



PREP CAMPUS EAGLE NOTES

June 2009

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*"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Corinthians 15:57*

Dear Parents,

We made it! We are all another year smarter, more experienced, and (I am sorry to say) older! Thank you all for an outstanding year; our students have accomplished so much, and that is possible because of your prayers, support, and efforts.

The June issue of the Eagle Notes will tell you all about our new teaching staff and coaches. We have been so pleased this spring, as we have reviewed hundreds of resumes and conducted countless interviews, with the caliber of teachers who are interested in joining the outstanding teaching staff at our school. We are busy now planning schedules and refining programming for the 2009-2010 school year, and we are already looking forward to all the good things the Lord has in store for us as a school community.

Also in this issue you will find the information you need for Summer Reading and memorization assignments (to keep those brains sharp!), school supply lists, required textbook purchase information, and other information that will help you get your student's school year off to a good start. Also, don't forget our website, www.southwestchristian.org, which has lots of resources for you, from forms to information about summer programs.

Our campus is busy with painting, some remodeling that will net us two classrooms, and some beautification projects. We also are looking forward to enjoying the sunshine and some more relaxed summer days in the weeks to come. Again, thank you for a wonderful first year at Southwest Christian School. God has been so good to us; he is faithful always. Have a wonderful summer!

Working together in grace,
Marilyn Dardenne
High School Principal

Dance Clinic June 5-6-7

If your daughter would like to attend the Dance Clinic this weekend, please contact our instructor, Ms. Micah Lynch, at mlynch@southwestchristian.org. The fee is \$75 and is payable as you arrive at the Dance Connection. All participants need a current appointment of agent form on file with SCS.



PREP CAMPUS SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Monday, June 8

8:30-3:30 M-TH

We will be closed on Fridays.

(The Prep Campus will be closed the week of July 6-10.)

Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 3.

REQUIRED SUMMER READING/ CHEMISTRY & SPANISH MEMORIZATION LISTS

SCS BOOKFAIR AT

BARNES AND NOBLE JUNE 5-7!

The SCS Required Summer Reading/Chemistry Memorization List is available for viewing on our website. All of the books listed can be purchased at Barnes and Noble on Overton Ridge and Hulen.

**Please mark your calendars for the SCS Bookfair
at Barnes and Noble to be held June 5-7.**

**SUPPORT SCS WITH YOUR PURCHASES
AT THE BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKFAIR.**

Bookfair vouchers are available to print on the SCS website.

- This is your chance to get every summer reading title on your list in one place.
- Up to 20% of what you spend June 5-7 will be donated to SCS by Barnes & Noble if you present a valid voucher. The voucher can be used at any B & N store in the country! Email your family and friends to tell them to print a voucher from the SCS website. Anyone can help support Southwest Christian School June 5-7!
- Your entire purchase counts – not just summer reading titles. Shop for music, DVD's, magazines, Father's Day gifts; even café purchases count.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PARENTSWEB INFO!

Parents should make all email and other changes to your family information via ParentsWeb under *Webforms* and then *Family Demographic Webforms*. You may then select from *Student Information*, *Custodial Parent Information*, *Emergency Contacts* or *Grandparents* to make changes or deletions.

09/10 PREP CAMPUS SCHOOL SUPPLIES LISTS

The 09/10 Prep Campus school supplies lists is available via a link on the homepage of our website.



It's not too late to order pre-packaged school supplies for 7th and 8th grade. All the searching will be done for you, AND it's tax free! Boxed Middle School supplies will be waiting, labeled with your student's name, at the school during the Prep Campus "**Back to School Fair**" on August 14. Download the order form from the homepage of the school website and mail your order with a check made out to SCS PTO to the address on the form. **All orders must be received by June 15.** Questions? Contact Teri Queen teriqueen93@yahoo.com

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK PURCHASES 09/10 DUAL ENROLLMENT, AP AND CONSUMABLES

Students taking Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement classes are required to purchase their own textbooks.

All students are required to purchase consumable textbooks and workbooks.

**The textbook/consumables sale will be held
in the Black Box Theatre from 9AM-2PM on:
Thursday, August 13**

Friday, August 14- TAX FREE DAY!

A listing of required textbooks and consumables will be available on our website by August 1 and in our summer newsletter.

