

# Crusader Communiqué

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Friday,  
January 7, 2005

## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, January 8**  
US/MS Report Cards  
Mailed

**Monday, January 10**  
SFCS SPIRIT WEEK  
BEGINS  
All-School Pajama Day!

LS Report Cards Go  
Home

Current 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Parent Informational  
Meeting  
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
LS Campus, Room 103 B,  
Bldg. 300

**Tuesday, January 11**  
All-School Character Day!

PTF Board Meeting  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
SFPC Cafeteria

K5 Field Trip  
Peace Center

OPEN FORUM MEETING  
7:00 p.m., SFPC Sanctuary

**Wednesday, January 12**  
All-School Decade Day!

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Intramural  
Basketball  
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Upper School Gymnasium

SFPC Wednesday Night  
Round-Up  
Dinner: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Activities: 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Single Parent/Blended  
Family Group  
6:30 p.m.  
SFPC Church Choir Room

**Thursday, January 13**  
All-School College Day!

Winter Sports Team  
Picture Day  
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*The purpose of Shannon Forest Christian School is to support the Christian home and church by providing quality education from a Biblical perspective in order to equip and challenge students to influence culture and society for Jesus Christ.*

For 37 years, Shannon Forest Christian School (SFCS) has been committed to serving the Lord by providing Greenville and surrounding communities with education from a Christian perspective. The 2005-2006 school year will continue to feature this academic excellence in the Christian environment you have come to expect.

Re-registration begins this **Tuesday, January 18**, and there are several reasons to look forward to next year with great anticipation. The decisions I will make as Acting Head of School, must be consistent with what is desired by the SFCS constituents. Those decisions must also be in line with the passions and desires of our outstanding faculty. A few weeks ago, at an Upper School faculty meeting, I requested that the faculty utilize small group interaction to facilitate the identification of five characteristics. These traits would be ones that they would like to see each graduating senior take with them from their SFCS experience. They identified the following characteristics that the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Upper School Program needs to facilitate:

- 1. Faith** – our labors are in vain should we ever fail to have the souls of our students as the top priority and their growth in their knowledge of our Savior as the foundation of our school.
- 2. Integrity** – our students need to be encouraged to follow a strict adherence to Godly standards.
- 3. Life-long learners** – we seek to encourage an unquenchable hunger for knowledge that is pursued throughout their lives and serves to facilitate their maturity in Christ.
- 4. Citizenship/service** – our students should leave with a sense of responsibility for their community and a willingness to share their talents in service to others.
- 5. Maturity** – we seek for our seniors to have attained a level of growth intellectually,

socially, emotionally and spiritually to effectively serve Christ. We desire for them to possess the ability to make good choices.

To strive for these characteristics in the SFCS seniors, the foundation for their fruition must be laid early in their Upper School experience. For this reason, the development of our own Character Development Curriculum has ensued and its implementation will be a focus in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades beginning fall 2005. Gender specific classes will be introduced at each grade level to enhance the learning environment through the provision of support in self-esteem, relationship building, modesty, etc. The development of Christian young men and women does not just happen, it must be cultivated and we are committed to plowing that field, planting the seeds, watering for growth, pulling the weeds, when necessary,

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## SFCS Open Forum Meetings Scheduled

The Board of Directors of Shannon Forest Christian School (SFCS) and Acting Head of School, Brenda Hillman would like to extend an invitation to all members of our school family to attend one of two upcoming Open Forum meetings. These meetings have been provided to give parents, faculty and staff an opportunity to freely discuss concerns regarding the school's finances, the direction and vision of the school and our plans for taking SFCS into the future. Your attendance is strongly encouraged and two dates have been scheduled for your convenience. Please plan to attend on either **Tuesday, January 11**, or **Thursday, January 13**. Both meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the SFPC Sanctuary.

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and then celebrating when a flower blooms in a wonderful way.

Students in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades will again enjoy a focus on service and community. An emphasis on technology, a shift to a conversational Spanish/French curriculum and the addition of electives in East Asian Studies and Athletic Training are a few highlights for the Upper School.

