



FYI *For Your Information*

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Transportation Registration for Next Year

All families wanting bus transportation for your SCCS students for NEXT YEAR are required to complete a **Transportation Registration Form.**

The form is due to the Transportation Office at Central Services by June 15th.

Who is eligible?
K – 6 students who reside more than 1 mile from school or grade 7 & 8 students who reside more than 2 miles from school.

The Registration Form can be found on the SCCS web site under *SCCS Parents* and also on the Stillwater Schools web site: http://stillwater.k12.mn.us/Transportation_Enrollment_and_Decline_Forms.html

Forms should be mailed or faxed directly to address on the form.

From the Principal's Desk by Mrs. Epperly

SCRIP – “Here’s a Tip . . . Use Scrip!” from SCCS 7th grader, Brian Treacy

Thanks to the efforts of many, many volunteers – especially Amy Gag and Laura Ogren – SCRIP is rapidly becoming a way of life for SCCS families and St. Michael's, St. Mary's and St. Charles' parishioners.

The SCRIP program, revived about a year ago, has produced an amazing \$15,000 since July 1, 2009. By purchasing SCRIP for items you are already buying, each family can generate income (through rebates to SCCS from the retailers) for SCCS. As you generate this income, you will be helping to offset what would otherwise be tuition increases.

As you noted in the registration and tuition information for the 2010 – 2011 school year, SCRIP purchases, or a commitment to pay the additional tuition, is a requirement for next year. Beginning May 1, volunteers will be tracking SCRIP purchases and crediting your family for the rebate amount of your purchase. If you signed up on your Tuition Commitment to purchase SCRIP, your rebates will begin adding up to fulfill your \$225 SCRIP commitment. If you are unable to reach the total \$225 rebate amount by next April 30, 2011, you WILL still receive credit for any lesser amount you bring in. The difference will be billed to you next May.

Please note that if you did not indicate a choice of purchasing SCRIP or paying the tuition, your family was automatically signed up to pay the \$225 in tuition. Those families who have turned in your registration for 2010 – 2011 will receive a form on Thursday, April 22 reminding you of the SCRIP choice you made. There is still time to change that choice if you would like. Simply call or email Diane Polley with the information (dpolley@stccs.com). If you have submitted a Scholarship Application you will not receive a SCRIP choice form until your application is processed.

ALL families will also be receiving a new **SCRIP Handbook** on Thursday with all the information you need to purchase SCRIP and make the most of this easy source of income for SCCS and cost savings for YOU. Please be watching for it.

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We are looking forward to welcoming all of our Grandparents and Special Friends on Friday. Our events begin at 11:30 am and we will conclude the day with a Mass. The Mass will begin at 1:45 pm.



Stepping Into Spring

SCCS Annual Style Show and Luncheon THANK YOU!

This year's Spring Luncheon and Style Show was a great success. Fun and a fantastic meal was had by all.

A special thank you goes to SCCS classrooms, teachers and contact mothers for providing the wide variety of classroom baskets for the Silent Auction!

Thanks also to our fantastic cooks, Cathy Mariana and Bruce Brevitz.

Our moms, students, and alumni who modeled did a great job.

The Catholic Aid Association also supported this event. We thank them for all their time and help.

Watch next week for a list of our donating sponsors.



SCCS 6th Grader, Tim Koenning, Receives Writing Award

The Center for Mission serving the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis recently sponsored a writing contest as one of several activities celebrating 75 years of missionary activity in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Children were asked to respond to the phrase, "I am a Catholic Missionary..." Grades 3-6 were asked to respond in the form of a poem or prayer, while children in Grades 7-12 were requested to submit essays of 500 words or less.

Ms. Lass assigned this as an activity for her Middle School English classes. Many of the SCCS Middle School students submitted their entries to the Center for Mission. Archdiocese-side winners and runner-ups were selected based on their originality and ability to creatively and passionately complete the phrase, "I am a Catholic Missionary..."

On Wednesday, April 21st, Deacon Mickey Friesen, Director of the Center for Mission, visited SCCS to present Tim with his award. Congratulations to Tim!



I am a Missionary – Haiku by Tim Koenning

Jesus is my all
God is everything
A missionary

Going everywhere
Helping the sick and the poor
We'll stop poverty

Loving and caring
We help the homeless children
Even across Earth

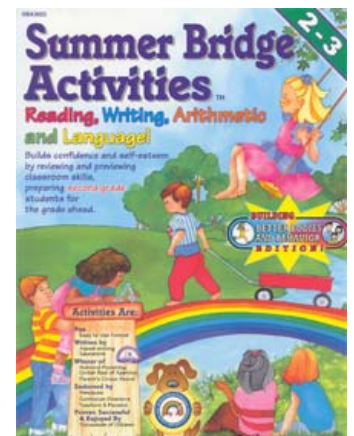
Near or far we help
We aid disaster victims
We bring them kindness

We help the children
Everyone included
Teaching the good news

Summer Tips for Parents – Keep the Learning Going with *Summer Bridge Activities™* Books

It is not too early to plan summer experiences that will maintain and enrich your child's learning. All children experience some learning losses when they do not engage in school activities during the summer months. Studies reveal that the greatest areas of loss are in factual or procedural knowledge.

