Preschool Staff

Sheri Wayman-Director, Ashley Brookens,
 Maureen Daniel, Ann Finch, Terrie Peterson,
 Sheri Stiglic

Elementary Staff:

Kindergarten - Sarah Frick, P.J. Null,
 Sue Santon

1st - Melanie Casey, Julie Ray,
 Lisa Slagle

2nd - Mary Musil, Jane Stiglic,
 Debbie Williams

3rd - Karen Gamber, Kathy Holt, Greg Welch

4th - Kim Gibson, Charissa Sanders

5th - Michelle Bacon, JoNel Bell, Ashley Kates

6th - Becky Flowers, Verna Green, Bethany Lee

Librarian - Alethea Beasley

Vocal Music - Angy Bounds

Spanish - Ann Finch, Carrie Lock

A.D. - Kathy Lundquist

P.E. - Kathy Nelson

Beginning Band - Jennifer Pinkston

Intermediate Band - Dennis McClanahan

Teacher/Playground Aide -

Christie Queen, Laura Kudrin

Art & Keyboarding - Katarina McCleary

Secondary Staff:

Bible - Kelcey Gillespie, Dr. Thomas Reedy,

Kari Schooley, Wayne Stam

Business/Computer - Kim Seale

Drama - Emily Stam

English - Andrea Gillespie, Arlene Reed,

Dr. Thomas Reedy, Ashley Shannon

History - Greg Finch, Hannah Hausmann, Ruth

Terry

Math - Judy Schmidt, Matt Shelton, Megan

Speaks

Science - Donna Ambro, Diane Ferguson, Amy
 Ramirez-Spears

Spanish - Paul Barrett, Ismarily Velazquez

Speech/Debate - Anne Mussatti

Worship Team - Andee Carr

Athletic Director - Jake Kates

Art - Jana Jurkovich, Ismarily Velazquez

College/Career Advisor - Kathy Tharp

Band - Dennis McClanahan

P.E. - Amber Hedrick, Dalton Vann

Photography - Katarina McCleary

Vocal Music - Trissa Lucht

Support Staff:

Discovery Program - April McCormick,

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*MORNING WITH MOM*

The PTF would like to invite preschool and elementary moms to enjoy donuts and juice with your children on September 20 from 8:00-8:30 a.m. in the elementary gymnasium.

HANGERS?

The swap & shop is so well organized by our wonderful volunteers...did you know they even color coordinate sizes by color? They are searching for pink, purple, blue, or green hangers. If you have hangers to donate, please bring them to the elementary front office.

LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hot lunch is served to students in both the elementary and secondary buildings on full days of school. Volunteers are needed in both lunch rooms to help serve. No experience is necessary!

Elementary volunteers are needed from 10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Secondary volunteers are needed from 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. (M,T,W,F)
 11:40 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Thursday)

If you would like to volunteer in either lunchroom, please contact Dana Cramer at thecramers@comcast.net or Jennifer Satterfield at jsatterfield@sca-kc.org.

SECONDARY YEARBOOKS

Secondary yearbooks must be preordered. To reserve your copy, please submit a check in the amount of \$35 to the finance office as soon as possible. Yearbooks will be distributed on the last day of school.

REPORT ABSENCES

Please remember to notify the school office when your child will be absent or arriving late to school. Either call the appropriate school office or email Amy Hestand at ahestand@sca-kc.org for elementary students and Sarah Delp at sdelp@sca-kc.org for junior and senior high students.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The SCA Renaissance themed school carnival will be held on October 22, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The carnival will have all the regular favorites along with some new surprises. This year there will be a photo booth, pony rides, and archery. It takes many volunteers to make this event happen.

More details will be coming home with your student soon.

Until then...*Save the date!*

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Sep 1	Laura Kudrin	Oct 1	Kathy Holt
Sep 10	Debbie Williams	Oct 1	Diane Ferguson
Sep 12	Jana Jurkovich	Oct 19	Amy Hestand
Sep 13	Tommy Gross	Oct 21	Carol Lewis
Sep 17	Kathy Lundquist	Oct 24	Amy Weiskirch
Sep 19	Michelle Meyer	Oct 26	Katie Baker
Sep 19	Andee Carr	Oct 27	Mike Collier
Sep 29	P.J. Null	Oct 28	Sarah Frick





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*UPCOMING EVENTS
SEPTEMBER*

Sep 1	Room Mom Meeting (Perkins)
Sep 5	No School
Sep 6	New Family Welcome
Sep 8	ISAFE (7th & New Families)
Sep 9	Elementary "Red Friday" Assembly
Sep 10	ACT Testing
Sep 14	Plan Testing (10th)
Sep 15	D.O.G.S, Dads, & Pizza Dinner
Sep 16	Mid Quarter Grades Go Home
Sep 16	PS/PreK Meet Me at the Movies
Sep 19	Culver's Spirit Night
Sep 19	Junior/Senior College Info Night
Sep 20	Morning with Mom
Sep 21	Secondary Sports Pictures
Sep 21	Secondary Group Yearbook Pictures
Sep 23	EARLY DISMISSAL
Sep 26-30	Secondary Spirit Week
Sep 28	Meet Me At the Pole
Sep 28	Picture Make Up Day
Sep 28	Elementary Sports Pictures
Sep 29	Preschool Picture Make Up Day
Sep 30	Homecoming Game

*UPCOMING EVENTS
OCTOBER*

Oct 1	Homecoming Dance
Oct 3-7	Elementary Book Fair
Oct 7	Grandparents' Day (K-12 early release)
Oct 7	NO PRESCHOOL CLASSES
Oct 12	End of Quarter
Oct 13-14	NO SCHOOL - ACSI Convention
Oct 17-26	ITS Food Drive
Oct 19	Elementary Pep Rally
Oct 20	7-12 Fall Choir Preview
Oct 22	Carnival
Oct 25	5/6 Fall Sports Awards
Oct 25	6th Grade Winter Sports Meeting
Oct 26	Blue Crew Day
Oct 27-28	NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences

