

Letter from the Principal

To Parents and Friends of South Christian:

The spring season is in full swing, as are plans for the activities that mark the end of another year. Excitement is running high, especially with seniors. As the weather has turned to spring, please help your student keep on track with their studies and remind them to avoid participating in any potentially dangerous behavior.

Please keep the staff and students in your prayers as we finish this school year.

Larry Plaisier, Principal



Upcoming Concerts

Band & Orchestra Concert

Sunday, May 2, in the SC Auditorium
7:30 pm Freshmen, Symphonic Band & Orchestra

Jazz Band Concert

Tuesday, May 4, outside (weather permitting)

Choir Concert

Sunday, May 23, 8:00 p.m.
At Kentwood Community Church

Graduation Ceremonies Thursday, May 27, 7:30 p.m. Kentwood Community Church

Guests to the ceremony will need a ticket to attend. Each graduate has been given six tickets with an opportunity to request additional tickets. Additional tickets will be issued according to a priority plan.

PARENTS OF GRADUATES: You will find 6 tickets and an order form to request more in the cap and gown box of your Jostens order.



SCHS Association Meeting Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 8:00 pm in the SCHS Media Center

- Join us as we plan with hope and confidence for the next academic year. The meeting agenda will be:
 - Vote for new Board members
 - Vote on the proposed budget for 2010-2011.
- Information on Board nominees can be found on our website under 'Announcements.'
- Absentee ballots for Board candidates can be obtained from the SCHS office.

You are valuable to our school in so many ways. We trust that you will join us on May 5. We look forward to seeing you there.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Maria & Tony Vermaas** on the birth of their daughter Lexi Elizabeth. She was born April 13, weighing 9 lbs and 6 oz.; she was 21 inches long. Maria & Tony also have two sons, Jake & Charlie. Maria teaches in our PE department and is also our Junior Varsity Girls Basketball coach.

Also, congratulations are sent to **Sue & Steve Jonker** on the adoption of their son from Ethiopia. He was born December 10, 2009, weighing approximately 6 lbs.; the Jonkers officially welcome him into their arms on Friday, April 23. Sue is not yet telling us his name! Sue is our Athletic Dept. secretary.



Student Council Events

SCHS' Student Council is busy with year-end events for the student body to enjoy. On April 21, they hosted a student-wide lunch. The menu included hotdogs on the grill, chips, and lemonade. It was a perfect opportunity to provide a service to our student body and a great mixer.

Also, Student Council is gearing up for the second-ever Spring Stage Show. This event showcases the hidden talents of our student body. Cost is only \$5 so plan to attend the Spring Stage Show Saturday, May 1.

We'd like to thank you, **Mike Miedema**, our staff advisor to the student council, for leading this group of outstanding students.

IMPORTANT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION CHANGE

We are making a change to our enrollment procedure. We will NOT be mailing out a large envelope. Rather we are saving paper, time and postage, and enrollment this year will be completely automated. We are currently in the process of developing the procedure with FACTS Management, who currently handles our tuition payments. The enrollment deadline will be **June 14**. A letter outlining the process will be mailed as soon as the system is ready.

Are you struggling financially?

If you have experienced a job loss, cutback or been a victim of our slow economy and are worried about how you are going to pay this or next year's tuition bill, please contact the Finance Office. You can apply for assistance online at www.factstuitionaid.com or pick up a paper application in the office. Please let us know via email or phone (mpost@schs.org, 455-3210) if you are applying for this current school year. If your application for tuition assistance is for next year, it is due **May 22**. You will be notified of any assistance granted by the middle of June.

If you are considering withdrawing your student next year because of your financial situation, please do not do so until you have spoken with Maelia Post or a member of the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee: Jim Oosterman, chair; Val Burkhart, Jim Fennema, Arlan-Dean Gaddy, Sue Teune and Tim Zwart.

CLASS SCHEDULES 2010-11

Because of changes in enrollment procedures and in teaching personnel, the schedule for next year will not be completed as early as usual. You can expect to receive your son or daughter's class schedule sometime in mid-summer. It will be sent by email to those of you who have provided your email address or by US Mail to all others. If you have questions or if you wish to provide your email address, contact Jean Meines at 455-3210 or jmeines@schs.org.

Personnel Changes

As noted in the recent issue of *Hilites*, 4 staff members are retiring from SCHS: Bill Bonnema, Curt Brinks, Mary Hunderman and Marilyn VanderMeulen.

We also want to acknowledge Keisha (Musselman) Momoh who will also be leaving SCHS because of her husband's career. Keisha has taught in our Spanish Department for 7 years and has assisted with our plays and musicals. Keisha has been a blessing to South Christian with her energy, her love for students, and passion for Spanish. We wish Keisha God's blessing on her new adventure.

