

SFCA UPDATE

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“For where two or three have gathered in My name, I am there in their midst.”

Matthew 18:20

A note from Administrator Parks

God promises to be with us when we gather to pray. Individually, we devote time to prayer. As a staff, we devote time to prayer. Now, we are inviting our school family to join us in a time of prayer for our school.



On April 22, 2016 at 7:30am, we are inviting our school family to join us in Graystone’s Chapel for a time of prayer and thanksgiving. I would also like to invite you to stay and join our chapel service that begins at 8:05am.

2016-2017 School Year Enrollment Dates to Remember

April 1, 2016: Regular Enrollment Fees Begin
April 15, 2016: Deadline to submit application to FACTS for Financial Aid

April 2016

Dates to Note:

April 1: Falcon Friday
April 2: Family Fun Fest – Indiana Mall
April 8: Elementary Speech Meet, Sarver, PA
April 9: Fine Arts Spaghetti Fundraiser
April 12: Spring Concert @ Summit Church
April 8: PTF Meeting (Room 202) @ 6:00pm
April 15: Snow Day (No School)
April 18: Snow Day (No School)
April 22: Mid Quarter progress reports grades 2-12
April 25-28: Grades 3-7 Standardized Testing
April 29: Math Olympics Grades 3-8, Butler, PA

Dates on the Horizon

May 6: Falcon Friday
May 9-13: Final 11th & 12th grade class
May 10: Sports Awards Banquet (Rustic Lodge)
May 16-20: Senior Class Trip
May 24: Pre-K3 Last Day of School/End of year Program 9:30am
May 25: Pre-K4 Last Day of School/End of year program 9:30am
May 25: Kindergarten Last Day of School/Graduation 6:00pm
May 26: Grades K-5 & 9th Field Day – S&T Arena
May 26: Senior Graduation @ Summit Church
May 27: Last day of School – dismissal 11:30am
Teacher Act 80 Day

PTF Events

Calendar Note: The snow day scheduled for May 13th will now be a school day.

SFCA Athletics

Athletics

Track and Field dates to remember:

April 23rd Robinson TWP Christian School Meet at Beaver Falls, PA

April 30th NCSAA meet at Beaver Falls, PA

May 14th ACSI meet at Bangor, PA

Fine Art Dinner Bake Sale:

We are fundraising for new uniforms for next year in basketball and soccer. We are holding a bake sale during the fine arts dinner. I am looking for volunteers to help man the table and to bake items to sell. Please contact Mrs. Duchon at duchonm@seedsofffaithacademy.org if you would like to help. Thank you so much in advance.

2016-2017 Sports:

Co-ed Soccer

Volleyball

Varsity Girls Basketball

Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Co-ed Track and Field

Molli Duchon

Athletic Director duchonm@seedsofffaithacademy.org

Volunteers Needed

SFCA needs volunteers to assist with the following tasks. The end of the year is quickly approaching and scholarship monies for next year are partially dependent on this year's service hours. Please make sure you are logging your volunteer hours in the office. If you can help, please call the school at 724-463-7719. These qualify for service hours.

- Clean windows in Graystone
- Lunch Duty Helper on Tuesdays, Wednesday or Fridays 11:45am – 1pm.
- Volunteers for the Fine Arts Spaghetti Dinner on April 9th
- Help with Athletic Banquet
- Help with Senior Graduation



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

Box Tops and Campbell's Labels

Please continue to collect Box Tops and Campbell's Labels. We are looking to expand this program. If you are willing to be part of bringing Box Tops/Campbell's Labels to your church or workplace so others can also help us earn funding for the school, please let Patty Hood, our Coordinator, know. She can be reached via email at: matkatmom@hotmail.com or phone: 724-464-8791



PTF Update

Hello all,

The next PTF meeting will be Tuesday, April 5th in which we will be electing officers & committee heads for next year. The year is winding up and will have only one more meeting after April so please plan on attending, there is much to go over. There will be functions during the summer months and for the beginning of the next school year. Hope to see you there.

Robin Patterson,
PTF President

Yearbook Photos needed

Email SFCA event photos to:
rudyk@seedsofffaithacademy.org
for consideration in the 2015-2016
Yearbook.

