

## **Open House: July 29, 2010**

### **Welcome & Opening Prayer**

### **Explain purpose of this meeting and direction of the school year:**

- SCAs 14<sup>th</sup> year
- 1<sup>st</sup> year with no combined classes

### **Introduce Theme for this year: Unity of the Body; I Cor. 12:12, 18-20**

**“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.”**

### **Points of focus:**

- **God has brought us together for this time, for this year, for this season. We have not been thrown together, nor have we assembled apart from God’s intervention...He is sovereign and in control of all that takes place here at SCA. With the acceptance of this truth comes the responsibility of this knowledge...we are in a relationship with one another. Therefore, we must value one another, we must hold up one another, we must see others as valuable, integral parts of the body to which we belong. We must esteem others more than ourselves.**
- **Apology given for not placing more emphasis on the development and recognition of spiritual growth. I was convicted of this following last year’s Awards’ Day; plenty of emphasis was placed on academic and physical growth, but very little was placed upon spiritual growth. This is in part because it is hard to define “spiritual growth” without sounding judgmental or legalistic. However, God showed me that by focusing on the relationships we have with one another (which all stem from our relationship with Him), we can display spiritual growth. So, this year will be the Year of Relationships! Enter....*The Great Relationship Experience!***

- **This year SCA will be participating in a program entitled *The Great Relationship Experience*. We will be piloting this as a school, providing our feedback to those who developed this program. Sherwood Christian Academy implemented this last year and they have recommended it very highly. (Sherwood Baptist Church, of which Sherwood Christian Academy is a ministry, is the one that produced the films *Facing the Giants* and *Fireproof*). This program is built around focusing on 6 Keys to Godly Relationships. We will focus on one each six weeks, highlighting the principle in the classroom and through chapel. As parents, you will receive an interactive web-link providing you with information that your child is learning at school so that you can follow up on the topic at home. This is a way we can work together...we can pull in the same direction...to increase the impact we have on our children's relationship with God.**

## **New Things at SCA**

- **RenWeb; this year we will utilize the lesson plan and gradebook components, and we will work toward using the lunch and financial components as well; if you haven't logged in, you do so through the SCA website (or renweb.com); you'll need to enter in the district code: SCA-TN; this information is on our website**
- **New pastor...Bro. Lonnie Ray, his wife Becky, and their youngest daughter Anna who will be entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade**
- **New Staff: Lauren Williams teaching first grade; Donna Wilkes teaching second grade; Lisa Pierce returning to teach Math Lab (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Math Lab; this will be offered twice a week with the purpose of increasing emphasis in the area of math; it will enable students to receive the reinforcement they need or to receive more challenging work; this will allow us to better meet the needs of the students and to allow for more growth within this subject area**

- **Shorter days on Wednesday; school will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. every Wednesday so teachers may go to class!**
- **New Layout of classrooms: 6<sup>th</sup> grade is where 8<sup>th</sup> grade used to be; 8<sup>th</sup> grade is now located in the room next to the library**
- **Possible move date? Not certain at the present but we will be moving as soon as we get the go ahead (unless this doesn't come until May); rumors are going around about moving in by Christmas...it would be wonderful, but it is not definite.**
- **Athletics – Coach Reid will share about the Booster Club and how money raised through this keeps participation in sports free, provides sports uniforms, and will help pay for the additional costs related to customizing the gym floor**

**In Classrooms, pick up:**

- **Paperwork for new year (in class of oldest child)**
- **New handbooks; please replace insert of previous one**
- **Paperwork may be returned on dates listed in packet (3 times next week); at this time tuition and book fees may be taken care of; this helps hold down the congestion**
- **Payments tonight for PE clothes, t-shirts, and Victory Ranch only**
- **Victory Ranch sign-up sheets are also located in each classroom**