

SUMTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

We thank the Lord for all His provisions and goodness to us and for each family He sends to be a part of this ministry. We appreciate your prayers. School is off to a great start, and our enrollment is 234.

THE PARKING LOT TRAFFIC flow is moving along well. Please remember to stay in your car unless it is parked in a parking space. NEVER leave your car running if you get out. The lanes behind the building between the steps and the playground are not parking spaces. You may park in the spaces on either side of the light poles if you need to leave your car. We appreciate your help with this. The traffic chart to help the flow go more smoothly can be found on the homepage of our website (www.sumterchristian.org).

THE FIRST PTF MEETING is Thursday, October 20, and will include music from the Intermediate Band (grades 5-6), the Concert Band (grades 7-12), the 5th-6th grade choir, and the 7th-12th grade choir. We will induct new members into the Sumter Chapter of the American Christian Honor Society. New inductees will be announced in the November newsletter. Returning members are Kaitlyn Adams, Taylor Parker, Megan Poythress, Rachael Horne, Ashley Cookey-Gam, Taylor Seifert, and Rachel Waldron. The program will last less than an hour, and teachers will be available afterwards to meet with you. Report Cards are issued this day.

THE SECOND QUARTER begins October 17. Parents are reminded that four tardies in a quarter constitute a one-day suspension (or as the handbook stipulates, a \$20 fee in lieu of suspension if the parent so chooses). A letter of notice is sent home when a child accumulates three tardies in one quarter.

PSAT TESTS are administered each year to all tenth and eleventh grade students attending SCS. The date for testing this year is October 12 (during that morning at school). The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) will help prepare them for the SAT. The fee for each student is \$15.00. This will be assessed to your account, and you can pay it any time in October. Specific information has been sent home with the sophomores and juniors.

THE ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL will be Friday, November 4, from 6:15-9:00 p.m. This is our fifteenth Fall Festival, and it will surely provide an exciting and fun time for parents and students. Make it a family night, and come support our senior class. All proceeds help them with their expenses for the senior trip in May.

THE COUPON BOOKLET SALE is going well. The students, with your help, will raise over \$6,000 (hopefully). The exact amount will be reported in the next newsletter. The school board will soon decide how the funds will be used, and we will announce it in a subsequent newsletter. We thank the Lord for His provision through you. We could not do this without you!

EDLINE continues to be a valuable asset. If you have not activated your account yet, you should take advantage of this service. You can access your child's Progress Report and other academic information online. This will keep you informed regularly of your child's progress, rather than waiting for Progress Reports and Report Cards to be sent home. Your financial statements are also available here.

FINE ARTS There are many areas where students can use their talents and abilities in fine arts (vocal and instrumental music, photography, art, crafts, Bible memory, preaching, recitation, academic testing, etc.). We want you to be aware of the events available to your child and give you plenty of time for planning and practice. Rules will be sent home soon with those who sign up. The deadline to sign up for any participation is November 14. All deadlines for the various categories are absolute. All three bands will compete in the state competition next spring, and all band students are required to attend. Mrs. Lundy, our fine arts director, can answer any questions you may have. You may call her at school or email her at finearts@sumterchristian.org. Music selections must be approved by November 28, and original copies of the music are required for the judges and accompanist.

YEARBOOK ads are being sold by our yearbook staff. If you want to advertise your business in the yearbook or place a personal ad for your child, please contact Mr. Marritt at school or email him at matt.marritt@sumterchristian.org.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION is going well. Please continue to send all Box Tops from General Mills, etc. to your child's teacher or to the office. Mrs. Kathy Beam is our volunteer coordinator for this, and we appreciate her help!

PRIVATE LESSONS are available after school in voice and various band instruments. Call Mrs. Lundy if you are interested. The best time to reach her at school is between 10:30 and 11:00; or you may email her at jennifer.lundy@sumterchristian.org.

Coming Soon
FALL FEST
Nov. 4