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## *The Signal*

Summer 2017

Welcome to ***The Signal***, Summit Christian School's newsletter. The Signal is the messenger that you want to be on the lookout for throughout the school year. Each edition will contain important information for students and families regarding "hot topics" (current or upcoming news and events), information that is "on the horizon" (important, yet less pressing information), and more. The summer edition highlights information that is pertinent to the start of school and the smooth running of the school year. It is worth saving for future reference. **From now on, each edition of *The Signal* will be electronically mailed to you unless you specifically ask for a paper copy to be sent home or we do not have an email address for you.** From time to time, we also send brief updates on time sensitive issues via email. **Please contact the school office if you would like a paper copy sent home or if you do not have an email account.** Also, if there are other family members who would like to be on our distribution list, please contact Mrs. Ference and she will add their name to the list.

### **Office Hours**

The SCS office will be closed July 31 - August 4. The office will be open Monday-Friday, 8am – 3pm beginning August 7-18. Regular office hours of 8am – 3:30pm will resume August 21 and will carry through the school year.

### **Ed Choice**

If your child has been approved for an Ed Choice scholarship, you must sign and bring the acceptance letter to the school office to finalize your child's scholarship award. It is imperative that you complete this final step of the application. If you do not, your child will not have a scholarship and you will be responsible for your child's tuition.

Also, there will be three rounds of Ed Choice checks that represent your child's tuition which will come to the school. You will need to come to the school and sign your child's Ed Choice check in order for him/her to continue attending class. Notifications via email, Renweb Alert, and The Signal will be sent out and you will have one week in which to come sign your child's check. Failure to sign your child's check within the week will exclude your child from attending class.

### **Bussing**

If you are planning to use Akron Public Schools' or Cuyahoga Falls City Schools' bussing for your child's transportation to and/or from school this year, please make sure all the appropriate paper work has been submitted to Mrs. Ference. It takes four weeks for the public school districts to process transportation applications so do not delay or you may not have bussing for your child by the first day of school.

### **First Day of School -- Wednesday, August 23**

**All students must be at SCS by 8:00 am.** Students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade report directly to the gym. After a brief spirit rally, students will accompany their teachers to their homerooms. **Kindergarten** students report directly to their classrooms.

**\*\*Please note:** If you want to walk into the building with younger children on the first day of school, that is fine. However, it is our expectation that you do not continue this practice. If a young child is reluctant or tearful at the parent's leaving, the situation is not made better with a prolonged departure. Our teachers will care well for those who are uncertain, but it is hard to win a child's trust while he clings to a familiar family member. Make your good-byes in the building as brief as possible. If there are serious problems, we will contact you.

Supply lists have been sent with this newsletter and are available at the school office.

### **Punctuality Counts!**

For students in **K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade the school day begins at 8:10 am.** For students in **6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade the school day begins at 8:08 am.** Students are expected to be in their seats ready to learn at the appropriate times everyday. As none of our students are able to drive, getting to school on time is a parent responsibility. It is imperative that parents plan to have their children into the school building **NO LATER THAN 8:00 am** each day to allow students time to prepare for great learning. Punctuality is expected and appreciated.

### **School Board Members**

We have a dedicated school board. They are committed individuals who have had a long association with Summit Christian School. It is our hope that you will get to know them so that you can give ideas of improvement as well as thank them for their hours and hours of service to SCS. They serve with sacrifice, and their wisdom through the years is a testimony to both their love of God and God's delight in working through them for our benefit. The current school board members are:

Ted Shure, President     Annette Bush  
Don Plum                     Becky Christen, faculty representative

### **Parent Meeting - MANDATORY**

**The parent orientation meetings will be on Monday, August 21, at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.** The Summit Christian School Board of Education requires that at least one parent from each family attends **one** of these meetings. Important and exciting information will be given at the meeting and parents will also have an opportunity to meet the staff. We will have lunch program information, car signs, used clothing, information sheets, and more available at the meeting. Please take care of these things before the start of school as this will help everyone have a smooth first day of school. We will also be sharing some wonderful news about the future of our school!

