

# SR WARRIOR Sidelines

## NOVEMBER NOTES FROM THE SIDELINES...

As we begin our winter sports, we'll reflect on the success SRCS experienced during our fall sports season. The accomplishments of our student-athletes have been impressive and we anticipate more success throughout the school year.

### VOLLEYBALL

The Varsity volleyball team established itself as an intense competitor facing many impressive teams. The team finished with a 10-14 record and is looking forward to more improvement next season. District competition was very strong this year as the Lady Warriors finished in 3rd place. They competed in the Bishop McLaughlin and Dig Pink Tournaments and gained some valuable experience along the way. The Junior Varsity team finished with a 9-6 season and showed great promise. The Middle School Lady Warriors exhibited improvement as their season progressed and along with the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams will contribute to the improving volleyball future at Seven Rivers. Thank you to all of our coaches for their efforts this year. We are looking forward to the 2012 Volleyball season.

### AWARD WINNERS

#### Varsity:

**Most Valuable Player:** Alyssa Gage  
**Most Improved Player:** Andrea Zachar  
**Christian Character:** Kayleigh Kiernan

#### JUNIOR VARSITY:

**Most Valuable Player:** Taylor Desmond  
**Most Improved Player:** Jacquelyn Miller  
**Christian Character:** Julia Eckart

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL: TBA

### GOLF

The Golf team continued to show improvement throughout their season. Adam Gage qualified for the Regional Golf Match and the season included improved scores from each member of the team. Thank you Coach Kelso for 10 years of service to our golfers. SRCS would also like to thank the Southern Woods Golf Course for allowing our team to use their facility as a home course

**Most Valuable Player:** Timothy James  
**Most Improved Player:** Austin Johnson  
**Christian Character:** Adam Gage

### FOOTBALL

The Varsity Football team played even better than expected this season by finishing first in the Northern Division of the SSAC (Sunshine State Athletic Conference). The boys reached the SSAC Championship game and finished with a 7-3 season record. A number of Warriors have been voted as SSAC standouts by opposing coaches (see below). The inaugural Middle School Football season showed promise as the 1st year team was able to win 2 games and show marked improvement throughout the season. Although a young program (3 years), SRCS has quickly become a force in Football and is looking forward to continuing the tradition of winning. Thank you to our staff of coaches for a great season and your dedication to our Football players.

We'd like to congratulate the following boys for being recognized by the Sunshine State Athletic Conference for their outstanding achievements in football this year.

#### 2011 SSAC All Conference Defense

<b>1st Team</b>	<b>2nd Team</b>
LB – Sam Nicks- SR	DL – Josh Jackson –JR
DB – Trey Gaskin –SR	
DB – John Iwaniec –JR	

## **2011 SSAC All Conference Offense**

<b>1st Team</b>	<b>2nd Team</b>
RB – John Iwaniec- JR	QB – Josh Downey- SR
OL – Chandler Maidlow- SR	OL – Bryce Hall- SR
WR – Trey Gaskin- SR	WR – Cody Bolduc- SO

### **Varsity:**

**Most Valuable Player:** John Iwaniec

**Most Improved Player:** Chris Powell

**Christian Character:** Josh Jackson

**Middle School:** TBA

## **CHEERLEADING**

The Varsity Cheerleading squad was able to accomplish its goal of exciting the crowd and contributing to increased school spirit at the Football games and at the Pep Rallies. We look forward to seeing their continued improvement next season. The Middle School Cheer squad provided great enthusiasm on the sidelines and worked hard to lead the fans in cheering on our boys. SRCS would like to thank the coaches for their time and efforts put into the cheer squads.

### **Varsity:**

**Most Valuable Player:** Cindy Steve

**Most Improved Player:** Kim Strong

**Christian Character:** Andrea Gollither

**Middle School:** TBA

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

The Varsity Cross Country team had another good season with Lucas Ebert and Paige Eckart reaching the Regional Track Meet. The squad shows great promise for the future as the Junior Varsity team was able to win 2 meets with a team consisting of nearly all 7th grade student-athletes. I would like to congratulate our coaches for a successful season and their dedication to their team.

