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SAFETY FIRST AT SCA

From Safety Drills to Safety Committee, SCA Evaluates Emergency Plan

In light of the recent tragedy in Connecticut, school officials across the country are reevaluating safety issues. The SCA Board and administration are no exception, and discussed in great detail at the last board meeting steps and ways to continually protect students and staff. Currently the following safety items are in place at SCA:

- In collaboration with state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies, former Navy Seals, and area pastors, SCA developed a comprehensive crisis emergency plan in 2009. The plan is reviewed regularly and faculty are required to participate in safety in-service trainings to assure that they are fully prepared for emergencies that may arise.
- Every month, SCA performs safety drills for fire, tornados, and lock down scenarios. On January 2, the entire faculty did table top drills to further strengthen their preparedness.
- SCA encourages parents to keep their eyes open while on campus and immediately report any suspicious activity to the front desk.
- As part of their routine, SCA WATCH D.O.G.S. ensure that all doors are secure

in addition to monitoring hallways, classrooms, and parking lots. The value of having an extra male figure at school cannot be overstated. If you are interested in serving as a WATCH D.O.G., you can do so by completing the application online at <http://www.summit-christian-academy.org/watch-d-o-g-s.html>

In December, the Board of Education voted unanimously to form an ad hoc safety and security committee to focus exclusively on school safety and security issues.

“Our prayer and goal is to provide a safe environment for our students and families. As we make improvements to our security plan, you may experience some inconvenience. Please know, however, that it is for the safety of your children,” said SCA Head of School Linda Harrelson.

“But let all who take refuge in you be glad: let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.”

Psalm 5:11

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: \$250,000!!!

Congratulations to all of the parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, Business Partners, and SCA supporters. God has truly blessed SCA! We have surpassed our goal of raising \$125,000 to receive the matching gift, and because of your commitment, we will raise over \$250,000 (the most in school history) for the Educational Enhancement Fund!

GOD IS GOOD!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT!

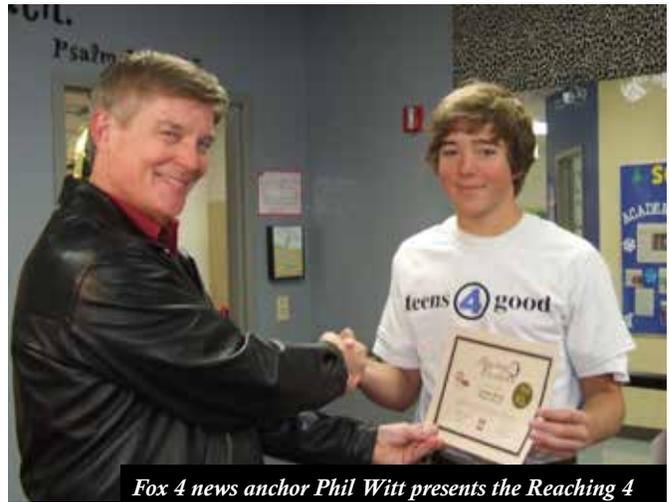


THE SCA SPIRITUAL WALK

SCA STUDENT RECOGNIZED BY FOX 4 NEWS

Eighth grade student Corbin Healy recently received Fox 4 New's Reaching 4 Excellence Award. Healy was recognized for starting a nonprofit organization called teens4good that has a mission to challenge and inspire teens to make a difference in the world. Through his service projects at SCA and experiences at a leadership program at Stanford University, Healy decided to start teens4good.

Healy recently held a coat drive through teens4good, Inc. With the support of his family, SCA and other teenagers, the group collected over 1,500 coats. All coats collected by teens4good are being donated to Hope Faith Ministries in Kansas City.



Fox 4 news anchor Phil Witt presents the Reaching 4 Excellence award to Corbin Healy.

SECONDARY STUDENTS WALK FOR THE HORN



On December 27, seniors Luke Hammer and Jake Salm walked from the SCA campus to Olathe (a total of 28 miles) to raise money for children located in

the Horn of Africa.

They have a heart in particular for one group of Eritrean refugee children in Ethiopia. The money raised will help these refugees through a ministry of the Blue-River Kansas City Baptist Association.

