

From the Desk of Mrs. Kris.....

On Tuesday, July 29th, SCA's Open House was held at the First United Methodist Church. There was a great turn out with many new faces wonderfully mixed in among the familiar faces (noticed I didn't say "old" faces...oops...I guess I just did!). Since it is impossible for every family to be present at one time, this is just a quick overview of what was shared so that, should it be that you were unable to attend (or pay full attention), this will hopefully bring you up do date.

**Who We Want To Be (SCA's Vision & Mission Statement)*

- **Our Vision:** to lead students in the development of a Biblical worldview by teaching them within the context of God's Word that they may walk according to the counsel of God's truth.
- **Our Mission:** As a ministry of Sharon Baptist Church, the mission of Savannah Christian Academy is to assist parents in Biblically educating their children by promoting, practicing, and preserving Godly principles so that their children may learn to glorify God in all areas.
- **Our Staff:** Sherry Winborn & Lisa Boling-Pierce (kindergarten), Christy Robertson (first grade), Tina Morris (second grade), Vicki Gallik (third grade), Deonne Ewoldt (fourth grade), Candy Smith (5th-6th grade), Tracy Swift (6th-8th grade), Brian Reid (5th-8th grade), Patricia (math/music), Karen Hightower (science), Vickie Bonawitz (art/music), Joni Shank (P.E. K-3rd), Donna Wilkes (7th/8th grade history), Pam Wolfe (secretary)

**Where We Want to Be*

- Habakkuk 3:19 "He makes me walk on my high places." While we may not always end up where we think we'd like to be, because we trust in a sovereign God, we know that we end up where He would have us to be...upon our high place. Through a series of detours and redirections, we find ourselves not on the path that had previously been planned. The much expected (and hoped for) date of August 7th will not be our first day of school. Instead, classes will resume on September 2nd. While this may seem discouraging at first glance, upon further examination we find that there are some blessings that stem from this. First of all, by extending the school day by just 30 minutes, the overall school calendar remains the same. No days will need to be made up during fall break, Christmas break, or spring break. This new calendar also provides us with four "cushion" days in case we need to miss due to bad weather. As a result, the school day will be from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. throughout the school year. Secondly, by waiting until September to begin school, we miss those dog days of August in which it is often too hot to even have recess outside. While this was something that was more or less "pushed" upon us, it may very well be something that we all end up

enjoying and thanking God for having *made* us take this path which led us to this high place.

- Victory Ranch dates stay the same, August 14th-15th; sign-up sheets were available; those who are planning to attend need to notify the school office or Mrs. Kris as soon as possible (926-1504 or 689-5393). Transportation needs to be provided by parents to and from camp; the cost is \$95.00. More information will be sent to those who “sign-up” for Victory Ranch.

Overview of Upcoming Year: What to Expect

- Classrooms will be identified by a sign upon each door
- Students will need to be dropped off at the cafeteria between 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. each morning; after 7:50 a.m. arriving students may go directly to their classroom; dismissal will be at 3:30 p.m.
- After-school care will be provided until 5:15 p.m.; the cost is \$3.50 until 4:30 p.m. and goes to \$5.00 if a child remains past 4:30 p.m.
- Lunches are still being worked out; hopefully some type of food will be provided for 2-3 days per week; extra microwaves will be available; more information will be provided as it is received; for the first few days of school, it would be best to send a “sack lunch”

Things to Ponder

- Being a part of a playground team to help pick out a new playground for SCA
- Having the Silent Auction in October to help raise money for the new playground
- Assisting in the work necessary for holding the Turkey Trot this November

Things to do

- Notify school office or Mrs. Kris about attending Victory Ranch
- Pick up a supply list (at the Davis Center or download from school website at www.savannahchristianacademy.org)
- View the new calendar and the updated handbook on our website
- Learn about the **Open Gym** dates for basketball enthusiasts on SCA’s website; students in grades 4-8 (boys and girls) are welcome to come and enjoy some court time under the supervision of Brian Reid during the month of August; more information may be found under the “Sports” section our the webpage.

I believe that is the heart of what was shared during the Open House. If you have any questions that have not been answered, please call the school office at 926-1504 or call me at 689-5393; I will be happy to answer, or attempt to answer, any questions you may have. I look forward to this upcoming school year, certain that, as has always been the case, this will prove to be our newest “best year yet”!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Kris