Prep Campus Students "Back To School Fair"- August 14

The Prep Campus will hold a "Back to School Fair" for all MS and HS students on Friday, August 14, in the Snelson Building Gym. The gym will be filled with stations for each student to visit to take care of their back to school needs. Examples of stations:

- School Photo/ID Card
- Vehicle Registration
- Locker Registration and Setup (Academic and Athletics)
- Lunch Registration
- Nurse- turn in Appointment of Agent/Medication forms
- Technology- turn in Acceptable Use contract
- Youth and Government
- Math Counts
- Drama
- PTO- T-Shirt Sales
- Booster Club- T-Shirt Sales

.....and, of course, Textbook sales in the Black Box theatre.

Students will attend the fair, based on the first initial of their last name, as follows-

A-M: 10 to 11AM

N-Z: 12 to 1PM

Pizza Party for all Prep Students: 11AM to 12PM

Yearbook Staff Summer Workshop

July 27th – 28th (day camp)

SCS Prep Campus

Black Box Theater

Mrs. Campbell will send you an application via email in the next few weeks.

The SCS website calendar is complete with all pertinent information regarding all start-of-school events in August 2009.



SAVE THE DATE

August 23, 2010

Help us celebrate 40 Years of Christian Education as a school family by enjoying a night at the ballpark at LaGrave Field in Fort Worth. Come watch the Fort Worth CATS take on Shreveport, see the 'surprise' opening pitch, and have a good time with family and SCS friends.

GRADUATION 2010

If you are one of our families with a 2010 senior, you will want to know that graduation will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2010, which is Memorial Day weekend. We hope this helps as you plan for your weekend with out-of-town visitors!

Faculty Farewells

It is always difficult to say good-bye to people who have worked so hard for our school and who have also become our friends. We wish each of them continued success in the next phase of their lives, we thank them for their commitment to our students, and we ask for God's continued blessings on them and their families. **Thank you to Sherri Aaron, Kristi Chambliss, James Covey, Stefanie Glenn, Tanya Gowins, Ellen Hsieh and Paul Mann.**

Prep Campus New Faculty for 2009/2010

Mr. Ryan Abt, High School Bible and Social Studies

Mr. Abt is excited to be joining SCS as a high school Bible and Social Studies teacher. He and his wife have been praying about the perfect job opportunity since they arrived in Texas from China after serving as an English teacher there for two years. Mr. Abt also met and married his wife in China and this is her first time to be in the U.S. He attended college at East Texas Baptist University. Mr. Abt and his wife are currently seeking God's leadership and guidance in finding a church home now that they are back in the States.

We know that God has placed us exactly where He wants us. I very much look forward to getting to know my students and being a part of a school that is truly a community. I am so happy that God has led me to a place where I will grow and help others to grow. Thank you for this opportunity.

Ms. Cheryl Cook, High School Math

Ms. Cook joins us this year as the Algebra I and Geometry teacher. She has been the high school math teacher, math department chair, and high school coordinator at Calvary Christian Academy for sixteen years. Ms. Cook has taught Algebra, Geometry, Pre Calculus and Calculus. In addition, she has taught SAT prep classes for many years. She holds a master's degree in education from Oral Roberts University. Ms. Cook has a great love for teaching and is passionate about Christian education and an active member of Christ Church.

I am very excited about teaching at Southwest Christian. My heart is to instill a love of learning in my students and assist them in preparation for all that God has designed for them. I count it a great privilege to minister for Christ through Christian education.

Mr. Daniel Chappell, High School Bible

Mr. Chappell comes to SCS from North Raleigh Christian Academy where he taught Honors Economics, Honors Philosophy and Christian Apologetics for 5 years. He also coached football and basketball. Mr. Chappell is a graduate of Southeastern College in Wake Forest, NC and is completing his Master's of Divinity at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. Mr. Chappell and his wife, Casey, have a 6 month old daughter, Zoe. The Chappell's will be serving at the Village Church in Highland Village, TX upon their arrival this summer.

Seeing students fall in love with Christ and live out real, authentic faith is one of the great passions of my life! I have not served my first day with you yet, but I can say that God has already given my heart a joyful love for the students at Southwest Christian. I pray for you even today and I long for the relationships and challenges that God has for us in the coming years. Love God, Love People, Lead Well!

Mrs. Maryann Felps, High School English

Mrs. Felps will be joining the SCS faculty this coming fall after serving as Dean of Academics at Fort Worth Christian School since 2001. She also taught AP and Dual Credit English courses, as well as Art History and Humanities. Prior to that, she was Director of Field Education and an assistant professor in curriculum and instruction in UTA's School of Education. Mrs. Felps undergraduate work was at Harding University, her M.A. at Texas Wesleyan, and her Ph.D. in Humanities was completed at UTA. Her husband and she attend the Richland Hills Church of Christ where her husband serves as an elder and she teaches 4th grade Sunday school. They have two daughters, both married and teachers, and two beautiful granddaughters.