### **Open House – Tuesday, September 5**

We will host an open house from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5. Open house is an opportunity for parents to visit with their child's individual teachers and see their child's "home away from home". We will spend more than 1300 hours with your children/teens this year and open house is an opportunity to promote effective communication with classroom teachers. Good communication is essential to the parent/teacher partnership.

### **Faculty**

Our staff for the coming year is strong and professional. They collaborate to provide your child with an exceptional education – academically, physically, and spiritually. Please pray for our staff. We are human and depend on God's strength and wisdom.

#### **Teaching Staff**

Kindergarten	Mrs. Cheryl Weatherbee and Mrs. Anderson
1st Grade	Mrs. Gennell Schvartz
2nd Grade	Mrs. Julia Scott
3rd Grade	Miss Aimee Hughes
4th Grade	Miss Becky Christen
5th Grade	Mrs. Miranda Osborn
6th Grade	Mrs. Glynis Palmisano
7th Grade	Miss Judy Stachowiak
8th Grade/Chaplain	Mr. Nick Veon
Tutors	Mrs. Starla McClure Mrs. Terese Gavin
Art/Handbells	Mrs. Terese Gavin
Music	Mrs. Sheila Benson

PE  
Chapel Music

Mrs. Kelly Fraley  
Dr. Rod Sheldon

### **Arrival and Dismissal**

The circle in front of the school is a convenient means of dropping off and picking up students. The circle is **always** one-way and there is **absolutely no parking in the front circle during arrival and dismissal times**. When using the circle please enter at the north end of the circle and exit at the south end. There is room for two lanes of cars. Please stay to the right when you enter the circle to drop off or pick up children. Leave the left lane open to pull out and exit the circle. As cars leave, those in the right lane should continuously pull forward. This will allow those just arriving to pull in off of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and the left lane will be free for exiting. **NO CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE TO CROSS IN FRONT OF MOVING TRAFFIC.**

In the morning, the front door of the building will be the only unlocked door for students to enter. Please take the time to watch your children walk into the building. There are staff members on duty just inside the building who watch the front door; however none are on duty outside. Since most students will be arriving at the same time in the morning, it is important that you do not linger in the circle. If you need to organize your child's book bag or want to spend time talking and praying with your child, please park in the parking lot to the side of the building. Dismissal begins at 2:55 pm and ends at 3:05 pm. You may park in the parking lot (**not the circle**) and come into the gym to pick up your child. Or, you may pull into the circle and we will walk your child to your car. Large poster board cards are given to each family to display your name and/or the carpool names from inside your vehicle. Please post these on the front-right visor, the car dash, or even in the right passenger side window. Our staff and middle school students will deliver your child to your car. Please remember to use the right lane, continuously pulling forward. The left lane is for cars to pull out. Do not stop in the left lane to load or unload cars unless directed to do so by the staff member on duty. Please do not double up unless you are directed. With everyone's cooperation, we can dismiss students safely and efficiently.

*For your consideration...The staff is extremely busy during the arrival and dismissal times. They are busy keeping your child safe and making sure that behavior is monitored. **This is not a good time to conference with the teachers.** Please call the school office to set up a time to meet with your child's teacher. We are eager for your input and delight in partnering with you; however, you will not get our undivided attention at arrival and dismissal times.*

REMEMBER, **DO NOT park in the front circle during arrival and dismissal.** If you need to come into the building, park in the parking lot. Even one parked and unattended car in the circle will slow the arrival and dismissal process for everyone else.

### **Dress Code**

A copy of the dress code can be given to you should you need it. If you are in doubt about any part of the dress code, please ask the office staff before you shop or cut the tags off of items you have purchased.