"Jake and I love doing crazy stuff and walking on foot from Lee's Summit to Olathe sounded like a great idea for the holidays. And, of course, walking for a cause is the best motivation," commented Hammer. "We hope that the walk will raise funds and awareness for different refugee camps in the Horn of Africa, as well as raise support for the Mai Ayni Refugee Camp children who have next to nothing. I would love for them to know that other people in the world care about them. Hopefully this helps."

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE SPIRIT OF GIVING

In lieu of gifts for Christmas, SCA students were inspired to help others.



Mrs. Flowers' 6th grade class chose to collect items for the Rachel House.



Mrs. Musil's 2nd grade class collected money for World Vision to purchase 13 small farm animals to provide much-needed eggs, food, and milk.

THE SCA SPIRITUAL WALK



MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

The Priceless Gift of Christian Education

There is no doubt that in the culture we are living, there is a battle for the hearts and minds of our children. On so many fronts, we see this battle raging. Our job as parents and grandparents is to protect, as best we can, our children from becoming spiritual casualties.

As we enter the enrollment season, you will be considering various educational options. I hope you will prayerfully weigh the following points as you strive to provide the best spiritual and academic environment for your children.

Truth in an upside-down world. I certainly don't fully understand what God considers important for us, but I do know that what He considers important is often contrary to what the world considers important. As a Christian school, we make every effort to integrate biblical concepts and principles into every facet of learning – concepts and principles that guide spiritual life, including relationship with God, as well as relationships with others in everyday life.

Support for your Christian values. Christian schooling supports the values of your Christian home through the assurance that your children's teachers, in addition to being professionally qualified, are men and women who love God and follow Jesus Christ. These educators seek to model and extend Christ-likeness in their teaching roles. Christian schooling greatly strengthens you in your crucial parenting responsibilities, which include this scriptural directive.

Competition for the hearts and minds of your children. There is tough competition for the heart and mind of every individual. Our children in their developmental ages are particularly vulnerable to that which is attractive but can be exceedingly destructive. Our culture and the world put extraordinary emphasis on satisfying and pleasing self. Jesus' call is one of putting God and others before self – a decision and a position that are not the natural bent of humanity. The daily school regimen of emphasizing putting God and others first, reinforced by men and women who embrace it, all in an environment that centers on God's Word – can be a tremendous defense against the competitive voice of the world that comes especially from the popular entertainment media and the prevailing culture.

Investing in the priceless. Very few if any would subscribe to the notion that things of high value and worth are achieved easily and inexpensively. They often require extreme measures of saving, sacrificing, reprioritizing, and any number of other matters of discipline that simply are not easy. Training up children in the way they should go is one of the most challenging mandates of parenting. Christian schooling is about teaching and nurturing students so they pursue the right way. This pursuit truly is an investment in things that matter for eternity – literally, the priceless things.

The goal of SCA has always been to partner with parents and churches to raise up godly young people. We take that responsibility very seriously, knowing that their lives will be impacted for all eternity.

Linda Harrelson

PS - I would like to send a special thank you for the wonderful Christmas presents. I love the Armetale cookware and the gift cards to my favorite department stores. You have blessed me beyond measure, and I thank you!

ACADEMICS

SCA NAMED TO TOP 10 PRIVATE SCHOOLS LIST

Summit Christian Academy was recently ranked #5 by the *Kansas City Business Journal* in their list of “Top Area Private Schools” in the Kansas City metropolitan area based on student teacher ratio and #9 in the area based on enrollment numbers.

“At SCA, we focus on the gifts and talents of every child. Consistently

high standardized test scores from Kindergarten through 12th grade confirm that this approach is successful,” commented SCA Head of School Linda Harrelson.

“Each year, we increase our academic and extracurricular offerings and currently offer 46 college-credit hours to high school students.

This is a huge benefit to

students and families, especially those who are looking for advanced academic rigor,” added Harrelson.

Academic Dean Kimberlee Gill reports, “Studies show that implementation of technology generates deeper critical thinking in students and greater excitement for learning. SCA’s addition of Google Chromebooks in

elementary classrooms and individual iPads at the high school level has met with enthusiastic support from students and parents alike.

Teachers have been exploring and mastering the iPad and other technologies and are extremely excited to further enhance learning in their classrooms.”

EXPLORING ROBOTICS

Burns & McDonnell Engineering recently presented SCA students with the opportunity to explore the worlds of robotics and engineering. Students were divided into teams where they were able to design robots to compete against robots built by other teams. This opportunity provided a fun way for students to discover how engineering can shape and change their world. Pictured here fifth grade students work together to reconfigure their robot. From left to right are Bryce Ferguson, Daniel Martin, Sam Espey, and Jacob Walden.