Upcoming Art Event

Dear SFCA Family and Friends,

This is another friendly reminder that the SFCA Fine Arts Dinner is coming up quickly on Saturday April 9th. It will be held from 4:00pm to 6:30pm at Graystone Church. The cost for the dinner is \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children ages 6-12, and Free for children ages 5 & under. Your dinner will include a plate of spaghetti with your choice of meat sauce or regular sauce, side salad, bread with butter, a cupcake for dessert, and your choice of drink. At the dinner there will also be a student artwork display, sets of glass magnets designed by the students for sale, a bake sale to benefit athletics, and baskets on a silent auction including items such as Essential Oils, Regis Hair Salon, Great Clips Hair Salon, Movie Theater Passes, Vera Bradley, Car Supplies, and many more. I am also still in need of volunteers to help man the entrance table and the magnet sale table, and still in need of volunteers to help serve food and clean up. If you are interested in helping in any of those areas please contact me at duchon@seedsofffaithacademy.org or leave a message in my mailbox at the school.

God Bless,

Jeniece Duchon

Art/LLL/Computer

Teacher Feature

Dear SFCA Families and Friends,

I cannot believe that it is already the 4th quarter, with the end of year right around the corner! The Kindergarten through 5th grade students have had a wonderful time in LLL: Library, Language, Life Skills. Here are some of the things that have been happening in all the areas of LLL:

Library:

On the weeks we have library, the kindergarten through 5th grade students get to have some time to relax and enjoy a good book. Throughout the class period as the students look through the several books we have in the SFCA Library, they get to decide on a book that they can “checkout” and take home with them to enjoy too. I am also given the opportunity to read books to the younger students, and Dr. Seuss books have been very popular recently since the students just learned about him and celebrated his birthday.

Language

In Language, the students get to begin to learn basic vocabulary in Spanish. The Kindergarten and 1st grade classes recently learned colors in Spanish through a St. Patrick’s Day themed activity, the 2nd and 3rd grade classes recently learned the numbers 1-40 in Spanish through a series of worksheets and activities, and the 4th/5th grade class is creating their own Spanish Vocabulary Flashcards on the computer.

Life Skills

In Life Skills, the students learn about things that can have an effect on their everyday lives. The Kindergarten through 2nd grade classes recently created “Tattle Monsters” and learned the different between tattling and telling. The 3rd through 5th grade classes have been working on creating Illustrated Agendas which allow the students to document the events that take place in their lives throughout a school week (Monday-Friday). This activity has reinforced the students time telling abilities and art abilities.

The students have been doing an amazing job in LLL this year. If you have any questions or comments please email me at duchon@seedsofffaithacademy.org.

God Bless,

Jeniece Duchon

Art/Computer/LLL



"Preschool 3 with the Cat in the Hat"



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"Kindergarten"

Classroom Updates

Preschool 3

Preschool 3- Celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a visit from the Cat in the Hat. They had cupcakes with the Cat and played ring around the rosy. They finished off this special day reading the book Dr. Seuss's ABC. The three year olds have also been very busy studying their favorite nursery rhymes and then re-enacting them using various props.

Preschool 4

Preschool 4 – Also celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a visit from the Cat in the Hat. They had cupcakes with the Cat and asked him a variety of questions. They finished off this special day reading the book The Cat in the Hat. The four year olds enjoyed two weeks of fun focused on Dr. Seuss books. Their favorite book was Green Eggs and Ham. They followed up reading the book by cooking green eggs and ham. Just like Sam I am – they tried them and learned that they do like green eggs and ham!

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten class has grown so much spiritually, academically, and physically since the start of school. One area of growth this month has been with the students reading! It is funny, now when I am reading to the students and skip over a word, they are quick to remind me that I missed that word! Also, the excitement in their eyes is priceless when they are able to recognize words on the screen in Chapel and follow the words as we sing.

During the week of March 14 thru the 18, our class read many Dr. Seuss books and completed activities that went along with the books. The class favorite was *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*, for which we made Oobleck after reading

the book. We were also very thankful to the first grade parents for bringing the play *Hunches of Bunches* to our school. That was a great way to end our week of Dr. Seuss activities!

