



Southside Christian School  
*Excellence through Absolute Truth in Christian Education*

**Elementary School Newsletter**  
**2018-2019 – Semester 1**

Dear Family and Friends of Southside Christian School,

As we begin a new calendar year, we would like to take the opportunity to reflect on all that God has done so far in the 2018-2019 school year. Our students have completed their first semester of school and it was full of exciting events and achievements.

Please enjoy this brief recap of all the wonderful things that have been happening at Southside Christian School.

***SCS Loves Grandparents***

Grandparents Day 2018

The Southside Christian School elementary students hosted 220 grandparents and special guests at the annual Grandparents Day event. The students presented a sweet grandparents day program directed by Mrs. Shelah Bowers, Elementary Music Teacher, which included poems, Bible verses and songs. As our guests toured the facilities, they enjoyed viewing the self-portraits created by each of the students in their art classes.

We hope you will join us for Grandparents Day 2019 which is scheduled for September 27.



***SCS Takes STEM to New Heights***

Balloon Day 2018

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) came alive for elementary students at Southside Christian School on October 22, 2018. Balloon Pilot Mr. Tom Lattin brought a hands-on experience for students as he inflated *Freedom*, his 76 ft. tall hot air balloon. The cool weather assisted in the process because the dense cold air created a greater difference in the temperatures in the balloon. This temperature difference gave *Freedom* a quicker liftoff. Teachers and staff enjoyed waving to their students from high above the ground during a tethered ride.



All hands were on deck as students assisted in deflating and packing up the balloon. Students transitioned into the sanctuary for a lesson covering STEM in addition to learning the history of flight. Mr. Lattin inflated a tissue paper balloon and a garbage bag as intrigued students watched them take flight.

During the presentation,

Mr. Lattin shared photos of very interesting hot air balloons including a hamburger, Angry Birds, and a bunny. He encouraged students to dream, create, and realize their goals through perseverance with the realization that great accomplishments often require several attempts to perfect. His message was clear: Don't quit.



### ***SCS Ushers in the Season*** Annual Balloon Parade

Back by popular demand, SCS elementary students raised the bar at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Balloon Parade. In the spirit of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, our students displayed their creativity with balloons as they marched around the campus before beginning their Thanksgiving Break.

From the Hungry, Hungry Caterpillar to the underworld scene of Under the Sea, our students outdid themselves. We even enjoyed a battle hymn sung by the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students "marching off to fight" with *Gideon* and their balloon swords and pitchers.



### ***A Heart Full of Praise*** K4 and K5 Fall Program

"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving." Ps. 69:30. This Psalm was the theme of this year's fall program. Pre-k and kindergarten students brought much joy to parents as they retold the story of pilgrims coming to America in search of religious freedom. Music Teacher Mrs. Bowers, and a team of parents, outdid themselves with costumes and props as they performed against the backdrop of a tall ship.

## ***SCS Reaches Out***

### Operation Christmas Child and Class Outreach Trips



Elementary students at SCS reach out to their community and the world in many different ways. For 2018, the elementary campus collected items to pack 105 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that Samaritan's Purse would distribute throughout the world. Combined with the upper school campus, SCS packed a total of 191 shoeboxes!

During November and December, elementary students also served their local community through various ministries with which SCS partners. Whether it is packing a HIS Radio blanket bundle with canned goods for the needy, or doing yardwork, cleaning and

organizing at iChoose Pregnancy Center, students put their gifts and talents in the hands of God to be used by him to bless others. The elderly at local adult care facilities received small gifts while they enjoyed the songs and Bible verses presented by our young students.

Our students continue to learn that even in small acts, they can be used by God to bless those in their community and around the world.



## ***Christmas in Reverse***

### Grades 1 – 3 Christmas Program

The first through third grade students told us the story of Christmas in reverse as they began with the birth of Jesus and demonstrated God's plan of redemption which began all the way back in the Garden of Eden.

Mrs. Bowers once again presented an excellent program that clearly shared the love of God and salvation found only in the person of Jesus. The inclusion of Spanish songs and hand bells made the program a delight for all who attended.

## ***SCS Spells its Way to the County Bee***

### Elementary Spelling Bee

The SCS elementary spelling bee was held in December. Each class held a spelling bees to determine the individual class winner for each homeroom. The winners from each class competed against each other to determine the SCS Elementary School Spelling Bee Winner! The winner of the school spelling bee will go on to represent Southside Christian School at the Johnston County Elementary Spelling Bee held in the spring of 2019.



The elementary spelling bee went through 9 rounds of competition before 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student, Carter Trudeau, won the bee with the word “grenadier.” Amy Szymanowski (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Elliott Partin (4<sup>th</sup> grade), 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners respectively, challenged Carter into the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level spelling lists before the bee came to an end.

Please join us in congratulating the individual class spelling bee winners:



- Jeremiah Knopp (Mrs. Braxton’s K5)
- Liberty Parrish (Mrs. Scott’s K5)
- Zachary Wood (Mrs. Bell’s 1<sup>st</sup> gr.)
- Naomi Bell (Mrs. Johnson’s 1<sup>st</sup> gr.)
- Phereby Seay (Mrs. Shouse’s 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.)
- Kylee Green (Mrs. Rose’s 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.)
- Carter Trudeau (Mrs. Khamis’ 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.)
- Elliott Partin (Mrs. Milner’s 4<sup>th</sup> gr.)
- Rebekah Thompson (Mrs. Durig’s 4<sup>th</sup> gr.)
- Amy Szymanowski (Mrs. Edward’s 5<sup>th</sup> gr.)
- Katherine Rose (Mrs. Settle’s 5<sup>th</sup> gr.)

### ***SCS Welcomes an Old Friend***

It was a joy to welcome back Pastor Jim Harmeling and his wife Jacqui for a brief visit. Pastor Jim and Jacqui moved to Singapore this summer after serving at Southside Church and leading chapel at Southside Christian School for ten years. In addition to singing songs with the kids, Pastor Jim shared how God is using them to train pastors from all over Asia.





He encouraged the students to pray so that God's work can continue to happen in Singapore and throughout Asia. We look forward to seeing Pastor Jim back in the US in March when he returns with Santosh Makal, a pastor friend from India that Southside Christian School has become familiar with over the years.

### ***Would you like to Partner with SCS?***

We are grateful for those who support Southside Christian School. It is through friends like you that we are able to keep our tuition affordable while offering excellence in education. Please join us in praying for these specific needs:

- Funding to begin building a consolidated campus on the newly-acquired 30+ acres of land on Winston Road, Clayton.
- Scholarship funds to aid families experiencing hardships
- Technology equipment and software to keep our program on the cutting edge
- Funding for staff development

As always, we thank you for your continued loyalty to Southside Christian School and for your support in our efforts to fulfill the mission of exemplary Christ-centered education for our students.

### ***Join Us:***

Elementary Science Fair	February 21, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
Elementary Field Day	May 3, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.
Elementary Program (K4 – 5 <sup>th</sup> gr.)	May 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Kindergarten Graduation	May 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Elementary Awards Chapel	May 30, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.
Grandparents Day 2019	September 27, 2019

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