The SFCS Lower School also has some exciting news regarding the

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**Morning Women's Bible Study**

9:15 a.m., Room 103A  
LS Campus, Bldg. 300

**OPEN FORUM MEETING**

7:00 p.m., SFPC Sanctuary

**Evening Women's Bible Study**

7:00 p.m., LS Campus, Room 103A,  
Bldg. 300

**Friday, January 14**

**SFCS HOMECOMING!**  
**All-School Spirit Day!**

**ALL-SCHOOL PEPRALLY**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades**  
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Main Gymnasium

**A Night On The Town**

Upper School Homecoming Dance  
9:00 p.m. – 12 midnight  
LS Campus, Bldg. 300  
Multi-purpose Room

**SFCS Shakespeare Competition  
Entry Deadline!**

**Monday, January 17**

**Martin Luther King Day**  
**CLASSES DISMISSED**

**Wednesday, January 19**

**Magazine Sale Kick-Off Day**  
Upper & Lower School Chapels

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Intramural Basketball**

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Upper School Gymnasium

**Thursday, January 20**

**Morning Women's Bible Study**  
9:15 a.m., Room 103,  
LS Campus, Bldg. 300

**Mrs. Penn's English Class Field Trip**

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Peace Center

**Evening Women's Bible Study**

7:00 p.m., Room 103, LS Campus,  
Bldg. 300

2005-2006 school year. The faculty is buzzing with the news that the lower drop off circle will once again be overly congested in the morning with the return of the half-day Kindergarten Program. The return of this program, popular with not yet ready to let go parents and not quite ready for prime time 5 year olds, has been greatly anticipated. Research continues to show that some Kindergarten students perform at a higher level and are much more appropriately placed in a half-day Kindergarten Program. SFCS is glad to once again provide this opportunity to our families.

After much discussion over the past several years, SFCS is proud to announce the implementation of a Lower School Challenge Program. This inclusive program will provide activities designed to encourage young students to stretch intellectually and creatively. Classes will be exposed to lessons that are designed to challenge students beyond the traditional curriculum in a very strategic way. Mrs. Julie Sellars, who will complete her Masters in Gifted Education this summer, will be initiating this program. I am personally excited by the positive impact this program will have on the overall academic experience of our Lower School students.

As has been indicated, preparations for the 2005-2006 school year are well underway and I am looking forward to sharing the new experience with each of our families. I encourage you to be a part of our planning for the future and celebrate with the SFCS community by inviting new families to come and explore the opportunities that are available for their children. The following is a list of January events that will be launching us into re-registration:

**Friday, January 14:** Homecoming 2005! The evening will kick-off with an afternoon, all-school pep rally and games beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Homecoming queen will be crowned at approximately 7:00 p.m., following the Varsity Men's game. Lower School

families are encouraged to wear their SFCS t-shirts and attend the games free of charge.

**Tuesday, January 18:** Re-enrollment begins! Wednesday, January 19, has been declared as a school-wide day of prayer and fasting. The SFPC Sanctuary will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for friends, families, faculty and staff to spend time thanking the Lord for His many blessings upon this ministry over the years. It will also be a time to pray for His guidance as we complete this school year and begin preparations for next. I encourage you to take the opportunity to stop as a family and seek the Lord together.

**Friday, January 21:** *Coffee and Conversation* at 8:30a.m. in the SFPC Cafeteria. I will be available to answer questions and clarify plans for the present and future of SFCS. Lower School parents are especially encouraged to attend.

**Monday, January 24:** Parents of current 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students are encouraged to attend an important informational meeting regarding the 2005-2006 school year at 7:30 p.m. in Room 103B of the 300 Building on the Lower School Campus.

**Friday, January 28:** Early Bird re-enrollment discount concludes.

**A SFCS Community Open House will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Invite your friends to attend our Open House for any family interested in our school ministry. Informational tours, classroom activities, Drama competitions, basketball games and Q&A sessions will provide a great opportunity for new families interested in Christian Education to learn more about SFCS. Invitations are available in each reception area on both the Lower and Upper School Campus.