CAPPIE WRITINGS RECOGNIZED

Congratulations to SCA Cappies team members Gillian Smith and Molly Williams. Both students had written reviews that were published by local newspapers. Molly and Gillian’s written reviews of Raymore Peculiar High School’s production of *Monty Python’s Spamalot* were published, as was Molly’s review of Center High School’s *Little Shop of Horrors*.

VIRTUOSITY ART CLASS OFFERED

The SCA Virtuosity program is offering art classes with Mrs. Ismarily Velazquez, SCA art teacher and professional artist. The classes will be for students in grades 6-12. The cost of six classes is \$100, a \$5 registration fee, plus art supplies. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 3:45 - 5 p.m. starting on January 17 and concluding on February 21. Students may select either a drawing or painting emphasis.

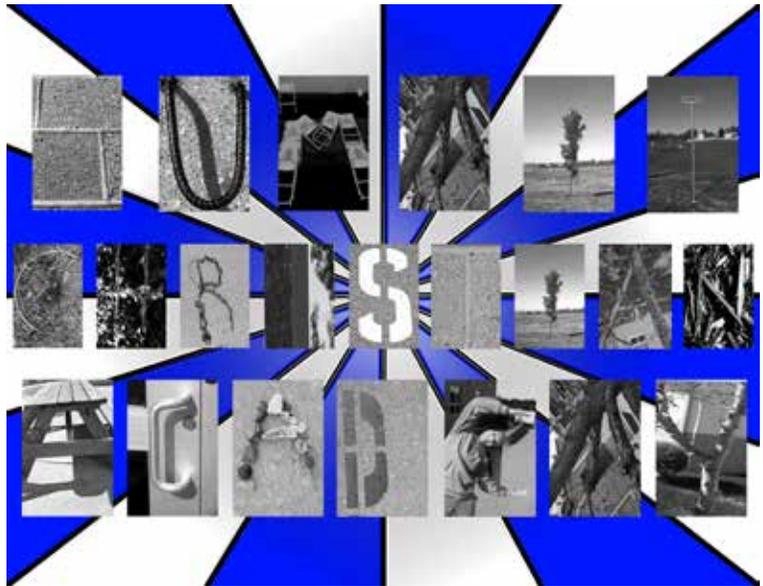
Contact Jennifer Pinkston at jpinkston@sca-kc.org for more information.

FINE ARTS

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS GET CREATIVE

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Students in the digital photography class utilized “photo art” to spell Summit Christian Academy. From trees to door handles, the students were able to think outside the box to create digital art.



MUSIC NOTES

The month of December found the Junior/Senior Ensemble performing at Crown Center and caroling in the halls of SCA.

Nine of SCA's Junior High Choir students participated in the KC Metro 7/8 Honors Choir all-day clinic and concert at Liberty North High School. Students from all across the KC Metro combined their voices, rehearsing all day. The day culminated with a performance of five songs for parents and friends under the direction of Tracy Ressigue, director of choirs at Staley High School.

The following students were selected by Mrs. Lucht to participate in this prestigious event: Lindsey Berry, Madeline Fristo, Maddie Martin, Kayla Kernsvaal, Shelby Brown, Erica Thompson, Adam Lucht, Corbin Healy, and Jacob Dixson.

On January 19, 15 of SCA's top singers will participate in the KC Metro All-District, Women's Honor, and 9/10 Honor Choirs. The District and Women's Honor Choir students were selected through a rigorous audition process in early fall. The 9/10 Choir participants were selected by Mrs. Lucht. The students will rehearse all day with a performance for family and friends in the evening. The concerts will be held at Staley High School at 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Participants

District Choir: Taylor Shippy

Women's Honor Choir: Hannah Zizza, Lainey Berry, Leah Schmidt, Grace Yoon, Paige Medlin, and Jessie Lambert

9/10 Honor Choir: Grace Gronberg, Emma Griggs, Sara Young, Shelby Dyer, Zach McEwen, Micah Ruiz-Esparza, Payton Shippy, and Ross Parke.

