

# SFCA UPDATE

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“The Lord himself goes before  
you and will be with you.”

**Deuteronomy 31:8**

*A note from Administrator Parks*

Dear Heavenly Father,

I just want to thank you for this school, for all the ways that you have provided for and cared for us. I am honored that we can be a small part of your work here on earth. I pray that you will continue to use us to do your will.

As we get ready to open another year, we rest on your promise to go out before us and to be with us. I pray that you will move mightily within our school and use us to move mightily in this community; that we would bring honor and glory to your Name.

I pray for the families that are sending their children to Seeds – that this investment would bring about eternal fruit and build a strong Christian foundation.

I pray for the staff as they prepare for the year. Give them wisdom to teach the students and to guide them in your truths.

And finally, I pray for the students. Prepare their hearts to learn not only the academics of the year, but also to learn what is most important, and ongoing personal relationship with you.

We thank you, again, for your blessing on our school. Protect us and guide us through another year. Help us to be a blessing to those around us.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

## Aug. /Sept. 2016

### Dates to Note

Aug. 24: Kdg./New Student Orientation 6pm, Chapel  
Aug. 25: K-Prep Orientation 6pm, Church of the Brethren  
Aug. 30: First Day of School  
Sept. 2: Falcon Friday  
Sept. 5: No School – Labor Day  
Sept. 12: PTF Meeting 6:00 (Room 202)  
Sept. 13: Back to School night K-12 (5:30-7:30)  
Sept. 19: School Pictures  
Sept. 28: “See You at the Pole” All-School Prayer (8:16)  
Sept. 28 Jr. Envirothon (7<sup>th</sup>&8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

### Dates on the Horizon

Oct. 7: No School Teacher Act 80 Day  
Oct. 10: No School Parent Teacher Conferences  
Oct. 14: K-Prep Grandparent's Day Program  
Oct. 19: Grade 11 PSAT Test  
Oct. 21: Picture Make-up  
Oct. 21: Grades K-5 Grandparent's Day Program  
Oct. 24: Life Steps Screening K-Prep 4&5

### PTF

#### Save your Campbell's labels and Box Tops

Collection of the Campbell's Labels and Box Tops will begin on September 26<sup>th</sup> and continue till Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>. The class with the most will win an ice cream party. This program helps SFCA to purchase classroom materials as well as sports education materials. The more that we are able to collect the more we are able to purchase. The PTF will be distributing collection boxes to place either in your church or in your business, they will be available at the first PTF meeting September 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your participation.

# SFCA Athletics

Welcome back students and families to another year of SFCA athletics. I am happy to say that this is our first year hosting a soccer team. I am also excited to welcome our new coach Mike Kroll. Practices started August 11.

Practices are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday @ Summit Church from 4:00-5:30pm.

Here is a list of our upcoming games and please come out and support our team.

#1 August 29<sup>th</sup> away vs. Western PA School for the Deaf (WPSD) @ 4pm

#2 September 1<sup>st</sup> Home vs. Evangel Heights @ 4pm

#3 September 19<sup>th</sup> Home vs. Calvary @4pm

#4 September 23<sup>rd</sup> away vs. Cornerstone @ 4pm

#5 October 6<sup>th</sup> Home vs. Cornerstone @ 4pm

#6 October 17<sup>th</sup> Home vs. WPSD

\*\*\*\*With basketball right around the corner, we will be looking for new basketball coaches for both boys and girls basketball. If you're interested please email Molli Duchon at [duchonm@seedsoffaithacademy.org](mailto:duchonm@seedsoffaithacademy.org)\*\*\*\*

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## Volunteers

\*SFCA depends on volunteers to make the year run smoothly. As the year begins, those who receive financial aid are asked to donate service hours back to the school. Mrs. Reese is working on a Graystone cleaning schedule. This year, we are scheduling only 2 days/week for each family. If cleaning is a good way for your family to fulfill service hours, and you would like more days, call the office to have Mrs. Reese schedule you more days.

\*In future Newsletters, this section will be full of areas in which we could use help.

- Removal & disposal of Microwave Stand
- Microwave removed from Graystone & disposed of properly - SFCA can pay fee
- Lunch Duty Volunteers M-F, 11:30-12:30

\*All requests in this section count as volunteer hours!

\*Please make sure you are logging your approved volunteer hours in the book at Mrs. Reese's desk.



*“The greatest among you will be your servant.” Matthew 23:11*

# Easy Ways You Can Help SFCA

## Martin's A+ School REWARDS

Use your bonus Card while shopping at Martin's and a percentage will be given to SFCA. Encourage family and friends who shop at Martin's to participate. All that you need to do is register their card on-line, at the service desk, or bring the number in to the school.

## Labels for Education/Campbell's Soup

Please continue to collect these labels, more information to follow.

## BOXTOPS for Education

Collect box tops from participating boxes, more information to follow.

Remember to use **smile.amazon.com** when ordering from Amazon.

THANK YOU!!