**Monday, January 30:** Open registration begins for new families! Parents of current 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students are encouraged to attend an important informational meeting regarding the 2005-2006 school year

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at 7:30 p.m. in Room 103B of the 300 Building on the Lower School Campus.

This ministry is moving forward with tremendous energy. I wish to express my appreciation for the confidence you have placed in our ability to educate your child. I implore you to pause, before embracing the excitement the future offers and look upward and remember from whence cometh our strength.

*My eager desire and hope being that I may never feel ashamed, but that now as ever I may do honour to Christ in my own person by fearless courage.* Philippians 1:20, as paraphrased

*By Robert Moffat Scottish pioneer missionary to South Africa*

The Lord Bless you.

In His Service,

Brenda K. Hillman, Acting Head of School

## Important Meetings for 2005-2006!

You'll want to mark your calendars for these important informational meetings. Acting Head of School, Brenda Hillman is currently holding valuable meetings that cover plans for the 2005-2006 school year. Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students are encouraged to attend on their scheduled evening.

**Monday, January 24: Parents of current 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students**

**Monday, January 31: Parents of current 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students**

All meetings will be held in Room 103B (Lower Level Meeting Room), in Building 300 on the Lower School Campus.

## UPPER SCHOOL NEWS (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

### *To Be Or Not To Be...*

#### ***BE Prepared for the SFCS Shakespeare Competition!***

The SFCS Shakespeare Competition will be held on **Friday, January 28**, and is open to all students in Grades 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. To prepare for the event, students must study, memorize and perform a monologue from one of Shakespeare's plays and one of Shakespeare's sonnets.

The SFCS winner will advance to the local English-Speaking Union Branch Competition. The Branch Competition winner will receive a weekend of theatre, workshops and sightseeing in New York City. They will also win the opportunity to compete on stage. The National Competition winner will be awarded a summer course in Great Britain. **Entry forms for the SFCS competition are available in the Main Office in the Middle School. The deadline for entry is Friday, January 14.**

### **Kevin Miron Wins SFCS Geography Bee**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade student, Kevin Miron came out the winner of the SFCS level competition of the National Geographic Geography Bee! Miron will now take a written test on **Friday, January 24**, that will be submitted to Columbia. The test is comprised of seventy questions similar to the ones on the preliminary and school level tests. The top 100 scores will participate in the state level bee sometime in March. Congratulations, Kevin!



### **English Students To Spend A Day At The Theatre**

Students in the English class of Marsha Penn will travel to the Peace Center on **Thursday, January 20**, to see the production of *The Twelfth Night*. A production of the Aquila Theatre, this presentation blends innovative, contemporary staging with one of Shakespeare's most amusing comedies. Students will depart from school at 11:00 a.m. and return to campus by 3:00 p.m.

## Subscribe To Your Favorite Magazine & Benefit SFCS!

Order your favorite magazines or renew current subscriptions during the SFCS annual Magazine Sale and help support our Athletic Program! Athletic Director, Rita Harrell will introduce the details of this year's program in both the Lower and Upper School chapels on **Wednesday, January 19**.

**Monday, January 24**

*1<sup>st</sup> Turn-in date*

**Friday, January 28**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Turn-in date:*

**Wednesday, February 2**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Turn-in date*

Prizes will be selected in advance (like Sally Foster) and will be awarded during lunch periods on Wednesday, January 26, Monday, January 31 and Wednesday, February 3. The homeroom that turns in the most subscriptions will win a traveling Ziggy dog! All students in the class will receive a small dog and will be eligible to win the big Ziggy dog. All classes that reach a 60% participation rate will win their homeroom teacher 15 seconds in the money machine, too! The money machine event will be held between the basketball games against Carolina Day on **Friday, February 4**. Mark your calendars now for the Main Event to be held on **Tuesday, April 26**.

# SFCS Homecoming 2005!

Pull out your SFCS green and get ready for a fun-filled week of CRUSADER SPIRIT as we look forward to Homecoming 2005.

