



SCS COUGAR

June 2009

June 1st, 2009

Principal's Message—Happy 25th Anniversary, Saskatoon Christian!

In looking at the history of SCS, it is evident the founders of our school were motivated by a high calling. From reading past Board minutes, the constitution, by-laws and policies, it is obvious that the men and women who founded SCS were operating out of conviction, not convenience, and viewed Christian education as a commitment, not a commodity. They knew it would take a great investment of time and resources for an independent Christian school to thrive (there was no relationship with Saskatoon Public Schools until much later). These founders loved children and understood the Biblical mandate of giving Christian parents sole responsibility for their children's education. They also understood that the investment they made would be returned many times over in the lives of their children, who would benefit from a distinctly Christian worldview education unavailable elsewhere in the city.

It is not an easy road to travel when entering into a long term relationship with independent Christian education. It takes courage, perseverance, and faith. With the world measuring success according to the accumulation of power, prestige and property, as Christians we are called

to measure success according to God's standards of humility and service. It is difficult, at times, to hold fast to the promise of Matthew 6:33, which states "Seek first His Kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Yet, for the last twenty-five years, Christian parents at SCS have sacrificed financially to have their children in a distinctly Christian learning environment.

Now, as the school is poised to enter its next quarter century, it will continue to develop students from Christian families "...to transforms lives through Christ-centered education." Like our predecessors, it will take focused perseverance, along with sacrifice, for families, staff, administration, SCS Board and students to complete this task. God has accomplished great things at SCS in the last twenty-five years, in spite of our human stumbling and bumbling. I anticipate He will continue, during the next twenty-five years, to accomplish even greater things despite similar failings on our frail part. Our calling is to live out Matthew 6:33 with pure hearts and motives, and as we trust and obey, repent and seek forgiveness when needed. He will then give us the desires of our hearts.

God bless the men and women who had the vision to start SCS. God bless those who fought the many battles over the years. God bless those who continue to carry the flame of hope for a truly distinctive Christian school at SCS. I believe Saskatoon Christian is uniquely positioned to become a great Christian school – one that will impact and transform our culture and God's Kingdom. Without question, the best is yet to come! And to God be the glory!

Upcoming Events:

- JUNE 9TH TO 13TH—SCS DINNER THEATRE
- JUNE 18TH TO 24TH—HIGH SCHOOL FINAL EXAMS
- JUNE 24TH—LAST DAY FOR K – 8
- JUNE 25TH—SCS SECONDARY AWARDS NIGHT AT 7PM

Inside this issue:

ELEMENTARY NEWS	2
HIGH SCHOOL NEWS	3
COMMUNITY NEWS	4

GOD IS GOOD! HIS FAITHFULNESS TO SCS IN THE PAST, PRESENTLY AND IN THE FUTURE WAS CELEBRATED THIS PAST WEEKEND! A very big thank you to all the organizers, musicians, decorators, cooks and to everyone that celebrated with us. It was a full weekend of praise and worship, visiting, listening to a thought-provoking speaker, lots of food, fun and fellowship during the day and again in the evening with lots of laughter. God has used each and every person to get the school to where it is today. We have been challenged this weekend to continue to lean on our Lord and Saviour for His direction in our lives and for the life of Saskatoon Christian School. Carolyn VanEe

"SCS is pleased to announce that Lori Modjeski and Leah Beutler have agreed to share the role of Development Officer at the School for a 6-month term starting immediately. One of their primary responsibilities will be to head up the capital campaign for the upcoming building expansion so rest assured that you will see and hear a lot from this dynamic duo over the coming weeks and months."

David A. Harris
Executive Director
Saskatoon Christian School

Elementary News



“Partnering together with home and church...”

Kindergarten

We have now finished our last PWIM theme. I'm so excited with how interested these students are in learning words! They are definitely on their way! Our play day swim is next week on the 11th. I need one adult for every 2 children...in the water! Please consider joining us. I don't have nearly enough help.
Remember to send green duotangs and library books on Friday. Keep working to the June goal of 200 books! Prizes await!
We're spending the month of June focusing on how God made each one of us special.

Grade 1

We are looking forward to a trip to the pond later this week. Please have your 'pond things' at school by Wednesday. A number of children have water bottles that they keep during the day in the cubbies. Feel free to send a water bottle if your child is interested. Congratulations to the class for their successful work on our PWIM Vocabulary words. Terrific work everyone!!!!!! Now we are on to using the frog vocabulary words in making up "Good Thinking" categories.

HELP! HELP! HELP! We need **more parents** from the **Kindergarten class to Grade Four** to help with our Fun Day Swimming Celebration on Thursday June 11. We are leaving on the bus at 12:30 for the Lawson Wave Pool. Please let us know if you can help!

