

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

*There are a number of extracurricular opportunities available at South Christian for those who want to be involved. Participation is encouraged since working with other students and the faculty on projects other than class work is an important part of each student's life.*

**Athletics** - the athletic program at South includes activities for both boys and girls during each season. Tryouts are held prior to each season. Students involved in athletics are expected to meet eligibility requirements which are explained by each coach. South Christian participates in the O-K Gold League as a Class B school. Students may participate in the following sports: Boys: Football, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Sidelines Cheerleading, Bowling, Basketball, Hockey, Baseball, Track, Tennis. Girls: Swimming, Tennis, Basketball, Cross Country, Sidelines Cheerleading, Competitive Cheer, Bowling, Volleyball, Softball, Track, Soccer, Golf.

**BC TV** - Local cable channel 23 is a student-operated station at Byron Center Public High School that allows the students to grow in their understanding of what it takes to produce a quality program. This station airs community activities from the Byron Township area.

**Bookstore** - Students may apply to the bookstore manager to be a clerk during break and noon hours.

**C.A.R.E. Leaders** help students solve problems through individual contacts and peer mediations. Each year we select about six students to demonstrate Christ's care for their peers. These leaders are selected because they are caring students who are viewed as responsible members of the community.

**Chapel Planner** - This volunteer group of students plans the chapel services held twice each week, as well as special assemblies which are planned. In teams and as a group, students brainstorm ideas, design services, contact participants, and organize all other details.

**Chapel Prelude Leader** - Sign up with Mr. Winkle to be included on the schedule.

**Class Officer** - Each class elects a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Those wishing to run for office must submit a nominating petition with a required number of signatures. In the spring present ninth, tenth and eleventh graders elect officers for the following year. Incoming ninth graders hold elections within one month of school's opening.

**Connections** - This group's purpose is to establish contacts and assist students who are physically or academically challenged. South Christian students help out by being a peer tutor, a lunch partner, a part of a Circuit (each "special needs" student has their own Circuit), or just by being a friend. Why participate? To experience the joy of helping others and to discover God's given gifts. What's needed? Some time, concern for others, and willingness to reach out.

**Drama** - Two dramatic productions are scheduled each year. One of the two may be a musical. Tryouts are open to all students. Both productions offer students a wide variety of experiences: acting, designing posters and programs, building and painting sets, managing the business side of a play, and perhaps playing in an orchestra.

**Drama & Speech** - This activity is offered in January and coincides with the third-quarter English class. Students are required to participate in the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association competition. First-year participants must be enrolled in the forensics course, but second-, third-, and fourth-year students may participate independently.

**Homecoming Committee** - This committee is voluntary and plans all activities including class competition, decorations, and homecoming night activities. Meetings begin in the fall during noon hour and continue as necessary during noon hour and after school until homecoming.

**Intramurals** is an extra curricular opportunity open to all students. Volleyball, basketball and badminton tournaments are played during lunch hour throughout the year. Students sign up to participate prior to each tournament.

**Jazz Band** - The Jazz Band is a select group of instrumentalists from grades 10, 11 and 12. This group will study contemporary and standard jazz music along with other popular styles. The emphasis will be on learning and incorporating swing "style" into a smaller ensemble. They will perform at concerts and at jazz festivals around the state. The student must audition or be placed in the ensemble by the band director. The student must also be a member of one of the concert bands to be eligible for jazz band.

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**Junior-Senior Event** - The junior class advisors, along with other class volunteers, plan the event which is held in the spring each year.

**Library Aide** - Students are needed each semester to work in the library during their study halls. Their task is to check books out and in. As time allows, they can help with other library tasks such as distributing notices or processing new books. Those interested should be willing to help others. Library aides are accepted by the librarian.

**Madrigals** - This is an audition-only ensemble for which all SCHS students grades 9-12 are eligible to audition. The Madrigals meet at least once per week (generally Monday evenings 7-9 p.m.) and tour annually with either the Concert Choir or Women's Choir. All expenses for tours are the responsibility of each member. Only students who can demonstrate outstanding choral aptitude, tone, technique, & sight-reading potential should audition. Musical styles ranging from Madrigals to Vocal Jazz are studied in order to give approximately 8-12 performances per year. Participation in school chapels, assemblies and musicals is expected but not mandatory for all members. Attendance at all rehearsals, district/state choral festivals, school, church and community events is required or the student will lose his/her place in the ensemble. No credit towards graduation is given for participation in this group; however, college recommendations and references for admission will be given for each member by the director.

**Math Club** - This is open to all students. South Christian students compete in two mathematics competitions off campus as well as participate in an ongoing competition on campus throughout the year.

**Pep Band** - Students who play in the symphonic band or concert band are selected on a need and seniority basis for the pep band which performs at home basketball games.

**Play Bills / Student Directed Plays** - an opportunity for juniors and seniors to direct a play.

**SVO** - Student Volunteer Organization. Students volunteer during off school hours to tutor or do miscellaneous jobs for non profit organizations who are in need of help.

**Ski Club** - Students may join for a fee to ski at Bittersweet Ski area. Watch noon announcements in late fall for info.

**Sound Technician** - Students filling this position should be willing to serve the groups using the auditorium by running the public address system (e.g., for chapels and other school programs). These students will also have opportunity to set-up, run, and take-down equipment for groups renting the auditorium and will be paid for those efforts.

**Stage Show** - This program sponsored by the Student Council usually takes place the first Saturday evening in December. Acts must be presented and passed by Mr. Miedema and committee. Proceeds are used for the Christmas Drive.

**Student Council** - This group of elected students sponsors a variety of activities for the student body, organizes the Christmas Drive, and works as a governing body to develop school policy or to change existing policy by working through the board and faculty. Three students from each class and the class president serve as representatives. Students wishing to serve on the Student Council must submit nominating petitions with a required number of signatures from the present ninth, tenth and eleventh grades for elections in the spring. Incoming ninth graders will elect representatives within one month of the school's beginning in the fall.

**Young Life** - This organization is a Christian ministry whose purpose is to communicate the gospel message to young people. A weekly Monday night club meeting is held in various students' homes and a Campaigners meeting is held on Friday mornings for Bible study. Spring and summer camps are also an available part of this Christ-committed ministry.