

March 30, 2009

'Twas the night before accreditation,

Beginning tomorrow evening, SRCS will host an accreditation team from Christian Schools of Florida as part of our 5 year renewal cycle. The team also represents AdvancEd (formerly SACS) as SRCS has earned that valuable accreditation for the first time in our history. The visit begins with a reception Tuesday evening and ends with a preliminary report on Thursday. The faculty has worked hard to develop a "self-study" document that demonstrates our compliance with standards and also reveals areas for improvement. So if you see six unfamiliar faces around campus this week, say hi to them, because they are doing us a great service. We will hear the final results of our status at the CSF meeting at the end of April.

Coach Greene (and family) is off to a running start. We had a great "Meet the Coach" night that included several potential students. Coach Greene spent time with students, prospective assistant coaches, and whipped me on the golf course (not very hard I admit). Last Friday, the boys were fitted for helmets and pads – that was really exciting.

We are pressing forward with enrollment. It looks like more than 80% of current families are planning to return (I'd love that number to be at least 90%). We've fielded good interest from the community as well. While we are off to a good start, we continue to look for enrollment to strengthen as the spring unfolds.

Last week the 5th graders made the annual sojourn to Tallahassee and they even saw the governor. We also announced the valedictorian (Katie Bennett – University of Auburn) and salutatorian (Tony Kauffmann – New York University) during the school-wide chapel. You should have also received "Notes from the Sideline," an update from the athletics department.

The list of colleges accepting our seniors continues to grow – Mrs. Bowman works really hard to get our kids into their institution of choice.

Next week, on the heels of our accreditation visit, we have the honor of hosting four teachers (paper work willing) from Belize. We always learn so much from our brothers and sisters working in the Presbyterian Schools of Belize.

Grace and Peace,

Joel