

A monthly communication keeping you in touch

Letter from the Principal

To Parents and Friends of South Christian:

Below I have listed some information regarding report cards and parent teacher conferences.

Mid-quarter Grade Postings:

4-week grades can be found on Edline.

Parent Teacher Conferences

PTC are scheduled for Wednesday, March 31 from 6:30—9:30 pm. Call for appointments beginning March 17.

Board Members at PTC

Since it has been well received by parents, several Board members will be available during Parent Teacher Conferences to dialogue with you or answer any questions you may have. No appointment necessary; just feel free to drop in and visit with the people who give so much of themselves to this school.

Please keep us in your prayers as we approach the busy season when things move so quickly.

Larry Plaisier, Principal

New Life Thrift Store

Enclosed in this month's issue of *South Scenes* is a letter from Larry Plaisier, principal, asking for our SCHS parents to volunteer at the New Life Thrift Store.

For the month of March, if your last name begins with V - Z, please call the store at 534-7134 to schedule your shift. In April, those with the last name initial of S - T are asked to volunteer.

Garment Sale Friday, March 26 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Come shop for SCHS clothing on Friday, March 26. All items will be discounted. All proceeds from the Garment Sale go to the Parents Guild which helps the classrooms, students and teachers at SCHS.



Spring is in the air!

All Spring sports start practices on Monday, March 15. Please be flexible with practice time, as times depend so much on the weather and whether we can go outside. Please encourage your son or daughter to get involved and participate on one of the following teams:

- Varsity, JV, and Freshman baseball
- Varsity and JV boys golf
- Varsity and JV girls soccer
- Varsity, JV, and Freshman softball
- Varsity and JV girls tennis
- Boys and Girls track-n-field

Summer Sailor Sports Camps

For information on our summer athletic camps, visit our webpage www.schs.org, click on Athletics, then Schedule. Brochures with cost and sign-up information will soon be at SCHS and at your South Suburban Christian School.

Sports Boosters Golf Outing Monday, June 21

Mark your calendars for the annual Sports Booster Golf Outing to be held on Monday, June 21 at Railside Golf Course.



Tuition Assistance

Are you struggling to pay your tuition bill? If you are a victim of our tough economic times, we may be able to help you. You can apply for tuition assistance for this current school year at www.factstuitionaid.com. The Finance Committee will meet in mid-April to review all assistance requests and determine awards based on the funds available in our assistance fund. Our goal is to help as many families as possible that have been affected by our tough, economic conditions. Please email Maelia at mpost@schs.org if you have submitted an application for the current school year or if you would like to provide additional details about your situation.

If you would like to apply for tuition assistance for the 2010-2011 school year, you may also apply at www.factstuitionaid.com. We will be meeting to determine next year's disbursement at the end of May.

NO HOT LUNCH

Because there are 5 Wednesdays in March, no hot lunch will be served on **Wednesday, March 31**. Please make sure your student packs a lunch as under classmen will not be allowed off campus - even with a parent call!

Also, the Parents Guild is in need of a hot lunch coordinator next year. This person will create the serving schedule as well as be here every Wednesday to make sure there is proper coverage. If interested or have further questions, contact Judy VanderLaan at 554-9096.

Schedule Adjustment

- On **Thursday, March 18**, students will be dismissed at 11:31 am. The staff will participate in professional growth in the afternoon.
- On **Friday, March 19**, students will be participating in Faith Celebration Day during the morning and will have a regular afternoon schedule.

Parent Chaperones Needed For the "Junior Senior Prom"

Each spring, the Juniors host a special evening as a tribute to the Seniors. Again this year, the Juniors will be hosting a dance at the VanAndel Museum on Friday, May 7. Parent chaperones are needed. If you would be interested in helping out or volunteering, please call June Atsma at 455-3210 or email June at jatsma@schs.org. Parents of both Juniors and Seniors are welcome to help out.

Attention Parents of Juniors Michigan Merit Exam (MME) March 9, 10 & 11

Juniors will take a free ACT Plus Writing as part of the Michigan Merit Exam (MME), a state high school assessment test. By taking the MME, students will be able to earn a credential called the National Career Readiness Certificate which verifies to future employers that an individual has essential employability skills. In the past, students also received \$4,000 towards education after high school at any Michigan college, trade or technical school. Currently, that has been taken away, but there is hope for it to be reinstated.