*All Grades, 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> will have a blast with daily dress-up days.*

**Monday, January 10:** Save some time in the morning and enjoy Pajama Day!

**Tuesday, January 11:** Character Day will give you the chance to become your favorite TV or movie character!

**Wednesday, January 12:** The 50s, 60s, 70s...what's your favorite decade. Dress the part on Decade Day!

**Thursday, January 13:** Go Team! Wear the colors of your favorite college on College Day!

**Friday, January 14:** "Green & White Fight, Fight!" Wear your SFCS Spirit wear!

## **Schedule of Events:**

**2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Special Homecoming pep rally for 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades to be held in the Main Gymnasium

**4:00 p.m.** SFCS Lady Crusaders face Siloam Christian

**5:30 p.m.** SFCS Varsity Men take on Siloam Christian

## **Following the games:**

Presentation of the 2005 Homecoming Court

Crowning of this year's queen by our 2004 Homecoming Queen, Laura Grant

**9:00 p.m. – 12 Midnight**

## **A Night On The Town**

Upper School Homecoming Dance to be held in the Lower School Multi-purpose Room

## *2005 SFCS Homecoming Court*

### *Seniors:*



*Jessica Campisi*



*Holly Miller*



*Brooke Murphy*



*Holly Seppala*

### *Juniors:*



*Katherine Carter*



*Kirsty Jacobs*



*Laurie Lusk*



*Maggie Smith*

### *Sophomores:*



*Erin Kelly*



*Kayt Schonewald*



*Kristen Stratton*



*Katie Thackston*

### *Freshman:*



*Chantelle Bateman*



*Carley Davis*



*Vanessa Hartmann*



*Cara Jenkinson*

## LOWER SCHOOL NEWS (PK3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### *Lower School Crusader Spirit FUN!*

The month of January will be full of Crusader fun with the following upcoming Lower School Basketball events!

#### Tuesday, January 11

The SFCS Middle School Basketball teams will face Mount Zion for exciting court action. The Lady Crusaders play at 4:00 p.m. and the Boys' team follows at 5:00 p.m. **All students in 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> Grades wearing a SFCS T-shirt will gain FREE admission to the game along with their parents! A pizza party will be awarded to the class with the highest number of students in attendance.**

Students...don't forget to register your teacher's name with the gate volunteer as you enter!

#### **K5 Classes to Enjoy a Different Kind of Salad!**

The K5 classes of Andrea Godsey and Debbie Patterson will enjoy a salad on Tuesday, January 11, but they won't be munching on lettuce and carrots with dressing! The students are traveling to Greenville's Peace Center to see the production of *Story Salad*. Their salad will be made of an hour-long feast of words in the form of a face-paced treat of multi-cultural stories.

#### Friday, January 21

The Crusaders host an evening battle against our visitors from Asheville Christian. The game action begins with the Middle School Girls' at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Middle School Boys' at 5:00 p.m. Our Varsity Lady Crusaders play at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Varsity Men at 7:30 p.m. **All 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students are invited to participate in scooter races during the half-times of each game!**

#### Friday, January 28

Don't miss the action between the Crusaders and our visitors from Oakbrook Prep The SFCS Middle School Girls' begin at 4:00 p.m. and

the Boys' action begins at 5:00 p.m. Our Junior Varsity team takes the court at 6:00 p.m. **Students will receive tickets at the gate that will be marked with special numbers for halftime prize drawings for each game!**

***DON'T MISS THE FUN...  
BE A CRUSADER  
SUPPORTER TODAY!***



## PTF NEWS

### **Outstanding Entertainment Books Are Due TODAY!**

It's time to take a look under those piles of papers for any Entertainment Books that have not been purchased or returned to the school! **If you have not turned in the book that was sent home with your student, please do so THIS WEEK!** SFCS is responsible for **ALL** the books "checked out," regardless if they were sold. Having "missing" books greatly reduces the profits going toward SFCS. Books may be returned in the original envelope to the reception desks in both the Lower and Middle School Buildings.

**Entertainment Books are still available for purchase!** Please call Susan McNamara at 299-9172 if you have any questions.