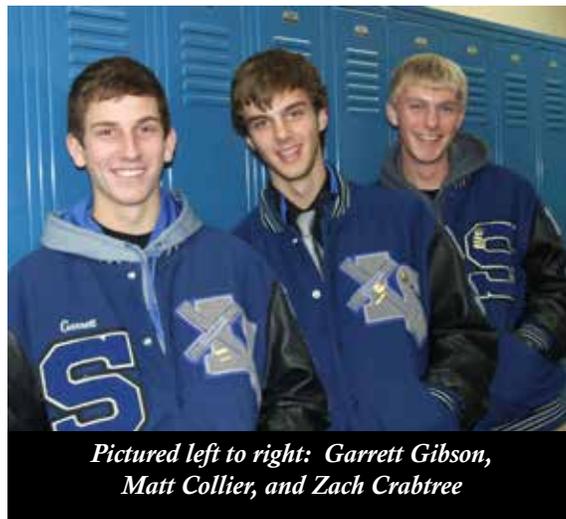
Over 60 students participated in the Christmas Virtuosity recital in December. Students showcased their piano, violin, woodwinds, vocal, and guitar abilities during the recital! SCA is excited about the popularity and growth of Virtuosity. In just two years the program has grown to include 60 students and 12 instructors.

ATHLETICS

SOCCKER PLAYERS HONORED

Seniors Garrett Gibson and Matt Collier were recently named to the Class 1 All-State Soccer first team. In addition, Gibson was named Western Region Player of the Year for 2012. SCA goalkeeper Zach Crabtree, along with Gibson and Collier, were named to the All-Region team.

“We are excited that our soccer athletes were recognized in this way,” commented Athletic Director Jake Kates. “Having three young men make the All-Region team together in their senior year is a wonderful accomplishment. In addition, Collier and Gibson being named to the All-State team together, puts a cap to a very successful high school career for two close friends. It is especially exciting to see Gibson rewarded as the Western Region Player of the Year, after countless hours of hard work and dedication.”



Pictured left to right: Garrett Gibson, Matt Collier, and Zach Crabtree



CHEERLEADING CLINIC FOR K-6

The varsity cheerleaders are hosting an **Eaglettes Mini Cheer Clinic** on **January 17, 22, & 24 from 5:30-7 p.m.** The cheerleaders will then perform at the high school basketball game on **Friday, January 25.**

The clinic is open to girls in grades K-6. The cost is \$35 and includes a cheer t-shirt. Space is limited. Email SCA Cheer Director Sarah McLelland at sarahmcllland@aol.com to sign up or you can get a form at the secondary or elementary front desk.

Y.E.S! FITNESS

Are your students looking to make some changes in 2013? Achieve new goals that they have set? Conquer new challenges?

The Y.E.S! On Campus program provides structured fitness for students in grades K-12 right here on the SCA campus! All Y.E.S! programs include positive, coach-driven classes with individualized goals and assessments/consultations to track progress.

- **The Energy Phase** is a fun and organized health and fitness education program that focuses on coordination, cardiovascular and strength endurance, stability, nutrition, and is lots of fun!
- **The Power Phase** is a high intensity sports performance program that focuses on injury prevention, increased speed, increased strength and explosiveness, sports mobility, agility, and much more.

Both phases have before- and after-school options, so you can choose what is most convenient for your family. Enrollment is always open for these programs. Email Megan Franco at mfranco@yeskidsfitness.com with any questions or to sign up.

****High School students can also enroll in our program and receive a P.E. credit ****

Y.E.S! Fitness stands behind our mission statement to help our youth develop skills for lifelong habits.

We look forward to a great start to this New Year!!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CHINESE CLASS CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

Chinese teacher Alice Wong had her class sing Christmas carols in Chinese around the school. “It is my great joy to teach Chinese and Bible together because I believe China will play an important role in bringing the gospel back to Jerusalem, as written in Matthew 28,” said Wong. “From the Chinese meanings for the two songs, I taught the Chinese students the biblical view of Christmas.”

Silent Night (平安夜)	平安 夜	Peace (Shalom in Hebrew) Night
Merry Christmas (圣诞快乐)	圣 诞 快乐	Holy Birth Happy

CHRISTMAS PARTY, INTERNATIONAL STYLE

The SCA International Program hosted its annual Christmas Party at the home of Doug and Becky Hartzler. International students along with their host families and buddies all joined to celebrate Christmas around the world. There were games, great food, and a spirited white elephant gift exchange. International students wished everyone a Merry Christmas and sang Silent Night in their first language. We learned that in many languages the literal translation of “Merry Christmas” points to the birth of Christ, like Feliz Natal (Happy Birth in Portuguese) or in Chinese it means Happy Holy Birth. The manger scene came to life as



International Program Director Kathy Tharp read the story of Jesus’ birth and students put together a full nativity. It was a wonderful time of sharing holiday joy and the true reason for Christmas.