Along with the ACT Plus Writing, the MME includes Work Keys Reading for Information, Locating Information, and Applied Mathematics, and Michigan Mathematics, Science and Social Studies tests. The ACT Plus Writing scores are official and can be used for college admission.

On Feb 18, juniors completed the test registration and received an ACT practice booklet. Students can also purchase a more extensive prep guide at bookstores or ACT Online Prep at the ACT website (www.actstudent.org). Students were given information about other websites and ACT prep classes.

On March 9, juniors will be dismissed at approximately 1:00 pm with half days of testing on March 10 and 11 and regular classes held in the afternoon. It is important for students to be present since make-up will be limited.

NOTE: Please do not schedule appointments, etc. for your student on those dates. A good night's sleep, an adequate breakfast and a healthy mid-morning snack are essential on test days.

MME—Let's help Motivate!

Attitudes toward the MME vary, but one thing is certain--success on the MME is good for all of us. As a school community, we want to strive for excellence in learning, and one way to show that excellence is by trying our best on the MME. Parents, you can do your part in tandem with teachers to talk about the MME and encourage your sons and daughters to do their best.

South Christian's Drama Presents Oklahoma March 25, 26 and 27 ~ 7:00 pm

Reserved seat tickets at \$7 each will go on sale in the SCHS office on Wednesday, March 17

March 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Order Scrip Chicken Strips Lunch	2 Pizza lunch	3 Chicken lunch	4 Pasta Pick up Scrip	5 Pizza lunch	6 Connections Banquet
7	8 Order Scrip Chicken Strips Lunch	9 Juniors-MME Pizza lunch	10 Juniors-MME BBQ lunch	11 Juniors - MME Pasta Pick up Scrip	12 Pizza lunch	13
14	15 Order Scrip Chicken Strips Lunch	16 Pizza lunch	17 Turkey lunch	18 School dismissed at 11:31 am Pick up Scrip	19 Spiritual Celebration Day am Pizza lunch	20
21	22 Order Scrip Chicken Strips Lunch	23 Pizza lunch	24 BBQ lunch	25 Pasta Pick up Scrip Musical	26 Pizza lunch Musical Garment Sale	27 Musical
28	29 NO Scrip Chicken Strips Lunch	30 Pizza lunch	31 NO HOT LUNCH Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 Class dismissed at 12:05 pm		



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Dear SCHS Parent:

The New Life Thrift Store is a blessing to the community abroad. Not only are we helping our local neighbors, we are also helping ministries worldwide. In addition to meeting many needs for its shoppers, the store very successfully generates income for its member schools – Byron Center Christian, Dutton Christian, Legacy Christian, Moline Christian, and South Christian. South Christian has received over \$108,000 which has been used for the funding of new programs and tuition assistance! We are thankful!

In order to generate income like this for the member schools, the New Life Thrift Store relies heavily on volunteers rather than a large, paid staff. Since this is a cooperative venture between the five schools, it is important that each school does its share to provide these volunteers. Unfortunately, not many volunteers have been stepping up from South Christian. By South Christian we mean families with no students at our feeder schools. For the parents who have children at the feeder schools, we truly are grateful for your commitment.

We'd love to see this change! Since all of our students benefit from the gifts donated by the Thrift Store, we are asking each family to consider how they can meet this need. The New Life Thrift Store Board suggests that each family provide just four hours of volunteer time for every child enrolled in a member school. Will you help us meet this goal?

To help keep the need for volunteers fresh in our minds, we are going to put reminders in the South Scenes. Beginning in this month's edition, there will be an alphabetical break down as to when you are being asked to help. When you see the initial of your last name listed, contact the thrift store to sign up for a work session. Feel free to bring a friend or your SCHS student with you!

South Christian parents have always been responsive when a need is shared. I am confident this will be true about this need for volunteers also. See you at the Thrift Store!

Sincerely,

Larry Plaisier
Principal

P.S. Remember when you work, you also earn a 25% discount on select purchases that day!