Please pray for all of them that God will guide their futures. And, pray for the staff, students and administration as we anticipate many new faces and responsibilities at SCHS in the fall.

Greatest Show on Earth! Friday, May 7

The Junior Class has been planning a special evening in honor of the Senior Class. The Junior Senior Prom is being held at the VanAndel Museum on Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. Since there are so many things to see at the Museum, the Prom Committee wanted to tie this year's theme to the museum itself and selected "The Greatest Show on Earth."

We were excited that the committee chose this theme for the prom. Not only does it tie in with the wonderful exhibits at the Museum, it also stays away from "romanticizing" the event. The Junior Senior Prom should be a fun evening for all students and is not meant just for those who have dates. In fact, we encourage students to attend with groups of their friends.

If your son or daughter is talking about dinner plans, encourage them to try something different. Dinner doesn't have to be at an expensive restaurant. The best stories we hear are about having dinner with friends at someone's home being served by their parents.

Even if you aren't going to cook or serve dinner to your child and his/her friends, you can still be involved in the evening. Since the Museum requires that we have one chaperone for every 20 students attending the event, we will need extra help this year. If you are willing to be a chaperone, please contact June Atsma at school by phone (455-3210) or by email at jatsma@schs.org.

We are excited about another Junior Senior Prom at the Museum. We know your son or daughter will have a great time!

June Atsma and Amy DeVries
Junior Senior Sponsors



New Life Thrift Store News

Thank you to all of our volunteers who so faithfully give of their time and talents. God continues to bless our establishment and its supporters. To **every volunteer** who works hard to perfect their department "We Applaud Your Efforts."

Weekly we speak with first time shoppers who make comments on the cleanliness of our store, the variety of products and friendliness of our volunteers. To each volunteer here, you are one of the reasons for our success. Remember our mission verse – Proverbs 16:3 "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." First and foremost it is God's hand guiding and leading us.

Please stop and shop before you visit the larger stores. Many families can testify to the savings they have received by purchasing items here. On the day you volunteer, you receive 25% off your purchases. (Furniture excluded) It is the thrill of the hunt. It is also a hit or miss...but the more you stop in and shop, the more likely you will find that deal. *More importantly remember the proceeds benefit your child or grandchild's Christian education.*

Our "School Donation Pick-up" program has resumed. Watch your home news for the dates scheduled for your school. The new program was a huge success in the fall, and we look forward to receiving your donations again. We hope it helps some of our families that find it a challenge getting their donations to our store.

In closing...each of us has been blessed with a variety of gifts that should be used to praise God. "If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 4:11. Be a part of an expanding mission; be a part of the New Life Thrift Store family. Here is our address just in case you don't know where to find us – 4339 S. Division Ave., just off the N.W. corner of 44th & Division.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!!

Volunteer Sign Up

- In the month of May, if your last name begins with **N - R**, you are asked to contact the store and set up your shift to work.
- For the summer months, if your last name begins with **K - M**, please call to plan your time to volunteer before your calendar gets full with vacation, sports camps and trips to the lake!
- If you missed your month, feel free to make it up during the summer! Bring your student or a friend and your time doubles and flies by!
- *Remember*, all families are asked to work one 4-hour shift for every student in our South Suburban Christian School system. Remember proceeds go back to your student!

Attention all closet cleaners! Your New Life Thrift Store NEEDS your gently used clothing and houseware items. Our backstock is low and without stock we can't raise money for your South Suburban Christian schools. If you have large items, we will consider pick-ups. Call us with questions at 534-7134. Thank you!

Beth Heyboer, Director

This....and So Much More

SCHS students were recently seen relaxing in the most visited park in the US, Central Park, standing on the site of Ground Zero, a place of terrible tragedy and singing at Ellis Island, the historical entrance to American freedom. These are just a few of the experiences the choir's 150 students and chaperones had as they broke out of the walls of SCHS to experience music and art in a variety of venues in NYC. Yes, these students brought back experiences and knowledge they will never forget, but they also left in NYC impressions on which others will continue to reflect. As those who love Jesus, the students and parents were witnesses to many they came in contact with. Larry Plaisier shares one such occasion:

As we were entering the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a worker was holding the door for our group of 30-40 to enter. I entered last, and he grabbed my arm and asked who I was. He proceeded to tell me that he has worked there for many years and was astounded to witness every student say "Thank you" to him as they walked in. It was a first for him, and he was profoundly affected. I thanked him for sharing this. Our students showed Christ's love to him that day. Praise God!

Scrip Update

Everett's Landscape has joined our SCRIP program. They are offering a rebate of 10% on fertilizer services and 5% on all other services. You don't need to preorder certificates, just mention that you participate in SCRIP when discussing your plans.

