

# SFCA UPDATE

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“For with God, nothing shall  
be impossible.”

**Luke 1:37**

*A note from Administrator Parks*



This has been an amazing school year! I have spent time thinking back over all we have accomplished, and I am amazed. My favorite memories have been during the worship part of the weekly chapel. To me, it is a glimpse of what Heaven will be; all ages lifting their voices, singing to the Lord.

As this year comes to a close, I am encouraged as I see all God's blessings on our school. I have grown in my own walk with the Lord to see how lovingly He has provided all that we need in just the right time.

Just a reminder to join us in prayer on **Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am in the chapel**. We will have a short devotion and then a time of lifting up our school in prayer.

## Dates to Note:

May 3: PTF Meeting 6pm  
May 6: Falcon Friday  
May 9-13: Finals 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade class  
May 10: Sports Awards Banquet ( Rustic Lodge)  
May 13: Snow Make-up Day  
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 & 9<sup>th</sup> Field Day – S&T Arena  
May 26: Senior Graduation @Summit Church  
May 27: Last day of School (dismissal – 11:30am) Teacher Act 80 Day

## Senior Graduation Night

Please join us on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Summit Church. After the ceremony, there will be light refreshments served in the fellowship area where you can have cake and view the tables the seniors have decorated with all their accomplishments.

## PTF Events

**Calendar Note: The snow day scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> will now be a school day.**

# SFCA Athletics

## Athletics

### Track and Field

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

Results:

**Monica Turnbull**, youngest in both of her races, came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the girl's middle school 800 meter race with a time of 2:56 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the girl's middle school 1600 meter race with a time of 6:51

**Jack Fischer** came in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the boy's middle school 800 meter race with a time of 2:58; he also came in 8<sup>th</sup> in the middle school 1600 meter race with a time of 6:27, a personal best.

**Victoria Sharp** ran a personal best of 3:53 for 800 meter girl's middle school race and 1:39 for the girl's middle school 400 meter race.

April 30th NCSAA meet at Beaver Falls, PA

Results:

**Monica:** Middle school girls 800 meter---2.56  
Middle school girls 1600meter----6.38

**Victoria:** Middle school girls 200 meter-----39.0  
Middle school girls 400 meter-----1.30

**Jack:** Middle school boys 1600 meter -----6.02

**Aaron:** High School boys 100 meter-----13.2  
High School boys 200 meter-----28.3  
High school boys 400 meter-----62.0

May 14th ACSI meet at Bangor, PA

### 2016-2017 Sports

Co-ed Soccer - Volleyball - Varsity Girls Basketball - Junior Varsity Boys Basketball - Co-ed Track & Field

\*\*\* We will need coaches for Soccer and Volleyball next year\*\*\*\*\*

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## 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

- Help with Athletic Banquet - May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Remove refrigerator from WC & dispose of (SFCA will pay disposal fee)
- Help with Kindergarten Graduation - May 25<sup>th</sup> (contact the office for the time)
- Help with Senior Graduation - May 26<sup>th</sup>



*“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](mailto:matkatmom@hotmail.com) or phone: 724-464-8791



## PTF Update

Hello families,  
Hope all is well. Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm will be our last meeting for the 2015-2016 school year. PTF is still in need of a Vice-President and Secretary. If you or someone you know is interested, please either attend on May 3<sup>rd</sup> or let us know asap. Our agenda will include May events and events that are under discussion for the summer and fall.

PTF is a parent run organization that was established to help SFCA run efficiently. Attendance and support of PTF is critical to its success. Please consider attending our last meeting of the year. "Many hands make light work."

Robin Patterson,  
PTF President

## Yearbook Photos needed

Email SFCA event photos to:  
[rudyk@seedsoffaithacademy.org](mailto:rudyk@seedsoffaithacademy.org)  
for consideration in the 2015-2016  
Yearbook.

## Soles for JESUS

The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class collected 404 pairs of shoes in support of Soles for Jesus and Katie's Closet. Thanks to your generosity, they were able to raise \$320.00 to help cover the cost of shipping the shoes to Africa. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this project a huge success!!



