

SUMTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Another school year is half over. If you do not know the Savior, this would be a great time to invite Christ into your heart and start the New Year with a new heart and a new life.

The gifts received from school parents and our church members for the teachers' Christmas bonus continue to come in, and the total will be announced later. We appreciate your generosity.

THE "DROP-IN NIGHT" is January 2. Reports cards will be issued that evening. For those who cannot come, report cards will be issued to the students the next day. This is something new for us, and we hope you can make it.

THE ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE will be held during school hours this year rather than at a PTF meeting. Four students from each grade (grades 1-6) will compete. Grades 1-3 will begin at noon, and grades 4-6 will begin at 1:00. Each group should last about 20-30 minutes. Parents of participating students will be notified by letter before the Christmas holidays, and parents are welcome to attend the competition. Four of the six winners will represent us in the state competition in Charleston March 2.

REGISTRATION for next year opens February 1 for current students. At the end of January, information concerning registration for the 2012-2013 year will be sent home with the students and posted on our website. The information will also be on the website. The matriculation fee will reserve a space for your child and cover processing expenses. Accounts must be current before re-enrollment fees can be accepted. The monthly increase in tuition will be published in the next letter. On March 1, registration opens to the public; and applications after then will be considered in the order in which they are received until classes are filled.

THE NUMBER OF UNEXCUSED ABSENCES allowed by South Carolina law is ten for grades or classes that meet all year. Only five unexcused absences are allowed for high school classes that meet one semester. Parents would do well to check the number of absences a child has on his report card (which is sent home Jan. 3). The total number of absences on the report card includes excused *and* unexcused absences. First semester ends December 16, and more than five unexcused absences should serve as a caution.

INCLEMENT WEATHER may greet us in the next few months. Schedule alterations occasioned by bad weather are usually made in conformity to the decisions of the Sumter School District. They are announced on radio stations WIBZ (81.9), WMHK (89.7), TV channel 10, and www.wistv.com. *The best way to check for cancellations or changes in the schedules is to go to www.sumterchristian.org and look at the right side of the home page under the "Announcement Board."*

BASKETBALL GAMES If your children under thirteen years of age attend home games, please be sure that an adult or older sibling accompanies them. Students should stay in the gym during basketball games, not in the parking lot, on the playground, etc.; other buildings are being cleaned. If you do not stay for the game(s), plan to return to get your child ninety minutes after the last game begins. Parents should not assume that a coach or teacher stays at school until someone arrives for your child. Your help with this is appreciated. All proceeds from the concessions go to the athletic department, and we appreciate your support of the teams.

Go Bears!



OUR ELEVENTH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP BANQUET will honor high school students (grades 9-12) that exemplify qualities of Christian character and leadership. The students who receive this honor will be announced in the next newsletter. Selected students (and their parents) will be notified before then so they can make plans to attend the banquet held in their honor.

Happy New Year!

Fundraiser

Information was sent home with the students about a fundraiser through schoolstore.com. If you did not get this information, please call the office. We appreciate your help with this.

FINE ARTS

Artwork to be submitted for the SCACS Fine Arts Festival is due to Mrs. Lundy early in January.

Speech, music, and art entries will be judged during the week of January 9-13. Please see Mrs. Lundy if you have questions. You may email her at finearts@sumterchristian.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 2 - Faculty in-service
Parent drop-in (4-7:00 pm)
Pick up report cards
Jan. 3 - First day after holidays
Jan. 12 - Elementary spelling bee
(during school hours)
Jan. 16 - School Holiday
Feb. 20 - School Holiday
Mar. 1 - Spring pictures
Mar. 15- report cards sent home
Mar. 22 - PTF (Fine Arts
Performance)
Apr. 6 - School Holiday
Apr. 9-13 - Spring Break
Apr. 17-20 - Achievement Testing