Grade 3

There won't be a BMV or spelling this week due to the many activities and field trips this week. I need one more volunteer for the Children's Festival on Friday. Choir field trip Thursday for most of the day. Please have your child's bike and helmet here for the bike workshop Wednesday morning.

Grade 4

BMV: "Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right." Proverbs 20:11
Our class will leave promptly at 8:45 on Friday for our trip to Batoche. Thanks parent volunteers: Mrs. Brecht, Mrs. Gilmour, Mr. Jesse, Mrs. Neufeld, Mrs. Santha, Mrs. Thiessen, Mrs. Verdouw & Mrs. Yochim. Mrs. Stupak will be driving as the emergency vehicle.

**“THE LORD HAS SHOWN THEE, OH MAN, WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT THE LORD DESIRES OF THEE, BUT TO DO JUSTLY, AND TO LOVE MERCY AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH THY GOD”
MICAH 6:8**

Stay on the Wall!

It is hard to believe that only six years after completion of this building we are at a point of being “full”. Our enrollment is approaching 300+ for the fall and we have a number of families on waiting lists for many classes. SCS is definitely meeting a need in Saskatoon and area for a distinctively Christian education that many Christian families desire for their children.

As we move forward to begin the addition to this facility in the summer of 2009, the work of Nehemiah keeps coming to mind. He and his people rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem against all odds in fifty-two days. It was a great work of God performed by a wide variety of God's people. While I do not expect our addition of four classrooms and a multi-purpose room/performing arts classroom to go up in fifty-two days (it will be more likely about 6 – 8 months), it will be no less a work of God done by a wide variety of His people both in the SCS family and outside of it. Nehemiah's dedication and service stand as a vibrant witness of what a true servant of God is to be about, as do the gifts and work of those who will step forward for our new addition. In his day, Nehemiah was tempted to leave his work numerous times by those who did not want him and his people to finish the wall. They constantly were calling him away from his important work on the wall - they felt their needs and desires were more important than anything Nehemiah was doing. He realized they wanted to distract him from God's work, so he replied by sending this message to them: “I am doing a great work! I cannot stop to come and meet with you.” (Neh 6:2b – 3) He stayed on the wall to do the work God had called him to do.

Once the addition is complete, the work of SCS does not simply begin or take off from there – it began twenty-five years ago with the vision and plan for a Christian school in Saskatoon intended to build generations of Christian warriors who would stand in the gap for God's Kingdom. Like Nehemiah, we are faced with many opportunities that may distract us from the call that SCS has to “Partner together with home and church to transform lives through Christ-centered education.” I once read somewhere that it was said to be far easier to start a Christian school than to stay a Christian school. This refers to the fact that in the post-modern culture in which we live, the pull of the world on our families and children is a daily, tremendous battle for their hearts and minds. It is no less a struggle for Christian schools. I often use the example of Harvard as an example. Is Harvard a successful school? What is the measuring stick for “success”? If you look at the initial vision of the school, to be a religious school to train men and women for ministry, it has missed the mark at this point in the life of the school. But, it is an amazing school with an exceptional academic record. It started as a religious institution but moved into a different place because of the decisions of those in a position to give vision and direction to the school. We all must be constantly vigilant that we are not drawn into things that have no eternal significance to God or us. We must stay on the wall and complete the work God has for us. We must not lose our focus no matter how the devil tries to distract us. We need to realize that we are being watched by a growing body of young impressionable believers. If we step down from the Lord's work, they may stumble. So, at the onset of this project, I once again would call upon you to pray for SCS and those who will be on the wall. Pray for the wisdom, courage and strength to do His calling here at Saskatoon Christian. **D. Wiebe**



High School News & Sports

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1Timothy 4:12"

DINNER THEATRE IS BACK! June 9th to June 13th

Tickets for an evening of laughter and food are \$18 for the evening show and \$10 Saturday dessert matinee. The show, "Every Little Crook and Nanny" is a fun evening of "who dunnit" mixed with crazy characters. Tickets can be purchased from the students participating in the show or at the school office. It is **RUSH SEATING** and tickets will not be sold at the door as we need to know numbers for food. Tickets must be paid for at time of purchase. We will not hold tickets. Buy now, as we usually sell out all of the shows.

Lillie Scones is a sweet retired nanny who runs a boarding house with one resident and "a cat the size of the Louisiana Purchase." Her two friends, Jocelyn and Carmella, help to pass the time by listening to music and gossiping. Then Stuart, an old charge of hers rents a room. Lillie is tickled to have them around again, not knowing he is planning on robbing the bank on the corner.

Stuart's mind may not be totally on the bank job however, when he meets Betty who, unfortunately is engaged to Teddy. However, when Stuart finds out the Betty is about to graduate from an academy on the very night they plan to rob the bank, the perfect alibi presents itself -- why not go to the graduation, be seen there, sneak out and rob the bank.