# ART Event

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Dear SFCA Families,

We recently were involved with an art display at the Indiana Mall for the Indiana Arts Council Student Exhibit. Each student who has been involved in art throughout the school year had a piece of artwork on display. Their artwork was on display from April 26<sup>th</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup> and it was a juried event. Our students were competing against other local schools including Indiana School District, Homer Center, Punxsutawney School District, United, and Marion Center just to name a few. I am very happy to announce that our students worked hard on their art projects all year and they did a great job. We had at least one student get a ribbon in each category. The categories and the students who won a ribbon include:

**Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – Adrionna Varner, Kindergarten, Honorable Mention

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade-6<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Kaitlyn Hood, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Honorable Mention

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade-9<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Blake Mears, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Honorable Mention

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade-12<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Jasmine Kendall, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

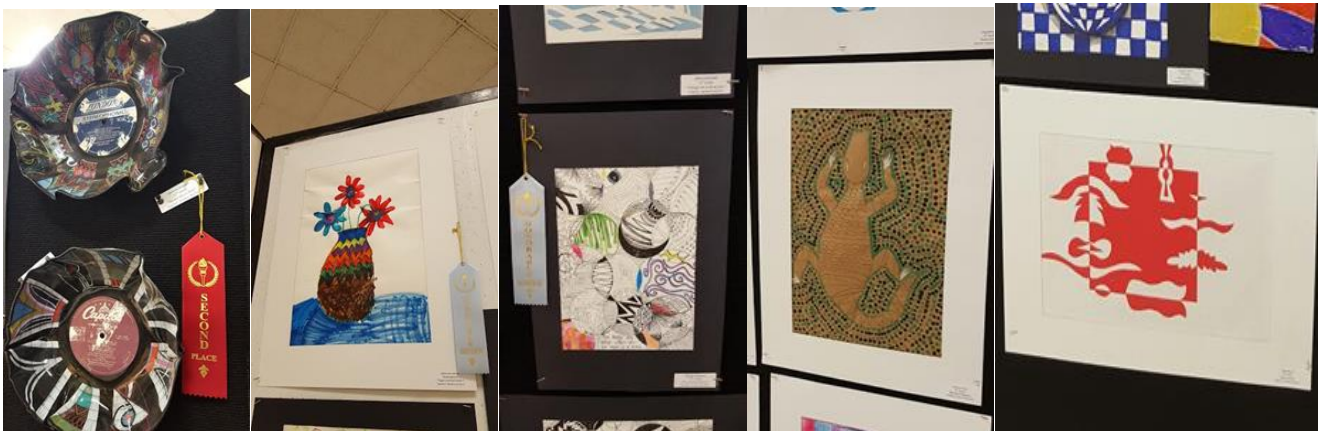
Morgan Marquez, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Honorable Mention

We had a wonderful school year in art, and I am so proud of every student and their artwork that was on display.

Thank you and God Bless,

Jeniece Duchon

Art/Computer/LLL Teacher







"Preschool 3 @ the Indiana Free Library"



"Preschool 4 @ Martin's Grocery"



"1<sup>st</sup> Grade with Stage Right"

## Classroom Updates

### Preschool 3

On Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> the three year old class went on a field trip to the Indiana Free Library. The children enjoyed the van ride from the preschool to the Library and back. While the children were there, they toured the library, sang songs and finger plays as well as listened to several stories. The train set at the Library was a hit with everyone. It was a chilly and rainy day, perfect for reading a good book. Thank you to Mr. Piper for driving us safely to and from our destination.

### Preschool 4

Preschool -4 Participated in a fieldtrip to Martin's Grocery on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. During the fieldtrip students learned about choosing and eating healthy foods, (ones that contain many vitamins, minerals, protein and fiber). We also learned there are other foods that we need to be careful not to eat too much of, (such as those containing large amounts of salt, fat and extra sugar). The children toured the bakery, dairy, meat and seafood departments, where they observed a live lobster. They also visited the cereal and bottled water sections, oral care and deli. In the produce department, they received some yummy samples to try. The tour ended with the check-out aisle and floral department. Everyone received a backpack containing some fun activities that they can do at home. What a fun way to learn about Nutrition! Thank you to Mrs. Rudyk for driving us.