STEWARDS CLASS STUDIES CULTURES AROUND THE WORLD

International students from Germany, Venezuela, China, Korea, and Brazil visited the 3rd-6th grade STEWARDS class and made Powerpoint presentations, each highlighting his/her country’s culture, climate, holidays/festivities, educational system, and family. The students were amazed by the interesting details shared and asked many insightful questions concerning traditions, customs, and faith.

“It was a wonderful blessing to visit with these students, to get to know them personally, to learn more about their countries and how well they are adapting to our country, and most importantly to share the love of Christ with them,” said STEWARDS instructor Patty Fristo. “Many thanks to International Program Director Kathy Tharp and secondary language teacher Anthony Mickelson for assisting with this visit.”

THIS & THAT

SCHOOL CLOSING QUICK NOTIFICATION



Want to know about school cancellations or any breaking news at Summit Christian Academy?

Twitter offers what they call a “Quick Follow.” You **DO NOT** need a twitter account to get a text update sent to your phone. You simply send a text to 40404 that says: **Follow SCA_Alert**

This will allow you to receive every tweet this account sends out as a text. Again, no Twitter account is needed. SCA will only send school cancellations and emergencies on SCA_Alert. If you sign up, you will not be inundated with Tweets. Anytime you wish to STOP alerts, simply text to 40404: OFF @SCA_Alert

SCA also announces the cancellation or the delayed start of school on **local TV and radio stations, Sycamore Education, and Facebook, the summit-christian-academy.org website, and a recorded message on the school answering machine.**

If no announcement has been made and there is no

message specifically announcing school has been cancelled or has a delayed start, parents and students should assume school will be open as normal.

Before- and after-school care will be closed any time SCA classes are cancelled.

On the occasion of a one-hour delayed start, the schedule is as follows:

- No morning GAP
- Secondary classes begin at 9 a.m. with doors opening at 8:45 a.m.
- Elementary and preschool start at 9:30 a.m. with doors opening at 9:15 a.m.
- All before-school activities will be cancelled

It is not the school’s general policy to dismiss early, however, if at any time a parent feels it necessary to pick up their child for travel safety, the absence will be excused.

BOARD REPORT

The SCA Board of Education met on Tuesday, December 18. Mike Brown commented on how the Bible always speaks to whatever is going on in our lives. It transcends time, emotion, and is always applicable. In light of the tragic shooting in Connecticut, Mike read Psalm 37 and pointed out that God is still on the throne.

Director of Development Sarah Coats introduced SCA parent Jenifer Martin, who is the CEO of a company called “be appy.” Jenifer has developed an **SCA Today** app that has recently been approved by Apple. Jenifer reviewed with the board the various features included in the free app. They include school newsletters, course description book, student handbook, and more. A limited number of elementary student yearbooks can be purchased for \$4.99 each. The app will be introduced to school families in January. Sarah reported that Fox 4 will air their story on SCA student Corbin Healy four or five times over the Christmas holiday. Fox 4 was very impressed with the charitable organization Corbin established called teens4good.

Mrs. Harrelson did a thorough review of the school’s November financial reports. Our cash reserve at the end of this school year should be about the same as last year even after spending some money on our infrastructure and grounds improvements. She also reported that she and the finance office are also considering how to streamline and improve financial processes.

Mrs. Harrelson reported on a generous offer from a school parent to work at reducing the noise problem in the secondary choir room. The school has been researching various options since a discussion of this issue at a previous board meeting.

The board accepted Mrs. Harrelson’s report on the changes from one Blue Cross plan to another for 2013. It is a higher deductible but is still a good plan and only involves a 5% increase in premiums.

The board approved the 2013/2014 school calendar, which will be posted on the SCA website and on Sycamore by January 15.

Several board members and Mrs. Harrelson are on this year’s Strategic Plan Steering Committee and reported on the SCA goals that have been established for the next year. The committee will be meeting at least one additional time to fine-tune the activities and measures that are associated with each goal. A one-page scorecard will be made available to school families late this winter.