Also, **Pella Windows** has joined the Scrip program. In addition to the hundreds of vendors that you can order certificates from, there are many other vendors who offer rebates as well. Stop into the office or contact Maelia (mpost@schs.org) for a list.

All Nighter News

The planning committees are very excited about the party planned for our graduates. It will be an outstanding evening full of memories that they will carry with them for many years!

Below are a few IMPORTANT items for you to note:

- A letter, along with other graduation information, will be coming to you with the rules for the party. Please review these with your child. They will be enforced.
- If you signed up to work—you will receive a postcard prior to graduation with your scheduled time to work. Job assignments and location will be handed out at graduation.
- NOTE: Only those who are signed up to work will be allowed entrance to the party.
- A huge thank you to all who worked hard all year long to put this together.

Questions? Call Kim Bruin or Jackie Naber.



Senior Art Show

The senior art students will be having their work on display in the front lobby of the school
May 3-15

Please stop by during school hours to view the exhibit or view their work during a special
**Open House May 4
6:30—8:30 pm**
With music provided by the
SCHS Jazz Band

Athletic Department Information

Sports Physicals

We will provide sports physicals at SCHS on Monday, May 17, from 6:30—8:30. In order to participate in athletics during the 2010-2011 school year, the Michigan High School Athletic Association requires a physical after April 15, 2010. Our team doctor will provide physicals for only \$15. Please take advantage of this offer. Also, get the form for your physical ahead of time from the SCHS office or website and complete the parent information before that evening.

On Tuesday, May 4 South Christian's Basetball and Softball teams will participate in a Pink Out double-header against Caledonia at our Sports Park. 100% of the proceeds support cancer research at Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids. Pink t-shirts will be sold for \$10 as well as Community for a Cure bracelets. Come and support the teams and wear pink!

Join the Celebration!

It's a perfect time of year to be dreaming golf! Please reserve Monday, June 21, at Railside Golf Club.

This year's event honors the Girls Golf Teams' championship run — an unprecedented four-season performance from 2007 through 2009, when the Sailors won two state titles and earned a pair of state runner-ups! Contact Bob Sack at bd sack@comcast.net for sponsorship and participation information. A registration form can be found on the SCHS website under Athletics.



Please contact Bob Sack at bd sack@comcast.net or 554-9363 for information about golf participation and sponsorship. More information can be found on South Christian's website www.schs.org under Athletics.

Coaches Needed

South Christian High School is currently seeking applications for coaches in Boys Freshmen Soccer and Girls JV Golf. If you are interested, please complete an application found at www.schs.org/staff/employment openings and mail it in.

Jeff Meengs, Athletic Director

Requested Announcements

- National Day of Prayer
Please join Caledonia CRC on Sunday, May 2 at 6:00 pm for a community-wide National Day of Prayer Service. Non-perishable food donations or cash donations will be accepted for the Dutton Food Pantry.
- Tiger Baseball
Caledonia CRC's Soar Ministry is planning a Detroit Tiger Bus Trip on Saturday, July 10. The Tigers will be playing the Minnesota Twins, and the cost is \$37. The ticket price includes transportation and a ticket to the game. Contact Jeff Pettinga at 891-9961 or pett@calvin.edu.

May 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Stage Show
2 Bands & Orchestra Concert @ SCHS @ 8pm	3 Order Scrip Chicken Strips	4 Pizza lunch Senior Art Show & Jazz Band	5 Chicken BBQ Society Meeting	6 Pasta Lunch Pick up Scrip	7 Jr/Sr Prom School ends at 12:05 pm	8
9	10 Order Scrip Chicken Strips	11 Pizza lunch	12 BBQ lunch	13 Pasta Lunch Pick up Scrip	14 Pizza lunch Student Directed Plays	15
16	17 Order Scrip Chicken Strips Sports Physicals	18 Pizza lunch	19 Turkey Sandwich Honors Convocation	20 Pasta Lunch Pick up Scrip	21 Pizza lunch	22
23 Choirs Concert @ KCC @ 8 pm	24 Order Scrip Seniors Last Day NO HOT LUNCH	25 Seniors Exams Pizza lunch	26 Seniors Exams NO HOT LUNCH	27 Graduation Pick up Scrip NO HOT LUNCH	28 Pizza lunch	29
30	31 No School No Scrip order	June 1 School ends at 12:05 pm	2 Exams	3 Exams	4 Exams	

Please Note: There will be no hot lunch served May 24, May 26 and May 27. The hot lunch schedule can change especially toward the end of the school year so please check daily announcements for updates. *As a reminder, juniors are allowed off campus as of May 27 the rest of the year.* However, Freshmen and Sophomores **ARE NOT** allowed off campus for lunch—even with parental permission.