First Grade

During the week of March 14, first grade students enjoyed a week-long celebration of Dr. Seuss. Several parents visited our classroom throughout the week to read some *Seussical* classics and then followed up by leading the students in various games and activities including making *oobleck*, a green gooey substance. In addition, the parents provided a fun snack of *green eggs and ham*. As a culmination of the celebration, *Stage Right*, a student theater company, presented *Hunches in Bunches*, a high-energy musical, which got the elementary students dancing and moving with the cast.

Another literary venture this year has been the partnering of first graders in a language arts tutorial with Mrs. Caldwell's ninth and tenth grade English students. Their latest project being a creative writing endeavor to produce their own book, co-authored and illustrated.

Naturally, Bible class has been all about the first Easter. Students were given the opportunity to be able to retell parts of the Biblical account using the *Resurrection Eggs*.

First graders are looking forward to going to the IUP planetarium to view a program that will coordinate with their science unit on the sun, stars, and planets. Weather-permitting, students will walk to the planetarium on April 21.



"1st Grade with Stage Right"

Second Grade

The second grade class just finished a science unit on various environments around the world. They discovered that God's creativity can be found everywhere from the dry sandy desert to the colorful, lush rainforest! All environments have living and non-living things. Our research showed us that the non-living parts of an environment affect what can live in a place. We read all about the desert, the tundra, the woodland forest, the rainforest, the ocean and the pond environments. Each of the second graders chose an environment and created a diorama. The results were impressive! Their smiling faces show how proud they are of their masterpiece!



"2nd Grade Students with their Science Projects"

Third Grade

The 3rd graders have moved well-passed "Multiplication Masters," and are now conquering "Division Facts" like seasoned professionals. We also celebrated Dr. Seuss, during our "Wacky" week of March 14-18th. Our class read fun stories, did crazy activities, experimented with messy science labs, played games, and had loads of fun dealing with each Dr. Seuss book we read. The students voted, and the two most exciting activities were making "green oobleck," during science, and making "green eggs & ham," as a baking experiment. In 3rd grade, we just love our sweets, so we made our "green eggs and ham" using pretzels, Hershey kisses, and green M&M's...YUMMY!!!!



"Green Eggs & Ham"



"Wacky Wednesday"



"Green oobleck"

Fourth/Fifth Grade

The students in Mrs. Wilson's 4th/5th grade classroom are working in their showcase portfolios and have just completed their descriptive essays. Each student chose someone whom they wanted to describe in a colorful essay using adjectives.

As part of their study of the framers and the writing of the Constitution, all eleven students memorized the Preamble to the Constitution.

In our study of the Easter story, we were reminded of the meaning of Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday, and the profound joy that Easter brings to those who truly believe. Moving forward, the students have chosen to study Samuel, David, Absalom, Elijah, and Elisha.

It is our hope that the promise that Easter brings, your faith has been renewed and your joys will be many. God bless you all!

West Campus News

Mrs. Partida's Spanish & Bible Classes

In Spanish classes, we have been taking a step back to review what we have learned so far and reinforced daily vocabulary and language rules. Some of the Spanish classes are in the midst of creating and preparing to describe their ideal home in the target language. In Bible classes, we have been looking at God's design for Biblical marriage, how God weaves circumstances, people, and abilities into our lives to make the beautiful tapestry that is our life, and we have looked at the kings of the Old Testament and the lessons that we can learn from them.

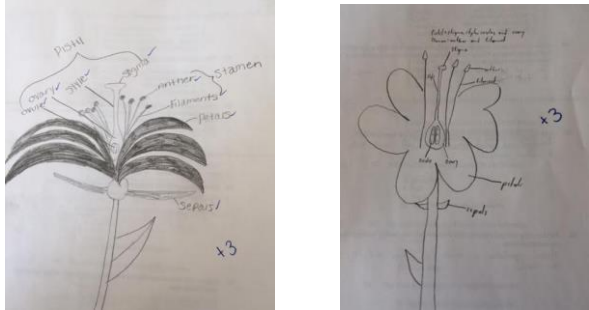
Mrs. Caldwell's Government Class

The seventh and eighth graders have embarked on their medieval journey. As part of the world history curriculum, the students work on research papers and numerous projects culminating in Seeds of Faith Medieval Fair held in May. During fair day, the 7th and 8th grade students will dress in costume, present their 6 projects and research along with games and medieval treats to the elementary students.