THIS & THAT

HONOR/MEMORIAL GIFTS TO THE EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT FUND

The following SCA friends and family made year-end donations in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. These gifts were received from November - December 31, with notes that indicated that they were honor or memorial gifts.

Gary & Barbara Adkins	in honor of	Isabelle & Olivia Thompson
Gary & Marcy Bates	in honor of	Elena Michael
M.L. & Thelma Bibbee	in honor of	Anne & Laura Mussatti
Margie Biebel	in honor of	Reagan & Rylee Roberts
Paul & Wanda Borden	in honor of	Jeremy Borden
Lloyd & Patricia Chapman	in honor of	Briana & Renee Chapman
Andy & Sarah Coats	in memory of	Lois Podraza
Richard & Brenda Coffman	in honor of	Grace & Hannah Glidewell
Richard & Brenda Coffman	in memory of	Susan Coffman Morris & Mark Coffman
Bill & Bonnie Collins	in honor of	Abby & Joshua Cassell
Mickey & Gayle Davis	in honor of	Anabelle & Will McConaughy
Sandra Ann Eggers	in honor of	Alex & Lawrence Reilly
Major & Sue Hammett	in honor of	Benjamin, Caroline, & Madeline Hammett
Fred & Carolyn Hammond	in honor of	Anna & Max Hammond
Ron & Sue Hill	in honor of	Susanna Hummel
Lyndon & Vivian Hoffman	in honor of	Luke Hoffman
Gerald & Rita Huck	in honor of	Jackson Huck
Mark & April Jaquay Sullivan	in honor of	Jordan Barron
Bryan & Chris Kelly	in honor of	Mitch & Sarah Kelly
Bill & Carol Lewis	in memory of	the 56,000,000 unborn babies who have lost their lives to abortion since January 1973
Jan McCormack	in honor of	Landry & Aidan Satterfield
Linda Orr	in honor of	Lindsey Orr
Robert & Jennifer Perue	in honor of	Jessica & Logan Perue
Lori Perry	in honor of	Haley, Connor, Alec Noland and Hayden Perry
Tom & Donna Round	in honor of	Jackson Shrum
Bob & Rea Sherwood	in honor of	Ewan & Kathleen Sherwood
Donna Schnurr	in honor of	Katherine Emma Schnurr
Terry & Cheryl Sutton	in honor of	Jake & Haley Sutton
Phyllis Williams	in honor of	Allyson Williams

Anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a departed friend or loved one, or to honor an individual or significant event, may send a gift of any amount to SCA in their name. Individuals or families of those who are honored will be notified of the contributions with an appropriate note, and the names will be listed in the next issue of *Soaring*.

ENROLLMENT FOR 2013/14 SCHOOL YEAR

SCA receives calls every day from parents who want their children to receive the quality education we offer, so enrolling early is critical to reserving a spot for your child.

If you know of a family who may be interested in attending SCA, we would love to meet with them one-on-one and provide a private tour.

January 14	7th Grade Preview (current & prospective families)
January 28	Reenrollment begins (current families)
	9th Grade Preview (current & prospective families)
February 11	Open enrollment for covenant churches (families from covenant churches)
February 12-13	Early Education Preview (current & prospective families)
February 22	Kindergarten Preview (current & prospective families)
	Campus Visit Day (prospective families)
February 25	Open enrollment (prospective families)

THIS & THAT

SCA WELCOMES NEW EARLY EDUCATION TEACHER



We are pleased to welcome SCA alumnus Mrs. Kimberly Burnes (formerly Kimberly Jordan) as a preschool teacher. Burnes graduated from Summit Christian Academy (formerly Lee's Summit Community Christian School) in 2008. She is married to Chris Burnes (also a SCA alumnus). Burnes wanted to become a teacher from the time she began Kindergarten at SCA and was inspired by many wonderful teachers throughout her years at SCA. Mrs. Burnes has a degree in Elementary Education from UMKC and is very excited to be teaching in the SCA Early Education Department!

JOIN THE HISTORY SOCIETY

Middle School students are invited to join the History Society! This group meets every Tuesday during lunch in Mrs. Lipps's room.

Spring semester will involve exciting excursions to local historical sites, as well as competing in National History Day at the Truman Library!