We are making available a *Summer Bridge Activities™* workbook specific to each grade level, K through 7. This series of workbooks makes reviewing classroom skills – including reading, writing, math, geography and language arts – fun and rewarding. The activities build confidence and self-esteem by reviewing and previewing classroom skills, preparing students for the grade ahead. Each book also includes a list of recommended books for summer reading. The exercises are easy to understand and





Families and friends of 5th graders

SAVE THE DATE
for:

Rock & Roll Forever
Friday, May 21st
at 2:00 in
St. Michael's
Social Hall

As a culmination to our study of the history of Rock & Roll, the 5th graders would like to share a "work in progress" including songs and information from our study. Please join us for **Rock & Roll Forever** and celebrate our learning!

are presented in a way that allows your child to review familiar skills and then be progressively challenged on more difficult subjects.

The cost of each book is \$14.00. The books can be easily ordered using an order form that was sent home last week with each family. The books are listed by two grades (Current Grade – Next Year's Grade) For example, if your child is just finishing grade 2 and entering grade 3 next fall, you want to order the 2 – 3 book. Multiple books can be included on one order form and paid for by one check. The deadline to order is Friday, April 30th and the books will be sent home before the end of the year.



It Is Carnival Planning Time

The School Carnival Is Friday, May 28th
from 1 pm – 3 pm!!!



We are looking for SCCS families to donate boxes of Little Debbie Snack Treats and/or 16oz pop bottles for the carnival. Please drop them off at the SCCS office when you are able to!

If you have any other ideas or items that your family would be interested in donating to this fun event for the kids, i.e. gift certificates, tootsie pop suckers, candy, etc...please let us know.

We would also love to have any help that day from parents that would like to assist with the set-up, tear-down, food station, or obstacle courses.

Please contact Laura Ogren (439-1806) if you are able to help or have any questions!
THANK YOU!!

Uniform Room Offers First Communion Clothing by SCCS Home and School

The SCCS Uniform Room has received its first donation of First Communion clothing! All donations will be offered to parents of SCCS second graders on a rental basis. If you are in need of a size 12 boys' suit, please stop by and see if this donation will work for your son. Items may be checked out for a flat fee of \$15 per outfit.



If you have a suit or dress your family no longer needs and you would be willing to donate it, please drop it off in the school office as soon as possible (First Communion days are scheduled for the end of April and early May). Laundered clothing will be due back in the Uniform Room by the end of the school year so that other families may benefit from this program in the future. All proceeds benefit the programs and events sponsored by SCCS Home & School.

Thank you for your help getting this service off the ground.

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 23

11:30 am	Grandparents and Special Friends Day begins!
1:45 pm	Grandparents Day Mass St. Michael's Church

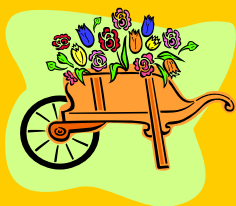
**Attention all
current SCCS 8th
Grade families**

**SCVFF
2010 - 2011
Registration
Kickoff Night**

April 28, 2010
St. Michael's Social
Hall
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Please attend this
parent
informational night
to learn more about
our programs and
next year's
Confirmation
program.

For any questions,
please call the
SCVFF offices at
651 351-3175.



Saturday and Sunday, April 24 & 25

First Communions at St. Michael's, St. Mary's, and St. Charles

April 26 – May 14

NWEA testing for students in grades 2 – 8

Tuesday, April 27

Kindergarten students field trip to the Teddy Bear Clinic at Lakeview Hospital

Wednesday, April 28

9:15 am All School Mass

Friday, April 30

Deadline to order Summer Bridge Activities books

Saturday and Sunday, May 1 & 2

First Communions at St. Michael's and St. Mary's

Monday, May 3

Jump Up Day for incoming Kindergartners and this year's K – 3 students. (4th and 5th grade students will "Jump Up" on Monday, May 17th.)

8th grade graduation pictures

Wednesday, May 5

9:15 am Mass and Eucharistic Procession

Second Grade First Communion Luncheon

8th grade formal graduation pictures

Thursday, May 6

National Day of Prayer

8th grade Mexican Dinner

May 10 – May 14

Teacher Appreciation Week