My greatest passion is to teach like the Master Teacher. I love teaching adolescents, and I love learning from and working with my colleagues as a team to become more like Him. I am very excited about my new ministry opportunity at SCS.

Mr. Jay Gallagher, Middle School Social Studies

Mr. Gallagher joins us from Kennedale High School where he has been a World and United States History teacher and Football Coach for the last three years. Prior to Kennedale, he taught and coached in Crowley, Weatherford, Clovis, CA, Reedley, CA and Everman School districts. Mr. Gallagher graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelor's of Science with an emphasis in Kinesiology and Education. Prior to SFA, he attended Texas Christian University. Mr. Gallagher and his wife, Sheree,

have two sons, Jared and Jackson. The Gallaghers attend Travis Avenue Baptist Church where Mr. Gallagher teaches a Young Adult Sunday School class.

I am awed by the grace of God that he has given me the opportunity to teach at Southwest Christian School. The ability to teach students not only about academic subjects, but more importantly, about building a strong foundation in Christ is a prayer answered for me and my family. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you soon.

Mrs. Megan Haratine, Middle School Theatre

Mrs. Haratine is thrilled to be our newest addition to the Theatre department and will be relocating to Ft. Worth this summer from the Chicago area with her husband, Richie, and son, Elliot. Although she hails originally from Arlington, this will be the first time Mrs. Haratine has resided in Texas in almost 14 years. Having received her MFA in Acting from the Professional Theatre Training Program at the University of Delaware and her Bachelors in Theatre from Arizona State University, her favorite jobs over the years have been working and teaching at Shakespeare Festivals across the country.

My combined passion for the Lord and the Theatre and my desire to invest in the lives of students has propelled me to seek a home at Southwest Christian School, whose vision for raising up Christian leaders (and artists!) aligns with what I believe is God's calling on my life. I look forward to getting to know students, families and faculty alike very soon!

Mr. Matt Winn, Middle School Science

Mr. Winn joins us from McLean Middle School. Prior to entering the classroom, he served in higher education for four years in student affairs at Dallas Baptist University and enrollment management at UT Arlington. Mr. Winn has also served part time for two different churches as a student pastor. He attended Dallas Baptist University, where he earned a B.A. in Communication Theory and a M.Ed. in Higher Education Instruction. He also spent a year studying theology at Baylor for his Master's. Mr. Winn and his wife, Jenifer, have a two-year-old daughter and are anticipating the birth of their son in October. The Winns are members of McKinney Memorial Bible Church where Jenifer serves as an elementary coordinator.

I am eagerly awaiting next year! God has given me a strong passion for education, ministry and student development. I can think of no better place to combine all of those callings than at SCS. I believe God is working in a mighty way through SCS, and I can't wait to serve the whole community.

New Coaches - New Excitement!

As we begin planning and preparation for 2009-2010, additions to our coaching staff will include:

Mrs. Christy Woods, Nurse and Cheer Coach

Mrs. Woods is joining the SCS team as the new school RN and Cheerleading Sponsor. She is currently a registered nurse at a Level II trauma Emergency Room in Fort Worth. Mrs. Woods received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Texas Woman's University in Dallas, Texas. She is also well-rounded in her cheerleading background. She was a four year All-American and also cheered competitively. Mrs. Woods has coached many camps and clinics and choreographed several pep rallies and routines. She is extremely excited to join the SCS team and be around the amazing staff and families who take so much pride in their school.

Miss Annie Cummins, JV and Assistant Cheer Coach

Miss Cummins will be the JV cheer coach and will assist Ms. Woods with Varsity. She is a sophomore at Texas Christian University majoring in Entrepreneurial Management and Marketing in the Business school. At TCU, Miss Cummins is a Frog Aid and Mentor, an active member in the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and serves as a representative in the Student Government and Student Foundation. She has been dancing and cheering since she was 3 years-old, and currently is also on staff with UCA (Universal Cheerleading Association). Miss Cummins attends LifeChurch with her family.

Other New Coaching Assignments:

- Mr. Brian Nelson will be taking over as Head Boys' Soccer Coach for newlywed, Mike Dunbar.
- Mr. Andres Valdez will transition to Head Boys' Basketball Coach after serving as an assistant for the past four years.
- Mr. Jay Gallagher has been named the Head Wrestling Coach, Head Middle School Football Coach and Varsity Football Assistant.
- Mr. Matt Winn will coach Middle School Football, Basketball and Baseball.
- Mr. Daniel Chappell will coach Middle School Football, Basketball, and Track.

