

The Warrior

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Seven Rivers Christian School educating leaders, building lives, expanding horizons

Seven Rivers Christian School is committed to providing the best educational experience for students in our region. This objective drives our movements and decisions and fuels our vision.

Leadership's dedication to this goal is evidenced by the addition of band, dual enrollment, and football. It is also behind recent campus security improvements such as our fence and camera system. Furthermore, in an era when some schools are limiting programs, SRCS is charging forward. All students at SRCS have the opportunity to enhance their educational experiences by exploring subject matter outside their classrooms. Such trips include:

History and Government

- state history in St. Augustine (4th graders)

- state government in Tallahassee (5th graders)
- federal government in Washington D.C. (juniors and seniors)
- foundations of western civilization in Rome and Athens (juniors and seniors)

Science

- Natural science at the Orlando Science Center (3rd grade)
- Florida Aquarium (1st graders)
- Marine Science Center (upper school)
- Kennedy Space Center (8th graders)

Along the way, students have attended plays, experienced business, camped out on campus, and capitalized on unique educational opportunities under the guidance of their teachers.

Fourth Grade Discovers St. Augustine

Florida History came to life for Mrs. Dreyer's fourth grade class. On May 16th, the students, several parents, and their brave teacher crossed the state for what would become a very enjoyable and educational trip. We rode the trolley all through St. Augustine and were able to experience first hand the narrow streets and stunning archi-

tecture. Then it was off to the slammer! We toured the small, dark, scary jail that housed the sheriff's family and up to 72 prisoners. Thankfully, no one was left behind. We were also able to spend time in a beautiful church with stained glass windows that took 12 years to finish. We heard a lot about Henry Flagler and saw the University that shares

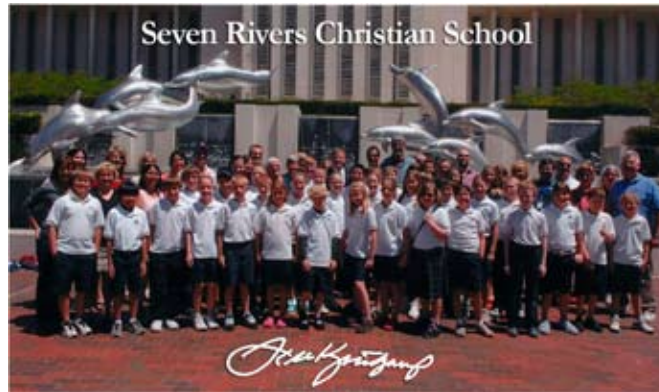
his name. Our last stop was the Castillo de San Marcos, which has walls that are three feet thick, made out of coquina shells. The shells are so strong that very little damaged occurred from all the canon fire that occurred over 200 years! What a great class field trip!

Fifth Grade Tallahassee

The fifth grade class diligently studied and investigated local, state, and federal government before embarking on a three day journey to explore the rich history found in Florida's state capitol. The students set out for Pebble Hill Plantation to experience what the southern plantation life was like during the Civil War. While visiting Tallahassee, students toured both the New Capitol and Old Capitol where they observed the Senate and House and observed how and where each branch of government operated during the state's early history. The students visited the State

Supreme Court where they learned how it is governed. There was a trip to the Governor's

Mansion, where students saw many artifacts that told the story of the state's early Spanish heritage. Students were presented with the heritage of Florida's Native American Ancestors at the Museum of Florida History, and got a taste of Florida's past at the outdoor Tallahassee Museum. At Mission San Luis, students experienced living history of the Apalachee Indians. All of the participants involved, were thankful for being enriched educationally, socially, and spiritually.



Auction

The SRCS annual auction was decidedly blessed this year by the presence of Steve and Ginny Saint along with their special guests, Mincaye and Ompodae of the Waodani tribe. Steve is the author of "End of the Spear", which also became a major motion picture. "End of the Spear" tells the story of Steve's father Nate and four other missionaries who sacrificed their lives in order to bring the Gospel to a remote Ecuadorian tribe, the Waodani. The story that the Saint family has to tell is truly remarkable and continually reveals the Gospel in dynamic glory. In order to help SRCS raise money at the auction, Steve was gracious enough to offer a ride in the plane that was used in the movie and is replicated after the one his father flew in to remote Ecuadorian forests in 1956. Linda and Max Peshek were the lucky winners and were able to spend an afternoon with Steve learning about his work, his family and his plane. The SRCS Auction Committee thanks the Saints for sharing their fascinating story with us. We are pleased to announce that nearly \$18,000 was raised for tuition assistance.