### **Varsity:**

**Most Valuable Player:** Lucas Ebert

**Most Improved Player:** Samantha Kauffmann

**Christian Character:** Sterling Gardner

### **Junior Varsity:**

**Most Valuable Player:** Paige Eckart

**Most Improved Player:** Cooper Hassen

**Christian Character:** Maddie Jeffes

## **TWO SPORT ATHLETES**

SRCS offers a unique opportunity that is rarely found within most schools. Our student-athletes are permitted to participate in 2 sports simultaneously. This season, Allison Green (Volleyball / Cross Country), Tanner Commons (Football / Golf), Jasmine Fisher (Volleyball / Cheerleading), and Daniette St. Martin (Volleyball / Cheerleading) accomplished this for Varsity sports. Wyatt Norman (Football / Cross Country), Deanne St. Martin (Volleyball / Cheerleading), Amanda Zachar (Volleyball / Cheerleading), and Anna St. Martin (Volleyball / Cheerleading) accomplished this in Middle School athletics. All of these students were able to successfully balance academics while practicing and playing for 2 teams. Congratulations to them for their hard work.

## **SPIRIT CLUB**

The Spirit Club spent the fall season making banners, magnetic signs, and other support items for our athletic teams in an effort to show our student-athletes how much they are appreciated. The group also helped serve food and clean-up at the Fall Sports Athletic Banquet. We should see more of their work as Basketball season gets under way and during the Friday night theme nights this winter (See SRCS Theme Nights).

## **SRCS COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

While our student-athletes compete, our fans are given the opportunity to exhibit their support by attending the games and cheering on our teams despite the results on the field of play. We thank all of you who have been attending SRCS sporting events and encourage you to continue to be a positive influence in the development of our student-athletes. The goal of the Athletic Department is to have teams that represent and honor Christ in their effort and sportsmanship. Did you know that SRCS has had an established motto called the "Seven Pillars of Athletics"? This is included in the Athletic Handbook and can be found on page 6 under "Character Eligibility". (Please see a copy of the Seven Pillars below.)

***One of the great benefits of athletics is the development of character qualities within an athlete. The characteristics of justice, courage, perseverance, responsibility, integrity, discipline and encouragements are honed in players on athletic teams. These are the seven pillars of Seven Rivers' athletics. Of course, there is also the opportunity for negative traits such as laziness, self-centeredness, excessive pride, and dishonesty to come to the surface. Because the SRCS athletic program is dedicated to preparing our children to transform culture, character transformation is important. The kingdom of God is within and without, but before it can become more "without" it must become more "within". Behavior expectations for our athletes are a function of the law, which when gently but boldly applied can drive us to Christ and by the Spirit's power produce transformation.***

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

During the 2011-2012 athletic seasons, SRCS will be focusing on exhibiting a high level of sportsmanship. Our desire and expectations are that our student-athletes, coaches, and fans will act in a manner that honors God and exhibit behavior that is a positive representative of our school.

## **UPCOMING ATHLETIC SPECIAL EVENTS**

In addition to Warrior Basketball games, you are invited to participate in and attend the events listed below as a means of supporting our student-athletes. See below for list:

**December 2, 2011: "White-Out Night"**. This event is being held in the SRCS gymnasium and we are encouraging all of our students and supporters to dress in all-white attire. During half-time, 4 adult fans will be chosen to participate in a Free-Throw shooting contest. Three SRCS teams will be playing against The Villages that night. (JV Boys 4:30, V Girls 6:00, V Boys 7:30).

**December 9, 2011: "Alumni Night"**. This event is being held in the SRCS gymnasium and we have invited all 208 graduates to attend and be recognized. Alumni will be seated on the stage and served food throughout the evening. During half-time, 4 alum will be chosen to participate in a half-court shooting contest. If you are an alumnus of SRCS and would like to attend, please contact Mrs. Julias. Three SRCS teams will be playing against 1st Academy that night. (JV Boys 5:00, V Girls 6:30, V Boys 8:00).

