

SUMTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

JANUARY 2010 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 totaled \$1,500. The school added \$1,800 to that so we were able to give \$175 to each full-time staff member and \$75 to each part-time staff. We appreciate your generosity.

THE PTF MEETING is January 7. The annual elementary Spelling Bee will begin at 7:00 p.m. Four students from each grade (grades 1-6) will compete. Four of the six winners will represent us in the state competition in Charleston March 5. Teachers will be available to meet with you in the classrooms after the program.

REGISTRATION for next year opens February 1 for current students. At the end of January, you will receive information concerning registration for the 2010-2011 year. 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. 7). The total number of absences on the report card includes excused *and* unexcused absences. First semester ended December 18, and more than five unexcused absences should serve as a caution.

OUR NINTH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP BANQUET will honor high school students (grades 7-12) that exemplify qualities of Christian character and leadership. The students receiving this honor will be Ashlyn McLeod, Ashley Coockey-Gam, Cody Guest, Megan Poythress, Natalie Dyson, Kelsey Gainey, Ashley McGranaghan, Stacy McLeod, Ashley Dannelly, Nicole Jackson, Pam Scales, and Sam Scales. Congratulations!

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 District 17. They are announced on radio stations WIBZ (81.9), WMHK (89.7), TV channel 10, and www.wistv.com. Normally, recorded information will be available on the answering machine at school. If the machine does not answer, continue calling since the machine can only answer one call at a time. No "busy signal" will be given since calls are rolled over to another line if the main line is in use. Only the school's main line (773-1902) will activate the answering machine. *The best way to check is to go to our website (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.

Happy New Year!

Walk-A-Thon

Our school board is planning this as a fundraiser in March or April to raise money for new playground equipment. Please encourage your children as they participate. More information will be provided later.

FINE ARTS

Artwork to be submitted for the SCACS Fine Arts Festival is due to Mr. Rollings January 8. No artwork will be accepted after this date.

Speech, music, and art entries will be judged during the week of January 11-15. Please see Mr. Rollings if you have questions.



See the basketball schedule and plan to attend as many games as you can. It will be a fun night of fellowship for you, and the players will appreciate your support. All proceeds from the concessions go to the athletic department.

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 6 - First day after holidays
Jan. 7 - PTF (Spelling Bee)
Report Cards go home.
Jan. 18 - School Holiday
Feb. 1 - Re-enrollment begins
Feb. 15 - School Holiday
Mar. 1 - Enrollment opens to the public
Mar. 4 - Spring pictures
Mar. 18 - PTF (Fine Arts Performance)
Mar. 29-Apr. 2 - Easter Vacation
Apr. 12-16 - Achievement Testing
May - See the annual calendar