Europe Trip

By Hanna Lampinen



The tickets were purchased, the bags were packed, but it all still felt like a fantastic dream. We had been discussing the details of the trip for a year so even as March 31 drew closer, it still did not feel real. The numbness did not go away until 6 A.M. morning of departure as the juniors and seniors sleepily but excitedly got on the bus. The reality hit – we were going to Europe!

Whatever expectations we had held were fulfilled. Europe was more magnificent and beautiful than we could have imagined. Not all of it was postcard perfect, but it was always a new and exciting experience every step of the way. Minus a few sore feet, cold days, and long bus rides, we had even more fun than we had anticipated. Everyone really bonded as a group in those ten days. Not only did we get to learn about, experience, and enjoy Italy and Greece, but the junior and senior class had the opportunity to grow together in friendship. God was truly watching over us in Europe and blessing us all. Even with a few bumps along the way, our Europe trip was a ride to remember!

Yearlong Celebration!

Seven Rivers Christian School will turn twenty next year and we're going to CELEBRATE! The fun begins on Friday, August 22nd with a huge back-to-school carnival for the whole family with rides, games and all the food you can eat! On October 10th, we'll get together for a dinner and auction where we will be drawing the name of the lucky entrant who will win a first-class cruise of a lifetime to Alaska!

We've also set aside a Friday each month to treat our students to a little fun. On September 12th we'll make ice-cream sundaes. In October, we'll be bringing in sandwiches



for the upper school and macaroni with hot dogs for the elementary students. On November 14th we'll celebrate with French Fry Friday. We'll also have Christmas Craft day, movie night, a chili cook-off and loads of other activities designed to help us commemorate 20 years of Christian education.

We want to keep you up-to-date on these and other upcoming events. Please make sure the front office has your current email address as this will be our primary form of communication. Additionally, be sure to check the school web-site periodically for more information!

Camp Out Fun

Tents were everywhere! On May 16th and 17th, second graders and parents romped and played on the grounds of our campus. The Annual Second Grade Camp Out has a long tradition in our school – hot dogs, roasting marshmallows, chariot races in the gym, sleeping in a tent – all contribute to community building and lasting memories.

When looking back over the second grade year, one student commented “If I could do the camp out all over again, I would. It was so much fun!”



Concert



On Monday, May 19, the school community enjoyed the SRCS spring concert. The musical presentation included selected pieces performed by the 4th grade recorder ensemble, the 5th grade and middle school bands, and the high school ensemble. Our instrumental groups performed “When the Saints go Marching In,” and “On Wisconsin.”

The middle school band (grades 6-8) received an Excellent rating at the Busch Gardens Band Competition and demonstrated their growing proficiency as a band with solid performances of “Rock around the Clock” and “Pirates of the Caribbean.”

Security Fence

The installation of the new security fence is nearly finished. With its completion come some changes to our existing car line procedures. Please note the following:

Morning Car line K5 through Second Grade

Parents that walk their student to the classroom will need to use the gate located next to the pre-school playground. The gate will be locked by 8:45am. Students arriving after that time will have to enter through the gates

near the school office. There is no change for parents that send their student to the gym

Afternoon Car line K5 through Second Grade

Individual classes will congregate in their current location.

Parents can pick up their student by entering the gate located next to the pre-school playground or the gate located on the sidewalk by the front of the building.



The SRCS 20th Anniversary Committee

is holding a drawing for an Alaskan Cruise! Each entry is \$100 with all net proceeds benefiting the school. Only 250 tickets will be sold, so get in while you can! The drawing will be held October 10th. Tickets will go on sale Monday, June 2 and will be available until the drawing or until sold out. More information is available at the front office or lisaandes@tampabay.rr.com.

Seniors

The total scholarship amount that they have been offered is \$288,808

The following seniors are planning on attending...

Angela Anderson... Eckerd College

LaShay Baylis... WTI

Rachael Capra... Warner Southern College... Volleyball scholarship, amount undisclosed.

Carol Dumas... Covenant College... Medallion Scholarship

Briana Hill... Trinity College... Medallion Scholarship

Keisuke Idota... Valencia Community College

Hanna Lampinen... Florida State University... Medallion Scholarship

Shane Lecouris... CFCC

Bryan Roberts... CFCC



Kenzie Rowda... Florida State University... Academic Scholarship, Harold Eich Scholarship, SRCS Warrior Scholarship

Alan Tuggle... Western Kentucky University

Nikki Vaughan... University of Florida... Academic Scholarship, Robert Bryd Scholarship