

April 7, 2009

Friends,

You may have seen this highlighted in the *Chronicle* last week. Mrs. Bowman led the 20 member track team that served in the 23rd annual Citrus Field Day. This event allows the physically and mentally challenged to participate in track and field events. SRCS students helped with the shot put (softball toss), the discuss (frisbee throw), soccer, and the running events. Members of the track team organized the runners by lanes and other members helped them stop. Watching Cody Beaver and Harmin Jeong "stopping" the race was one of the highlights. They had to wave their arms and yell, "Ok, Ok, OK!!" to get the excited participants to actually stop running. It was a great day.



Summer 2009 marks the 51st consecutive year of the University of Florida Student Science Training Program (UF-SSTP). More than 3,000 academically talented students from around the world have completed this rigorous summer residential research program since its inception in 1959. Junior, Harmin Jeong has been accepted for this summer!

Our accreditation team has come and gone and while we await the formal vote in April, our visitors had wonderful things to say about SRCS. While this visit represented the third accreditation review by Christian Schools of Florida (they come every 5 years), it is our first visit that involves *AdvancEd* (formerly known as SACS). SRCS is recognized at the state, national, and international levels as an accredited school, meaning that our students are on par with schools around the world!

Once in a while, especially in difficult economic times when considering enrollment, parents sometimes ask, "Why should I pay for something that I can get for free?" The answer is that you can't get this for free! Consider that at SRCS you get:

- Education grounded in truth – As created beings in the image of God, the best way to educate is to teach truth, that which is revealed to us by the creator, providing a strong foundation for the rest of our lives.
- Education with eternity in view – We seek to develop the whole student for their place of service in the kingdom – to impact culture - building lives and expanding horizons.
- Education in community – We come together as family to bring connection.

Also, SRCS is committed to educational experiences and trips that provide context and culture, athletic opportunities to provide other learning venues, and offers a deeply committed faculty team.

Blessings,

Joel