### Kindergarten

Kindergarten is steadily working to finish the year strong! It is amazing how much the kids have grown and learned in the short amount of time I have been with them. With only a month of school left, I laughed when a child asked me how school went so fast?! In April, we went to the IUP

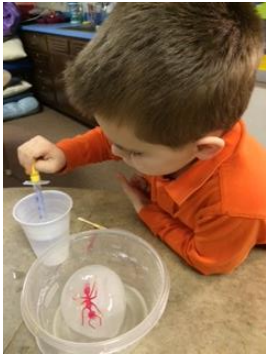
Planetarium to learn how the stars and what the sky looks like while we are sleeping. In May, we will be traveling to the Tanoma Wet Lands for an afternoon of exploration. Finally, on May 25, 2016 we will celebrate our year in Kindergarten with a graduation ceremony here at Graystone at 6:00 pm!

### First Grade

First graders have been hard at work, and as usual, full of excitement and enthusiasm. This month's service project has been "Soles for Jesus." Along with all the SFCA students and families, the first grade boys and girls have been helping collect shoes to be sent to those in need in Africa. As most of you know, *Souls for Jesus* is a non-profit organization whose mission has been to deliver shoes to individuals and families over the past six years. (Thank you all for your support through the shoe donations and through the donations made by participating in the two hot lunch opportunities.)

First graders, along with kindergarten and second grade students, went to the IUP planetarium in April to learn about the sun, moon, and stars. For first graders, this was a follow-up to a science unit on the Solar System. Upon our return, students had a great time "walking in circles" or maybe better described as "orbits." Using balls to represent the planets, a flashlight for the sun, a mirror for the moon, and the globe for Earth, students "imitated" the movements of rotation and revolution. In conjunction with Language Arts, they are doing some research to discover two facts about each planet.

During the first week of May, first grade students will be going to the Tanoma Wetlands to learn about the wetland ecosystem. In conjunction with an earlier science unit, the students planted bean seeds and have been able to learn about germination and the growth of a new plant.



*“2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students learning about dinosaurs & fossils”*

## Second Grade

Mrs. Marquez’s second grade students have been learning about ways scientists find out about dinosaurs and fossils. They’ve talked a lot about how our view of God’s Word affects our view of fossils and dinosaurs. For example, one of the second graders asked “Were people alive when dinosaurs were living?” So we took out our Bibles and we all looked up Genesis 1:25, 26, 31 and we read that land animals and Adam and Eve were actually made on the same day. It’s true that dinosaurs are older than humans – but only by a few hours, not millions of years! They lived before the flood, on the ark with Noah, and after the flood.

The class had a lot of fun with this unit too! They dug through ice and discovered plastic bugs; created a T-Rex out of pasta; ate dino bones made out of pretzels, marshmallow and white chocolate; and created their own cast/mold of sticks and leaves.

## Third Grade

### **3<sup>rd</sup> grade Biography Museum**

3<sup>rd</sup> Graders are hard at work, preparing for our “Biography Museum,” on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The students have been reading interesting biographies all year, and were able to choose their favorite person to do an in-depth study on. Each 3<sup>rd</sup> grader is preparing their research, working on a creative presentation, complete with props...and will be dressing up as their “famous person,” on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Our classroom will be transformed into a museum, telling about the lives of fascinating people, both past and present. All are invited to come and tour our museum, and see what hard work these 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have done.

## Fourth/Fifth Grade

Following a well-deserved spring break and a long four day weekend, these students are pushing forward with only a few short weeks of school left. Author studies and Power Point presentations were completed along with the study of our US Senators and State Representatives, the memorization of the Preamble and the Ten Commandments, the study of David, and the study of slavery, Stanford testing, and only a few short weeks of school left this year, these students have been busy.