Perfect, thinks Little Pat, Stuart's wise-cracking sidekick. Unfortunately for the two would-be crooks, the graduation is at a police academy!

Throw in a chief of police, a suspicious fiancé, and a half-pint brat with "an Al Capone do-it-yourself tool kit" who can and will get into anything, and nobody knows what will happen next. In the spirit of Frank Capra, this tale of a bank heist and three retired nannies has all the classic comedy twists and surprises fit for any audiences.

June 2009 Final Exam Schedule

	Thur. Jan. 18	Fri. Jan. 19	Mon. Jan 22	Tues. Jan 23	Wed. Jan24
9:00am	HIST 30	ELA B30	I.P. 30/CALC 30	Phys. 30	
	CHEM 20		I.P. 20	BIO 20	ELA 20
	C. ETH. 10	ELA B10	I.P. 10	C.W.E. 10	
	ELA B9	SCI 9	S.S. 9	MATH 9	P.E. 9
1:00pm		Math A30		Math C30	

Note: If there is no final exam time for scheduled for a class being offered this term, it is because there is no final exam for this class or it is being written in class due to special circumstance. Also, all Information Processing finals will be written in the computer lab not in the gym.

High School Chapel:

Friday, June 5 – period 3
(11:00a.m.)

Library News

All High School students must have their library books in by June 10th.

SCS Sports News

- Congratulations to Laura Dykstra for placing 2nd in Jr. Girls Triple Jump at the High School City Track & Field last Wednesday!

Laura will now compete in the SHSAA High School Provincial Track & Field Championships this weekend for the second consecutive year!

Way to go Laura! We are so proud of you!

- **NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!**
3 parents to help with the Grade 5-8 track day at SCS on TUESDAY. If you can help, please call the school or Mr. U at home at 384-9938.

SCS COMMUNITY NEWS



- **Reminder:** Early dismissal is every Thursday at 2:45
- **Facilities Meeting** at SCS on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00pm
- **SCS Breakthrough Prayer Team:** Every Monday morning at 8:45 the school's prayer team gathers to pray for all things concerning the school, it's staff, and it's families.
Loretta Littmann 477-2326 rettalittmann@yahoo.com Naomi Brecht 979-1436 brecht@shaw.ca
- The Board of the Saskatoon Society for Christian Education invites applications for the contract position of **Executive Director**

A detailed position description is available at www.saskatoonchristianschool.ca/Administrative.htm
The new position begins on July 1, 2009 or on a mutually acceptable date thereafter. Please send resumes and formal letters of application by May 31, 2009 to:

Search Committee
SSCE Board of Directors
Site 510, Box 8, RR 5
Saskatoon SK S7K 3J8
Fax: (306) 343-0366

Email: board@saskatoonchristianschool.ca

- SCS is seeking a part-time or full-time **Caretaker**. If you love customer service and take pride in your work, we would love to hear from you. Please email your resume, including references, to: ssce@saskatoonchristianschool.ca. We appreciate all applications. We will only respond to those candidates who meet the stated qualifications.
- **Notes from the Board Meeting held Tuesday, May 19, 2009**
 - There was an extensive discussion on transportation and rural bussing. David Harris (Executive Director) will initiate a task force comprised of rural families, Board members and Executive Director to examine options for bussing and bring recommendations back to the Board.
 - The motion to move ahead with the facility expansion was passed at the Spring Membership meeting; there was a discussion re: planning for the expansion and the possibility of interim plans (as new expansion will not be ready for occupancy prior to March, 2010).
 - A Mission Advancement Program (formerly called Capital Campaign) will be launched in order to provide financing for the building expansion and for future campus expansions.
 - David Harris to move ahead with hiring of the Development Officer (responsibilities will include the Mission Advancement Program) and the Administrative Assistant (who will provide administrative assistance to Executive Director, Development Officer and Finance Officer).
 - David Harris has developed a draft of an employee handbook for use by all support staff. This will be finalized and ready for staff use by Fall, 2009.
 - There was a motion to approve purchase of a video surveillance system, to be purchased with fundraising monies.
 - The Board received, reviewed and provided feedback to the regular monthly reports from both the Principal & Executive Director.
 - The Board reviewed the results of the second annual Board review.
 - If there are any questions, please contact the board at board@saskatoonchristianschool.ca.
- **Are you looking for a Christian daycare** for the summer? Christian Daycare—Kids 4 HIM Christ Centered Daycare, opening up on June 25, 2009. Hours are: 7:30am - 5:30pm. This daycare is located in Lakewood area. Age ranges from 6 weeks to 10 years. Prices range from \$500 - \$700 depending on the age of the child. Discounted rates for large families! For more details please contact Pearl Tseona at 717-3369.
- This is the last week for the milk program. Please remember to send other drinks in your lunches beginning June 8th.