#### **COMMON DRESS CODE INFRACTIONS:**

- Slacks may not be rolled up to look like capris.
- Shorts and slacks must be a tailored "Dockers" style.
- If students wear sandals, they do not have to wear socks. However, sandals must be a substantial shoe and secured to the foot via straps, buckles, Velcro, etc. Flip-flops or slides are not permitted.
- **A belt must be worn with pants/shorts with belt loops.**
- **Shirts must be tucked in.**
- The only sweatshirts/fleece that can be worn in class are official SCS sweatshirts/fleece.
- Shrugs and ruffled or beaded sweaters are not permitted.

**\*\*Has your child outgrown their old uniform?** Any used SCS uniforms can be brought to our school office. They will be placed in our school "hand me down" closet from which families may shop.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Parent involvement makes SCS a much better place. Your service in our school sends a strong message to your children that school is important. We welcome your gift of time and talents. Here is a partial list of volunteer help that we need:

- ✓ monitor recess - to help with games, referee a football game, be a friend to a child, etc.
- ✓ cut out lamination for the teachers
- ✓ lend a hand in your child's classroom
- ✓ wash towels from the kitchen and basketball uniforms
- ✓ start an after school club
- ✓ dust in the office or classrooms from time to time
- ✓ gardening
- ✓ help with props for concerts
- ✓ drive on field trips (This is our most important need)
- ✓ help as room mothers/fathers

### **Opportunity for Employment**

As you know, we offer free early care to our families. During this time students have time to eat breakfast, finish homework, read with a friend, or do other quiet structured activities. Now, with 150+ students in the gym there is a need for adult supervision and the teachers are not available because they are busy preparing for the day. If you, or someone you know, are interested in serving at SCS as an early care student monitor, please call the school office. We need at least three caring, capable adults to supervise our students. Thank you for spreading the word!

### **Opportunities for Prayer**

One of the most powerful ways that you can support Summit Christian is through prayer. We desperately want His protection and need His direction. Prayer helps to prevent and resolve problems and conflicts. It enhances our understanding of God's character and His will. Through prayer we are unified, energized, and we grow spiritually. Consider joining in prayer with other SCS parents, the teachers, and staff.

### **Legal Matters**

Being a state-chartered school, we are legally bound to follow state laws regarding permanent records for your child(ren). These regulations are for the health of your child or for his/her safe supervision. Please be sure we have the following information on file for your child:

- a copy of your child's **certified birth certificate** (not a hospital certificate) These are available through the county health department. In some cases, parents may have an I-94 card or a green card in place of a birth certificate.
- up-to-date **immunization records** or a copy of a parent-signed waiver
- *if you are a divorced or separated parent* - a copy of your child's **custody papers**

### **National School Lunch Program**

Great news!! SCS will be participating in the National School Lunch Program beginning this school year! We will be sending applications for free and reduced price breakfasts and lunches very soon, along with more details on the program. We are very excited to be taking this step to improve our meal service to students and to ensure that they have nutritious and delicious breakfasts and lunches each day.

### **Snacks**

Students in grades kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have a snack time during the school day. Please note that SCS does not sell snacks during the school day. Families of children in grades K-5 are responsible to provide a healthy snack each day for their child(ren).

Students in grades 6-8 do not have a snack time.

**\*\*\*Snacks will only be available for purchase to students who participate in aftercare.**

### **Fundraising**

Fundraising is one way you can bless Summit Christian School. We will have several opportunities for you to participate throughout the school year. Details on each will be available in future editions of The Signal.

Some of the opportunities to bless our school include the following:

- TRIP (Tuition Reimbursement Incentive Program)
- collect General Mills Box Tops for Education
- save receipts with Acme Community Cash Back
- register your Giant Eagle card by calling 1-800-474-4777 and using our school code 1210

Other fundraising campaigns will be announced throughout the school year and we encourage you to participate! The Lord has great plans for SCS and fundraising is a wonderful way to partner with us.

Dream VIVIDLY,

Learn *courageously*,

And

Live **boldly** for Christ!