## West Campus News

### Mrs. Partida’s Spanish & Bible Classes

The eighth graders have been preparing and presenting skits in basic Spanish to show what they know and can do and in Bible class they are researching Old Testament kings and their reign. The ninth and tenth graders have been reading The Grand Weaver by Ravi Zacharias and in Spanish classes have designed their ideal home and are presenting them and giving a “tour” in the target language. The eleventh and twelfth graders have been studying the scriptural design for the role of a husband and wife in Bible class and in Spanish class are learning to speak in the past tense of the target language.

### Mrs. Caldwell’s Government Class

The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Civic class will be attending Senator Don White’s Senate Day on April 28, 2016 held at IUP. The annual student government seminar program, “... is designed to give students a chance to learn about state government through panel discussions with key players who develop public policy in PA. During the three sessions, the students will interact with members of the General Assembly, legislative staff, special interest groups, and the media.”

### Mrs. Ruhl's Science Classes

Biology – In Biology, we have been learning about infectious disease and the viruses that cause them. We played the role of etiologists to track down the cause of a virus in our classroom!

Life Science – In Life Science, we have been learning about arthropods and echinoderms. We studied the jellyfish and grasshopper in particular to learn about varying body systems in these creatures.

Pre-Algebra – Pre-Algebra has been hard at work (as usual) learning together about slope and slope-intercept form. We can now graph lines, write equations, and find the slope between two points!



Algebra 2 – In Algebra 2, we have completed our study of radical functions and rational exponents and have moved on to exponential functions. Students are learning about radioactive half-life and continuously compounded interest.

Biology 2 – Biology 2 students have completed their study of the circulatory system and are now moving onto the lymphatic system. We will be learning about immunity and how blood types are determined!

Physical Science – Physical Science students have been busy! They rewrote lyrics to popular songs to explain Newton's Three Laws of Motion, which they performed for the class. Now, students are learning about pressure, how hydraulic systems work, and why airplanes can fly! We will be wrapping up this chapter by designing and flying our own Frisbees based on Bernoulli's Principle!



### Mr. Johnson's Bible Classes

The 6th and 7th grade Bible class has compared the "good" and "evil" Kings of Judah. The life lessons of repentance, integrity, duty, gratitude and loyalty were thoroughly discussed. The strength of the students continues to be the wonderful way they ask insightful questions and discuss current events in the light of Scripture. We will conclude the year's study of Old Testament characters as we examine the lives of Josiah, and the main characters during and beyond the Captivity of Judah.

### Mrs. Killam's English Classes

English class news: Grace Rougeaux and Alex Williams represented the 6th grade class well at the Elementary Speech Meet on April 8! As a class, grade 6 is finishing two novels, *Bridge to Terabithia*, and *Kisses from Katie*, as well as writing a character analysis essay, journal entry, and studying spelling! Grades 7 and 8 are continuing to read *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, studying vocabulary related to the novel, and writing an essay on *The Magician's Nephew*. Grades 11 and 12 have each presented a poem by memory to the class, and now are teaching the class about various American poets and analyzing famous poems. They are also writing an essay about *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

### Mr. Gillenwater's Math Classes

The sixth graders are precisely 55.5% of the way through the current chapter, 'Ratios, Proportions, and Percents'! The current chapter also boasts an introduction to scale drawings, so now you can equip them with a map and compass and tell them to 'take a hike'! The curriculum is also exposing them to circle graphs, which will help them to interpret and represent real-world data.

Algebra 1 students are off and running with linear equations. This entails learning about rates of change and graphing those linear functions while writing the equation of a line in three different forms. They will also be familiarized with scatter plots and parallel and perpendicular lines. Parallel lines...they have so much in common, it's a shame they'll never meet!! (Sorry.) Things are about to get (exponentially) better for the students, too, as we round out the year with the next chapter, 'Exponents and Exponential Functions'!

The Geometry students are exploring mathematical similarity, which they say is a lot like other things. The curriculum has them rehashing ratios, proportions and simplifying radical(!)'s in order to be adequately prepared for tackling similarity. Triangles have come back into the mix as well, as the guys prove them similar (using the definition of similar polygons). They are also studying proportional relationships among geometric figures. Up next...trigonometry?!? Yes!!



# 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 May ministry that will benefit from the donation will be “**Meals on Wheels.**” 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.

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.