Some after-school meetings will be necessary in February. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8. Looking forward to seeing you then!

SAVE THE DATE!

SCA's Tuesday, January 29
Elementary Gym

dnuts
with Dad
(or Special Friend)

8:00 am - 8:30 am

A NOTE OF THANKS

SCA Parents and Staff, and especially the Watch D.O.G.S.:

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Watch D.O.G.S. dads, grampa's, uncles, and brothers of our students who care so much about the safety of our students that they give their most precious resources—time and personal safety—to stand guard at our school.

In light of recent tragedies, I am mindful of those who serve our families day in and day out. When I see them walking the halls or the campus, I try to remember to thank them, but I'm afraid many times I forget that they are even there. That's because they don't draw attention to themselves and their sacrificial giving. They monitor school activities and we don't even notice them checking their clipboards and noting details of events on campus. They are heroes to our school.

Thank you, Watch D.O.G.S., for helping us to feel carefree as we go happily on our way to classes, work, and events. Thank you for all of the hours you stand guard without seeking benefit or gain.

Blessings and Sincere Thanks,
SCA Parent Karen Herrera



Mark your calendars!
SCA's next Spirit Event is at
Paradise Park from 5 - 8 p.m on
January 11.

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SAVE THE DATE ♦ SAVE THE DATE



9 A.M., SATURDAY, APRIL 6

REGISTRATION GOES LIVE ON THURSDAY, JAN. 10

WWW.EAGLEEGG5K.COM

NEW FOR 2013: ADIDAS T-SHIRTS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT – SHANNAH WITHROW

FROM SCA TO AEROSPACE

2012 SCA GRADUATE SHANNAH WITHROW PURSUES CAREER IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

SCA recently had the opportunity to catch up with alumni Shannah Withrow. Withrow was visiting the SCA Campus through Missouri S&T's "Engineer for a Day" program where Missouri S&T students go into schools to give hands-on lessons in engineering principles and scenarios, and problems. SCA students in the 5th and 6th grade had the opportunity to participate in the program and practice their engineering and problem solving skills with Withrow as the presenter/teacher.

"I was impressed with the SCA students," shared Withrow. "They came up with great solutions to the engineering problems that were presented to them."

While a student at SCA, Withrow was one of the top students in her graduating class. She utilized the college credit courses offered at SCA, and went to Missouri S&T with 40 college credit hours.

"This really gave me a jump start on college," shared Withrow. "Because of the 40 college credit hours, my first year is a little lighter and I can adjust to college life and being away from home for the first time."

Withrow feels like she was VERY prepared for college after attending SCA.

"SCA prepared me academically by using similar teaching methods and materials that are utilized in the lecture halls of Missouri S&T. Academics at Rolla are a

challenge, but SCA gave me a great foundation for how to study and prepare for tests and classes," said Withrow. "Many of my peers are scared to talk with their professors, but because we had such open dialogue with our faculty at SCA, I am very comfortable."

Withrow would like to some day work for NASA in space exploration and design.

"My dream would be to get my masters degree and work for NASA or another leading organization in space exploration, either in the control room or in the design phase," shared Withrow.





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JANUARY EVENTS

Jan 9	High School Leadership Conference
Jan 9	Switch "Up" Day
Jan 11	Paradise Park Spirit Event
Jan 14	7th grade Preview Night
Jan 15	Blue Crew
Jan 21	NO SCHOOL – MLK Day
Jan 23	Elementary Pep Rally
Jan 24-26	SCSC Tournament
Jan 28	REENROLLMENT FOR 2013-14 BEGINS
Jan 28	9th grade Preview Night
Jan 29	Donuts with Dad
Jan 31	Elementary Winter Awards

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Feb 1	Solemn Assembly
Feb 4-8	Spirit Week
Feb 8	Courtwarming Games
Feb 9	Courtwarming Dance
Feb 9	ACT Test
Feb 11	Covenant Church Enrollment Begins
Feb 12-13	Preschool/Pre-K Preview
Feb 15	NO SCHOOL
Feb 18	NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S DAY
Feb 20	Blue Crew
Feb 21	POPS Concert
Feb 22	Campus Visit Day
Feb 23	Super Duper Breakfast
Feb 23	Swap & Shop
Feb 25	OPEN Enrollment
Feb 25	Spring Sports Tryouts
Feb 25	All Star Awards
Feb 28	5th Grade Musical