The Athletics Department is committed to fulfilling our school's mission of producing Christian Leaders both on and off the field of play. In addition to the exciting staff news, we are also working closely with Administration to expand our sports ministry opportunities as we look at Minimester as a possible time to combine competition and ministry. Please continue to pray for us as we move forward to provide the best athletic experience possible for our students.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RICHARDS' ROUND-UP- Tentative Minimester

Opportunities for 2010! Below is a list of the trips that have received initial approval for Minimester travel in March of 2010! We are excited to offer SCS students the opportunity to travel to every continent (excluding Antarctica... I hear it is cold there in March)! You will receive a poll by June 15 via Renweb email. Please indicate your interest level in our proposed Minimester offerings at that time. Your response will be our main consideration regarding what trips the school will offer.

More info to come...

Mission Trips:

Crystal Beach, Texas

Harmons, Jamaica

Kenya, Africa

Language-Related Trips:

France

China – Language & Cultural Exchange

Costa Rica

Guatemala – Total Immersion

Educational Tours:

India – Cultural Exchange

Australia – Science Emphasis

Israel – Spiritual Journey

London – Fine Arts Experience

UK – Ireland & England Literature Expedition

CAMPUS MINISTRY NOTES-

Retreats 2009! – High School- August 16-18; Middle School- August 17-18

This August, we are kicking off the school year with our annual retreats. In keeping with our year-long 40th Anniversary, the theme this year will be *Traditions*. Our theme verse is 2 Thessalonians 2:15, “stand firm & hold to the *traditions* that were taught by us...” Retreat attendance is considered a part of the school year, so participation will be expected.

2009 Middle School Retreat

Prep Campus- Monday and Tuesday, August 17 and 18.

More details to follow via email.

2009 SCS High School Retreat

Sunday, August 16 - Tuesday, August 18

Lakeview Conference Center

Waxahachie, TX

Transportation will be provided for students.

Planning is well underway for the SCS High School retreat this year. It will be a wonderful weekend of fellowship and spirituality for our students that should not to be missed! We look forward to seeing each and every one of them.

With the first official day of school being Monday, August 17, we decided to kickoff the year with our annual retreat. We will depart Sunday afternoon for Lakeview Conference Center. This will be a great way for our students to reconnect after the summer and welcome our new students into SCS. Most of this year's retreat has been included in the annual budget. This year the cost is only \$60 per students to attend. More information will be coming out soon with a chance to sign up for this event.

There are a limited number of chaperone spots available if you are interested in lending your time and talents to this great event. Please contact Alisa O'Neill at 817-401-7578 for chaperone opportunities.

Tying in to the 40th Anniversary celebration, this year's theme is ***Traditions*** and the theme verse is 2 Thessalonians 2:15, “stand firm & hold to the *traditions* that were taught by us...” Additional information will follow, so be sure to watch your email during the summer!

ADMISSIONS NEWS- Attention all **new-to-SCS parents for the '09 -'10 school year-**

Please mark your calendars for our mandatory New Parent Dinner on Monday night, August 10, at 6:30 PM in our Snelson Gym. This will be a night for **adults only** and will provide you with a plethora of information to glide both you and your child into SCS smoothly.

New parents, you will also have the opportunity to discover **ParentsWeb** toward the end of June when you will receive instructions for access. You are unable to access it until we close out the 08/09 school year is over and we update the system for '09-'10.

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS' CORNER- Mr. Crow, Mrs. LeFlore, Dr. Sanderson-

- Students who have signed up for Dual Credit classes for the 2009-2010 school year (who were NOT in Dual Credit classes for 2008-2009) will need to test for placement. The Guidance Office is waiting for the testing service to complete our set up, and will be notifying families once the testing is ready to begin. We are anticipating that this will be within the first two weeks of June.
- High School students who did not pass one or more classes for the semester (fall OR spring) will need to make up those credits prior to the beginning of school in August. Options for this include: summer school at a local private or public school

and correspondence course(s) through Texas Tech University. Please contact the Guidance Office for more information.

