



SCS NEWSLETTER

SCS THEME 2019-20 "Building on the Rock "

"Everyone then, who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who builds his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24



SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN CALENDER

JANUARY

01/06 SCHOOL RESUMES
01/10 REPORT CARDS
01/20 NO SCHOOL, MLK
01/13 SPIRIT WEEK
01/17 HOMECOMING

FEBRUARY

02/07 PROGRESS REPORTS
02/14 EARLY DISMISSAL
02/17 NO SCHOOL



Christmas Greetings from the Desk of Dr. Patton

Dear SCS Family,

As we approach Christmas 2019, I want to take a few minutes to thank each of you for your friendship and your investment in the lives of Southside Christian School students. This year over 300 students, over 200 families, many grandparents, and over 70 churches are represented in our school family. We are truly blessed to serve you and your family. Thank you for being a family who care about the relationship each student has with Jesus and thank you for being a part of SCS.

In the Old Testament we read about the prophecy of the coming Messiah and we read about the birth of Jesus in the New Testament. Christmas is a special time of the year to show our love and care for our family, for our school family, and for our neighbors and friends. May our words and deeds this Christmas share the Light of the World (Jesus) with our community.

As we prepare for the upcoming Christmas break, may I, and may we reflect on the reason we serve the Lord at SCS. The story of Christmas does not stop at the manger with the baby Jesus as many want others to believe. The story of Jesus as recorded in the Holy Bible continues through His perfect, sinless life, His death on the cross, and His resurrection from the dead. The story of Christmas is that our Heavenly Father wants each one of us to be called His child, to accept the free gift of salvation and to live redeemed lives. Our part in this process is simple childlike faith in God's son Jesus.

As I shared in an upper school chapel recently, each of us have family, friends or neighbors who have not accepted the free gift of salvation. May this Christmas be the best Christmas ever when you share your faith with a friend who needs to know the Savior.

In closing, I have recently been reminded of the importance of reaching out to those we love whom perhaps we have not taken time to talk to or visit in weeks, months or in my case for several years. Life is really moving at a fast pace and in this age of text and email I have once again been reminded of the value of a simple phone call and thirty minutes of time to see how a friend is doing.

As you pray about your gifts and your giving this Christmas may you also consider having a time to sit and talk with your children, especially those who are in their teen years, they need to have those times with mom and dad. And will you also consider taking time to call that person who you have not talked to for some time to encourage them and perhaps encourage them in their walk of faith.

Continued prayers for you and your family and have a blessed Christmas holiday. We look forward to serving with your family in 2020.

Christmas Child

By Mary E. Carpio

Turn your eyes this Christmas
To the Child who was born
He came into the world
Only to find sorrow and scorn

He knew we needed a Savior
To set us free from sin
No other way to redemption
But to open your heart to Him

Remember this Christmas season,
Material things cannot satisfy
They are temporary
They disappear and die

But the love of our Savior
A gift that lives eternally
He is that brightest Star
Which shines upon the tree!

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FALL HIGHLIGHTS from the Desk of Mr. Dentel

SPELLING BEE...A few highlights of this semester have been our middle school spelling bee and our service trips to With Love from Jesus. On December 5th, the students who won their classroom spelling bees faced off in the school finale. It was a closely fought battle, and the final two students went back and back and forth matching strength for strength. In the end, Kaitlyn Nolte was victorious, winning the SCS middle school spelling bee. All of our students in the competition demonstrated a high level of pose and aptitude and deserve a huge congratulations.



Kaitlyn Nolte, Eva Winstead, Caleb Lowe

SERVING AT WITH LOVE FROM JESUS

Our 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students have had the opportunity to go serve at *With Love from Jesus* in Clayton. This has been a great opportunity to show the love of Christ by serving our community. Our students have had opportunities to pray with the *With Love from Jesus*' "honored guests," help them shop, carry their things to their cars, and organize the new donations. Hopefully, our students have had their faith strengthened through this opportunity to serve those who are hurting.



This semester we have competed, served, and learned. Our classrooms have been full of demonstrations, labs, simulations and hard-work. Yet, through it all, what we desire most is that Christ will be honored and glorified through all that we do at SCS. Through the teamwork and sportsmanship of our sports teams, through quality learning activities and outcomes, through excellence in spelling, and through serving our community may God use SCS.





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SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS from the Desk of Mrs. Davis

Southside Christian Elementary School has enjoyed a great deal of activity during our first semester of the 2019-2020 school year. We began the year with a renovation that included new flooring throughout the main building, fresh paint, and bathroom remodels. How nice to enjoy the beautiful facilities! Many Southside families brought shovels and racks to prepare the mulch on the playground and around the shrubs. Thank you for your help! Many hands did make quick work.

Mrs. Deidre Schwietering has graciously taken the lead as our volunteer librarian this year. Her dedicated team of volunteers provide an opportunity for students to check out books on many interesting topics every Friday.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY is one of the favorites for all students. After the elementary students perform a couple of songs for their special guests, Grandparents visit the classrooms and enjoy some special time outside for recess.

BIG BUDDY PROGRAM - Students in K4-2nd grade are all assigned a Big Buddy from 3rd-5th grade. The Big Buddies help their Little Buddies find the Bible passages during chapel. An additional fun time is during the OCC Shoebox Chapel. Little Buddies carry their shoeboxes from station to station while the Big Buddies help them fill them up with treasures. Even upper school students joined in the activity as they guided students through the filling of boxes.

Every grade level has a different outreach ministry. This year the K4 students took "blanket bundles" to HIS Radio. Students were able to sing and say verses to the workers, and it was with great joy they presented the blanket bundle filled with canned goods.

HONORING OUR HEROES was the theme for our fall program this year. Student in 3rd-5th grades caused quite a stir when they sang of gratefulness, freedom, and the blessings of the Lord on our great nation. Ultimate freedom comes from salvation through Christ alone, and in America, we have the freedom to worship God openly.



Students in grades K4-2nd shared the message of Christ's birth during the annual Christmas program. We did have an alligator who kept making an appearance as he was looking for the play *Moses and the Nile*. The humor was appreciated and the message of Bethlehem was celebrated.

We were saddened to say goodbye to Mrs. Jennifer Fiebelkorn this month. After 12 years of faithful service, she has transitioned into the internship required to complete her degree in the field of social services. *We will miss her!*

Former student Andrew Mooring choose to complete his Eagle Scout Project on our elementary campus. Students are enjoying the picnic tables and beautifully landscaped area. Thank you, Andrew, for choosing us to be the beneficiary of your efforts. It looks great!

