

Seven Rivers Christian School Auction



The return of the SRCS Auction on November 4th was a wonderful night for the school. The event was held in the new Citrus Community Center at the College of Central Florida. The night was full of great items, great food, and lots of laughs. We raised nearly \$23,000!! There were so many people who helped make this a successful night. We had many parents and school staff who served tirelessly behind the scenes. Special thanks go out to Ron LaTorraca for the spectacular food, and to Kandy O'Quinn for pulling all of the pieces together.

Seven Rivers Christmas Program

Our annual Christmas program was this past Monday, December 5th. WOW, was it great! The lower elementary kids were so cute in their amazing costumes. They were quite lively and so fun to watch. The sixth grade was nothing short of exceptional. Their singing was first-rate, and it was so obvious they were enjoying themselves. The 4th and 5th grade program was so polished. The acting was enthusiastic and the singing was wonderful. I want to thank Georgia Jekabsons for all the hard work she put into building a great program. I also want to thank Terra Ross for her amazing work with the costumes and Caryn Poloske, and the new Parents Association, for organizing the reception. For me, it was so wonderful to see how far the Upper School Band has come. Jenny Gill has created such excitement for our band program. The quality of the music was wonderful and the number of students involved was so encouraging. It was just a great night for Seven Rivers!



Annual Fund

By now you have received a pledge card for the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is a major component in funding our school. With the many changes we have made this year, fully meeting the Annual Fund goal is crucial. Read our vision statement: *"Seven Rivers Christian School seeks to offer an academically rigorous and spiritually transformative education that challenges students to develop their intellect, embrace God's redemptive grace, and participate in the restoration of our culture."* When we dream about the futures of our children, this is our hope. Please pray about how your family can make a significant contribution to this year's Annual Fund.

Football



Our football team advanced all the way to the SSAC Conference Finals this year. We are so proud of our boys. In every game we played this year, we had fewer players than our opponents yet we finished the year 8-2! We had eight players named to the 2011 SSAC All-Conference Team: Sam Nicks, Trey Gaskin, John Iwaniec, Josh Jackson, Chandler Maidlow, Josh Downey, Bryce Hall, and Cody Bolduc. I truly want to thank Coach Paul Roher and all the coaches. They worked smart and hard and had a truly memorable season.

Basketball

Basketball is off to a good start, with all the SRCS teams excited about the coming season. Both the girls' and boys' teams advanced to the State Tournament last year, with the boys advancing to the Elite 8! The early games have been exciting and fun. On December 2nd we had "White-Out Night" for our games against Ocala Christian. The gym was packed, the games were exciting (at least for the Seven Rivers fans), and our players really responded to the energy of the crowd. On Friday, December 9th, we are having our first ever "Alumni Night." What a joy it will be to reunite with all the former SRCS students. Look for more special Friday nights in January; we're planning a "Black-Out Night" and a "Grammar School Night."



College Admissions

Did you know that seniors have been accepted to all of the following schools so far?

University of Central Florida	Florida Atlantic University
College of Central Florida	University of Tampa
University of Western Florida	Santé Fe
St. Leo University	Nova Southeastern
Daytona State College	Art Institute of Tampa
University of Alabama	Auburn University
Hawaii Pacific University	University of Georgia

We will hear about acceptances to Florida State by December 15th and to the University of Florida by late February.

Sam Jones



Seven Rivers is so proud of senior Sam Jones. Sam scored a perfect score of 800 on the math section of the SAT. Sam is the first student in the history of Seven Rivers to accomplish such a feat. Well done, Sam!! May you be the first of many more.

Fall Dinner Theater

FOUR SOLD-OUT SHOWS! That may be all I need to say. The dinner theater is rapidly becoming a staple at SRCS. The productions last spring and this fall were so well done and highly successful. It is quite obvious that some of our students truly enjoy the limelight!! Wendy Cash, Kim Eskelson, and Jackie Eckart have all worked so hard to make these productions special. Be looking for announcements soon about our production in the spring.



Science in the Grammar School

Students in the lower school science classes have been very involved in hands-on experimentation. This nine weeks in the lower elementary, students explored electricity using snap-on circuit boards. They built circuits that powered flying saucers, rang alarms, and created a music box. They are now being introduced to chemistry and how matter interacts in various real-world applications.



The upper elementary students just finished a hands-on unit on metric measurement. They used those skills as they began designing controlled scientific experiments, starting with determining which variables affected the swing of a pendulum. After Christmas break, they will continue their study of variables affecting how a boat floats, how an airplane flies, and how a catapult launches. We have observed students' engagement, curiosity, and enthusiasm in their study of science. It's so rewarding to see students demonstrate such a desire to learn and enjoy science!

Looking Ahead

As I look at the SRCS community, I long to see us engage more as school families. The challenge of raising children is not getting easier, and we certainly need to encourage and support each other. As I sat through the awards ceremonies, the dinner theater, and graduation last year, I thought, "We need everyone to see this!" I want to invite you and your family to get involved in the life of the school. Below are some activities throughout the year that I know you would enjoy.

- Dec. 9th SRCS Alumni Night at the Basketball Games
- Fridays We have 2 more Friday night basketball games in January that will be great fun.
- Jan. 26th SRCS Annual Address
- Feb. 11th SRCS Warrior Club Golf Classic
- Mar/Apr SRCS Parenting Class - "Are We Giving Our Child a Fish, or Teaching Them to Fish?"
- May 7th Community Celebration Banquet
- May 24th Baccalaureate Service
- May 25th Graduation

Under His mercy,
Dana