- Middle School students who did not pass a middle school-level course for the year (average of first and second semesters) will need to make up that credit over the summer as well. 8th graders who do not pass either semester of high-school level courses (World Geography, IPC, Spanish I, Algebra I, or Health) will also need to make up those credits. The options for recovering these credits are the same as those for high school: summer school at a local private or public school and correspondence course(s) through Texas Tech University. Please contact the Guidance Office for more information.
- '10 SENIORS who are taking ANY courses over the summer (e.g., Computer, Health, Speech) MUST have these credits complete by the time school starts in August. Students who are missing any credits will have their schedules adjusted accordingly to meet graduation requirements.


STUPENDOUS SOCIAL STUDIES




- Youth and Government is looking forward to another award winning year under the leadership of its new officers. Following a great tradition of excellent leadership will be president, Madison Sharpe; vice-president, Meredith Noles; secretary, Megan Wixon; treasurer, Hayley Rodriguez; legislative representative, Andrew Homer; judicial representative, Alyssa Weinschenk; media broadcast representative, Elo Gallegos; and media print representative, Sarah Turner. Outgoing officers 2008-2009 were very ably led by President Katie Savage and set a precedent for innovation and initiative. So, kudos to last year's officers and congratulations to Y & G officers 2009-2010.
- 2009-2010 Junior World Affairs Council officers -- President, Matthew Dunavant; Vice President, Andrew Homer; Secretary, Megan Wixon; and Treasurer, Carley Pouland – also predict a great year! Ms. Alyson Farmer, director of the Fort Worth office of World Affairs Council, spoke to Dr. Dean's classes on Career Day. Ms. Farmer described her own career working with a nonprofit organization related to global information. Students learned how many career paths, including nursing, education, and medicine, have international opportunities.
- On Tuesday, May 19, Matthew Dunavant, Andrew Homer, Carley Pouland and Erin Fry joined Dr. Dean and Dr. Carol Stanley for a private screening and interview with the hero and screenplay writer of the new HBO film, "Taking Chance." This event, sponsored by the World Affairs Council, presented the inspirational story of a U.S. Marine colonel's experience escorting home to Wyoming the remains of a 19-year-old soldier who gave his life to protect his buddies in Iraq. "Taking Chance" was a reminder of the true meaning of Memorial Day.


PREP CAMPUS ATHLETICS

BOYS' ATHLETICS- A.D. RUSTY BEAM-

HS BOYS' BASEBALL  - The 2009 baseball season was exciting from beginning to end. We started out by playing in the championship game of the Southwest Christian Invitational followed by winning the championship in our next tournament at 3A UIL Lytle HS just outside of San Antonio. Although our district record wasn't quite what we hoped it would be, our big wins came in the first two district games against Lubbock Trinity where we won both games 3-2 in extra innings. These proved to be the wins we needed to make it into the playoffs. Our playoff experience was one of a kind as we defeated the #1 seed Dallas Christian Chargers 4-2 to earn another regional birth for the baseball program. Our district proved, once again, to be the most competitive in the State as we represented 4 of the final 8 teams remaining in the playoffs. Although we fell short 3-0 in our regional game in an attempt to make it back to the State Tournament, our season was a big success going 22-10, thanks to the great leadership of all our seniors.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS- A.D. STEPHANIE KALBFLEISCH-

LADY EAGLES BASKETBALL  - The prep gym will be available each Monday evening for skills training and open gym from 6:30-8:00PM. The gym will be open each Monday during June and July beginning June 8. All Prep Campus students, male and female, are welcome to attend.

VARSITY SOFTBALL  - Wow, this has been a year all about change and perseverance. From week to week our line up has been different due to injury and other outside factors, but this team pulled together to get a spot in the playoffs- defeating #1 ranked Dallas Christian in Bi-District and facing #2 ranked St. Joseph's in the Regional final.

Awards for this season:

Madison Ryffle	FR	2 nd Team All District
AD Dunlap	FR	1 st Team All District
		District 1 - 4A Newcomer of the Year
		All State Honorable Mention
Denise Graham	Soph	1 st Team All-District
		Eagle Award
Haley Hankins	JR	All-District Honorable Mention
Jourdan Glover	JR	1 st Team All-District
		Varsity MVP
		All State 2 nd Team
Kristina Diaz	SR	Captain, 2 nd Team All-District

A special thanks to our parents, Coach Jackson, Coach Pelfrey and Coach Cox. This is a very talented group of young ladies with endless potential and, with only one senior, this team will be the team to watch next year. Stay together and stay strong. God bless. With much appreciation, Coach Parnell

FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE SCS ATHLETIC EVENTS/GAME INFO, PLEASE LOG ON TO THE WEBSITE, www.southwestchristian.org, CLICK ON *ATHLETICS* AND SELECT FROM THE MENU.