**AND...don't forget you have until Saturday, January 15, to place online Sally Foster orders and benefit our school!**



### **Mark Your Calendars For The January PTF Board Meeting**

The Parent/Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Board will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 11, from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the SFPC Cafeteria.

# ATHLETIC ACTION

## Winter Athletic Schedule (Friday, January 7 – Friday, January 21)

<b>Friday, January 7</b>			
MS Girls' Basketball	Mitchell Road	Away	4:00 p.m.
JV Boys Basketball	Spartanburg Home Sch	HOME	4:30 p.m.
MS Boys' Basketball	Mitchell Road	Away	5:00 p.m.
Varsity Women's Basketball	Asheville School	HOME	6:00 p.m.
Varsity Men's Basketball	Asheville School	HOME	7:30 p.m.

<b>Monday, January 10</b>			
MS Boys' Basketball	Carolina Christian	Away	4:00 p.m.
JV Girls' Basketball	Hendersonville Christian	HOME	4:30 p.m.
Varsity Men's Basketball	Carolina Christian	Away	5:00 p.m.
JV Boys' Basketball	Hendersonville Christian	HOME	5:30 p.m.

<b>Tuesday, January 11</b>			
MS Girls' Basketball	Mount Zion	HOME	4:00 p.m.
MS Boys' Basketball	Mount Zion	HOME	5:00 p.m.
Varsity Women's Basketball	Spartanburg Day	Away	5:00 p.m.
Varsity Men's Basketball	Spartanburg Day	Away	6:30 p.m.

<b>Thursday, January 13</b>			
JV Boys Basketball	Tabernacle Christian	HOME	4:00 p.m.
MS Girls' Basketball	Siloam Christian	Away	4:00 p.m.
MS Boys' Basketball	Siloam Christian	Away	5:00 p.m.
Varsity Women's Basketball	Tabernacle Christian	HOME	5:15 p.m.
Varsity Men's Basketball	Tabernacle Christian	HOME	6:30 p.m.

<b>Friday, January 14 HOMECOMING!</b>			
Varsity Women's Basketball	Siloam Christian	HOME	4:00 p.m.
Varsity Men's Basketball	Siloam Christian	HOME	5:30 p.m.

<b>Tuesday, January 18</b>			
Varsity Women's Basketball	Rabun Gap	Away	4:30 p.m.
JV Girls' Basketball	Rabun Gap	HOME	5:00 p.m.
JV Boys' Basketball	Rabun Gap	HOME	6:00 p.m.
Varsity Men's Basketball	Rabun Gap	Away	6:00 p.m.

<b>Thursday, January 20</b>			
JV Boys' Basketball	Greenwood Christian	HOME	5:00 p.m.
Varsity Women's Basketball	Greenwood Christian	Away	5:30 p.m.
Varsity Men's Basketball	Greenwood Christian	Away	7:00 p.m.

<b>Friday, January 21</b>			
MS Girls' Basketball	Asheville Christian	HOME	3:30 p.m.
MS Boys' Basketball	Asheville Christian	HOME	4:30 p.m.
JV Girls' Basketball	Asheville School	Away	4:00 p.m.
JV Boys Basketball	Asheville School	Away	5:15 p.m.
Varsity Women's Basketball	Asheville Christian	HOME	6:00 p.m.
Varsity Men's Basketball	Asheville Christian	HOME	7:30 p.m.

## Winter Sports Picture Day

Photos will be taken of all winter sports teams on



### **Thursday,**

**January 13.** All student athletes **MUST** in uniform to be included in the team picture. All picture orders must be placed AND paid for at the time the picture is taken. **Order forms will be available in the Athletic Director's Office by Monday, January 10, or Tuesday, January 11.**

The shooting schedule is as follows:

Varsity Girls	8:45 a.m.
Junior Varsity Girls	9:10 a.m.
Middle School Girls	9:30 a.m.
Varsity Boys	10:00 a.m.
Junior Varsity Boys	10:20 a.m.
Middle School Boys	10:40 a.m.
Middle School Cheerleaders	11:00 a.m.
Varsity Dance Team	11:30 a.m.

**Join the  
Athletic  
Booster  
Club!**