**January 13, 2012: "Black-Out Night"**. This event is being held in the SRCS gymnasium and we are encouraging all of our students and supporters to dress in all-black attire. During half-time, 4 students will be chosen to participate in a 3 Point shooting contest. Four SRCS teams will be playing that night. (JV Girls 4:00 vs. Crystal River, JV Boys 5:00, V Girls 6:30, V Boys 8:00 all vs. St. John).

**January 20, 2012: "K-2 Elementary Night"**. This event is being held in the SRCS gymnasium and we are encouraging all of our Kindergarten thru 2 grade students and their families to attend. During half-time, two teams of elementary students will be playing a 5 minute game of basketball. Three SRCS teams will be playing that night. (JV Girls 4:00 vs. Oak Hall, JV Boys 5:30, V Boys 7:00 both vs. Meadowbrook).

**February 11, 2012: SRCS Golf Classic & Walk-a-thon.** The SRCS Golf Class will be held at Southern Woods Golf Club. The cost per person is \$65.00 and there will be opportunities to win prizes. Lunch will be provided. The proceeds from the SRCS Golf Classic will help to provide equipment and supplies for Warrior athletic teams. The Walk-a-thon will take place on the campus of SRCS and will include an opportunity to support Warrior Athletics by walking the course while enjoying friends and family. A bounce house will be provided for students at the end of their walk.

## **WARRIOR BOOSTER CLUB**

The Warrior Booster Club will be holding a Golf Classic and Walk-a-thon on February 11, 2012. The purpose of these fundraisers will be to continue to supplement our athletic teams with much needed equipment. For the 2011-2012 school year, the WBC has purchased gymnastics mats to be used for Cheerleading and during Physical Education class as well as purchasing new uniforms for the girls Varsity Basketball team. The next planned purchase will be lockers for the boys and girls locker rooms. You will also begin seeing some additional sprucing up of our campus as we begin to add Warrior themed décor and begin to recognize some of the outstanding achievements of our athletes throughout school history. When you are in the school office, check out some of the spirit items the Warrior Booster Club has for sale; T-shirts, hats, mini football helmets, mugs and glasses are just a few of the items available.

## **ATHLETIC STUDY HALL**

Athletic study hall will continue throughout the school year as SRCS continues to reinforce to our student-athletes that their first responsibility is to maintain specific grade levels in order to participate in extra-curricular activities. Please see the information below for details on "Athletic Study Hall".

## **STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM**

This program is designed to assist student athletes in maintaining passing grades by the following:

1. Checking grades on a weekly basis
2. Providing a daily structured study time if grades drop below passing
3. Increasing academic motivation

### **Program:**

The grades of all in-season student athletes will be checked on a weekly basis (Wednesday) by the Resource Department or Athletic Director. If a student is reported to have a failing grade in any course he or she will be required to attend a study hall immediately after school (3:00-4:00) and prior to reporting to practice. Students will begin attending study hall the day they are notified by the Athletic Director, usually that same Wednesday. The student will be required to attend the after-school study hall for one week at which time grade reports will be checked again. If the student still has a failing grade he or she will continue in the study hall program. If the grade is reported as passing they can return to their normal practice schedule.

Athletes required to attend study hall will not be allowed to participate in any competition during the week they are in study hall unless the following criteria are met:

1. At the time of the competition the student is passing the course
2. The teacher of the course the student is failing reports to the Athletic Director that the student is making significant progress toward passing (i.e. no new grades were posted during the week but the teacher reported that the student was engaged, participating, and completing required work)

If at the conclusion of each marking period a student has a Grade Point Average below 2.0, the student is ineligible to participate in athletics until the GPA is raised above 2.0.

I hope the school year is going well for you.

Until next time... see you on the sidelines!

Gary Dreyer

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