# August & September BIRTHDAYS



## Happy Birthday to the following SFCA Staff & Students

### AUGUST

Braydon Albright  
Corydon Metcalf  
Annabelle Patterson  
Mrs. Wilson  
Victoria Sharp  
Mrs. Killam

### SEPTEMBER

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Alexa Rudyk     | Ezra Wadding    |
| Mrs. Reese      | Mrs. Ruhl       |
| Riley Syster    | Carson Shobert  |
| Mrs. Kodman     | Luke Shepler    |
| Mrs. McCullough | Taylor McDowell |
| Elliott Clayton | Benjamin Davis  |
| Mr. Johnson     | Daniel Sung     |
| Madison Kodman  |                 |



Dear Seeds of Faith Parents,

Hello! I'm excited to be the new choral director and general music teacher this year. I've been a musician all my life in a variety of bands, orchestras, and choirs, and I'm looking forward to working with your kids in a subject I love. We'll be working with a new music curriculum, "Spotlight on Music," and I want to give the elementary students a solid foundation in pitch and rhythm skills while just learning to enjoy music.

For middle/high school chorus, we'll work with some fun repertoire and develop the students' singing abilities. I hope to take a few interested high school students to County Chorus and the PMEA District Chorus festival in the spring, and I'll make sure to share all relevant information with you closer to the time.

As you may have guessed from our names, I am indeed Dr. Kuehn's daughter. The music department will have no trouble getting along or collaborating with each other! I grew up in Indiana and recently moved back here after spending several years in Washington, D.C. and some time in Wisconsin. I'm a member of Word of Grace Fellowship, and I am so thankful to be able to fully live, fully loved by Jesus. I'm glad for the opportunity to teach your kids to not only know music better, but to know Jesus better.

I'm already praying for your kids, and I look forward to meeting them and growing with them in Christ this year!

Mary Kuehn

## WELCOME MESSAGE – Fall 2016

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Dear Band Parents:

I was glad to come to SFCA last April to help with the band's spring concert and to see the instrumental program through to the end of the year. Now I believe it is the Lord's will that I come back this fall in the same capacity.

For those of you whom I have not yet met, my DMA is from the University of Colorado. I have taught instrumental music 4-12 and at the university level for 45 years, including 31 years in the IUP music department and the IUP University School.

The strength and potential for improvement in any band program lies in the quality of the lessons the students are receiving and the personal work they put into those lessons. A band can only improve as each member in the band improves. That is why I have contacted you twice recently concerning the importance of summer music lessons.

Despite its relatively small student body, SFCA offers a very unique opportunity for lessons. This fall, in addition to band rehearsals, I will continue to give 30-minute private lessons to every student every week. This is something that is not offered by any other school in Indiana County.

Practice at home is every student's homework, just as similar assignments are expected of them in other subjects. Therefore I will also continue to expect each student to practice diligently and come prepared for every lesson.

In this way, all band students are being helped to become all the Lord has in His will for their musical aptitude.

I am looking forward to a good year together.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Kuehn

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## PTF Update

Hello all, hopefully the summer finds you well. PTF will have their first meeting Monday, September 12th at 6pm. Please plan on attending. We are still looking for someone to be the PTF Secretary, if you are interested, please contact either Rita or I through our PTF emails. This year we will be asking parents to sign up for specific events vs. 'committees'. This seems to have worked better in previous years and last year's committees seemed to have struggled getting people who signed up to participate. There will be plenty of chances to sign up for different events that will take place during the day as well as on the weekends. Please make sure that you sign these sheets as they will be used to contact you near the dates that have been predetermined. We look forward to seeing the new faces and those who are returning.

Robin Patterson – PTF President



Dear Parents,

It's almost time for another school year! I hope everyone has enjoyed the warm weather and got an opportunity to do some fun summertime activities!

My name is Jeniece Duchon. This will be my fourth year of teaching at SFCA. This upcoming school year I will be teaching Art for grades K-8 and 11-12, Computer for grades K-8 and 11-12, and I will also be teaching LLL: Library, Language, Life Skills for grades K-5. I am very excited for another school year at Seeds of Faith.

In Art, I will use creative projects that will teach students the elements and principles of art as well as allow them to express themselves. For each grade, I want to give the students an opportunity to use a variety of materials to create 2-dimensional pieces as well as 3-dimensional pieces of artwork. I will give each grade an opportunity to do a variety of drawing, painting, and 3-D work such as sculpture. I will also tie Art History into the lessons so students will know where certain art processes originated. Not only do I want to tie Art History into the lessons, but I also want to tie Christian beliefs into the lessons so students continue to learn their Christian morals and continue to learn about our Creator. Students in grades K-8 will meet for Art once a week and the 11-12 class will meet twice a week.

In Computer, I will use a variety of projects that will give the students experience in using Microsoft programs such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher. I will also have the students' complete activities that will give them experience using the Internet, and using programs to progress typing skills. For each grade, I want to give the students an opportunity to experience using the different programs and the different tools the computer has to offer. As in art, I will also tie in Christian beliefs into the projects that the students create. Students in grades K-8 and 11-12 will meet for Computer once a week.