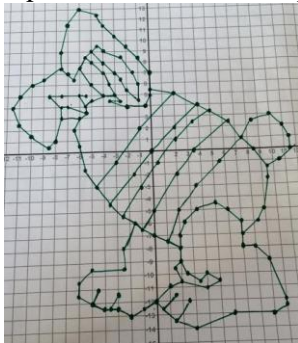
Mrs. Ruhl's Science Classes

Biology – In Biology, we have been studying organism classification. The students came up with their own tricks to remember the hierarchy! Two of my favorites were, “Da King Pickle Calls Off Future Genetic Studies,” and “Do Kids Play Classical, Ordinary, Gentle Songs?”

Life Science – We have been studying plants in Life Science! Most recently, the students learned about seed and fruit growth, as well as the many parts of a plant. They drew and labeled their own plants to demonstrate their knowledge.



Pre-Algebra – In Pre-Algebra, we have been studying two-variable equations and graphing lines. To prepare for graphing lines, we plotted points – and the points made pictures of Easter shapes!



Algebra 2 – In Algebra 2, we have been using prime factor trees to simplify radicals. One example of problems that students were solving is below. See if your child can solve it!

$$\text{Simplify } \sqrt[4]{240x^4y^{11}z}$$

Biology 2 – In Biology 2, we are finishing up our study of the human digestive system! We have been talking about the organs and their functions, how our bodies digest and use food, and healthy diets.

Physical Science – Students in Physical Science are working hard to understand Newton's three laws of motion! To look more in depth at Newton's Third Law, groups of students used balloons on a string to see opposite and equal reactions.

Mr. Johnson's Bible Classes

The 6th/7th Bible class has continued to examine and discuss lessons from Old Testament Kings and other characters, especially in the period of the Kingdom United. I continue to be impressed in how the students presented their own lessons to the class using Scripture and technology. Currently they are making cards of encouragement to send to two refugee girls who fled Mosel with their families. I am delighted that the students want to do this and how they continue to discuss some very important spiritual topics in a very practical way.

Mrs. Killam's English Classes

Mrs. Killam's English classes are super readers! Grade 6 is reading *Bridge to Terabithia*, and continuing to read *Kisses from Katie*. Grades 7 and 8 are each reading *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* as a class, and also are continuing to read *The Magician's Nephew* as an independent reading assignment. Grades 11 and 12 just began a poetry unit in which they are learning to analyze poetry, and they are continuing to read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* as their independent reading assignment.

Mr. Gillenwater's Math Classes

Course 1 participants (6th graders) are finishing up with fractions, having learned how to do all sorts of neat tricks with those, and are looking ahead to ratios, proportions, and percents. They will be learning about things such as scale drawings, cross products and even how to leave a 15% tip, so if you are out to dinner and the check comes, give your brain a rest and test their new skills!

The Algebra 1 students have been moving steadily through the material; they are currently navigating graphs and functions...yes, indeed, they are putting the *fun* back in function! Function rules, tables, graphs and the like. Soon they will be moving on to linear equations and their graphs. Getting to the 'meat and potatoes' of algebra, to be sure!

The Geometry Three ended Quarter Three by constructing some super sweet, homemade pop-up books. They are a very proud bunch when it comes to these projects, and I'm always so grateful for their enthusiasm. They have graduated from the three-sided side of things, into the four-sided. Yes, quadrilaterals have landed! They are getting to know strange, new creatures such as the oft' misunderstood but well-intentioned rhombus(!) and the high-flying, death-defying trapezoid!

SFCA Reminders

School Delays

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 April ministry that will benefit from the donation will be “**Soles for Jesus.**” 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 10th of the month. Please contact Megan Rudyk, SFCA Business Manager, at 724-463-7719 with questions.

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.