In LLL: Library, Language, Life Skills the students will meet in the SFCA Library once a week. While in the library the students will be given the opportunity to check out books to take home for a week and will complete activities to help strengthen their everyday speech, vocabulary, and comprehension.

If you have any questions or suggestions, or would like to donate any supplies for Art, Computer, or LLL please email me at [duchon@seedsoffraithacademy.org](mailto:duchon@seedsoffraithacademy.org). For art, I am always looking for white drawing paper, watercolor paper, and craft supplies such as feathers, pipe cleaners, etc. For LLL, you may donate books for the library that are more recent and in good condition. For Computer, I will take donations of computer programs that will work on multiple computers.

Once again, please feel free to email me with any questions or suggestions.

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year! God Bless!

Jeniece Duchon

# SFCA Beginning of the Year Reminders

## Office Information

- Please make sure the school has your current e-mail address, as this is our primary means of communication.
- When sending money or information to the office in an envelope, please identify on the outside of the envelope what is inside.
- If your student will be going home with someone other than you, we need to have that information at the school office. Please send a note to the school. We will not accept verbal dismissals from children who say it is okay. The note, email, or fax must come directly from parents to the school. This is a safety policy, and we appreciate you help with this.

## Business Office

Families who receive financial aid: if you have not yet submitted a copy of your 1040 tax return, please do so in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Business Office by Sept. 5th.

## Medication

- We have a new policy for the 2016 - 2017 SY regarding dispensing of medication. SFCA will no longer be supplying medication for students. We suggest that if you know your child(ren) may need medication throughout the year, send in a bottle with the form (found on the website or in the office) and drop it off to Mrs. Reese for Graystone, Mrs. Caldwell for West Campus or Mrs. McCullough for Chruch of the Brethren. More information is located in the Student Handbook on the website.

## Lunch

- Milk cards are available for purchase at the office for \$6.00
- Microwaves are available for reheatable lunch items. Food should already be in containers that are ready to heat, and should take no longer than 2 minutes to heat. Please do not send frozen dinners. We have a limited amount of time to heat lunches for the students.
- **If you are packing your child's lunch, please send in eating utensils.**

## Arrival & Pick-up

- Student arrival time is: 7:45-7:55

While you may see staff and their children in the building prior arrival time, they are preparing for their day. Please honor the arrival time and do not drop off students before 7:45.

- Students should report directly to their homerooms upon entering the building.
- When we dismiss students for the day, bus students are loaded first, and then students who are picked up are dismissed.
- Parents picking up students at the end of the day should enter the parking lot from School Street, and wait until a staff member directs to move forward.

## Falcon Friday

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, students may pay \$1.00 to wear jeans or capris (**No ripped jeans**) and falcon shirts. All of the money collected will be donated to a charity each month.

## Rained Out

Sign up for the Rained Out message service by texting **SFCASCHOOL to 84483**

If you were signed up last year, you will need to sign up for this year. The names and numbers from last year were purged at the end of the

## Website

If you have not bookmarked our website, I encourage you to do so!

**[seedsofffaithacademy.org](http://seedsofffaithacademy.org)**

We are in the process of uploading the Student Handbook. There is a live link to our School Calendar and FAQs. Lots of good information!

# SFCA Reminders

## Falcon Fridays

Students and staff are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing SFCA T-Shirts and Polos on Falcon Friday, which is the first Friday of the month. Students may also wear jeans on this day IF they bring a \$1 donation. The September, October, and November ministry that will benefit from the donation will be “**Operation Christmas Child**” with Samaritan’s **Purse**. Please, no torn or frayed jeans. Thank you!

## Scrip

Scrip orders are due on Thursday mornings. Thank you for promptly turning your order in by noon!

## Milk Cards

Milk Cards are \$6.00 for 20 milk cartons.

## Tuition

Tuition payments are due the first of each month. A \$40 late fee is added if payment is not received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please contact Megan Rudyk, SFCA Business Manager, at 724-463-7719 with questions.

## School Delays

A reminder, if SFCA does NOT close or delay, busing follows your home school district’s closings or delay schedule. Students will be excused in these situations. Parents are welcome to transport their own children on days their district busing is delayed or not operating.

In the event SFCA delays or cancels a school day, please refer to the following outlets:

### Radio

Renda Broadcasting Stations:  
AM 1160 WCCS  
AM 1450 WDAD  
FM 106.3 WLCY  
FM 92.5 WQMU  
FM 105.1 WMUG

### School Cast

<http://www.iu28.org/schoolcast>

### Television:

KDKA  
WTAE  
WTAJ  
WJAC  
WPXI

### Rained Out:

Receive Text messages to your phone. (See info at right to sign up.)

### RenWeb:

Receive an email regarding cancellation.

### Facebook

Check regularly for updates!

## Parent Help



### RenWeb

RenWeb is a great tool to keep track of your student’s grades. Haven’t logged in yet or need help? Please call Sheila Reese at 724-463-7719.



### Rained Out

Get the latest information on cancellations and school delays sent directly to your phone. To sign up send a text to 84483 with the message “SFCASCHOOL” You will receive a confirmation text stating you have successfully been added to the list.