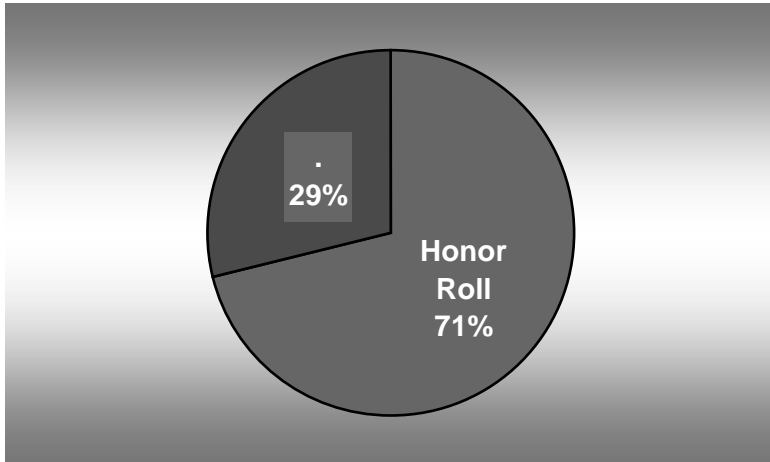
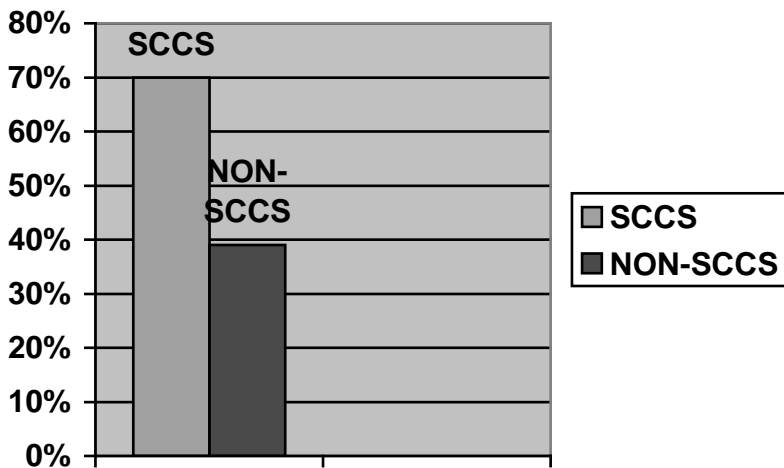


IN 2008, 34 STUDENTS WENT TO SJHS AND HILL MURRAY FROM SCCS. OF THOSE, 24 (71%) WERE EITHER ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL (GPA 3.5-4.00) OR THE HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.499).



IN 2008, 23 STUDENTS WENT TO SJHS FROM SCCS. OF THE 410 STUDENTS IN 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE, 168 WERE ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL (GPA 3.5-4.0). OF THOSE ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL, 16 OF THE STUDENTS FROM SCCS WERE ON THIS HONOR ROLL (70% OF THE SCCS STUDENTS) AS COMPARED TO THE NON-SCCS STUDENTS WHO WERE ON THE HONOR ROLL (39%).



## **SCCS STUDENTS ARE FULLY PREPARED FOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**Here are just a few highlights:**

### **In 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- Extensive computer course in which students master PowerPoint, Excel spreadsheets, Word professional layout and formatting for research papers and business correspondence (and more) and apply these skills to all other Middle School classes.
- Communication course teaches effective oral presentation, cooperation and news writing skills through one-act plays, writing an issue of the Middle School Newsletter, oral presentations and story telling.
- Students are placed on ability-based math tracks for, allowing for an individualized learning pace.
- Sound Grammar foundation is established; writing expectations set early on in MS program.
- Complete grasp of Old Testament in Religion class.
- NWEA standardized tests tracked from grade school into and throughout MS years, allowing for individualized goal-setting.

### **In 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- Science project uses methodology that is at a high school level.
- Fine Arts program develops students' work and knowledge to the degree that it's routinely noted for its excellence by local 9<sup>th</sup> grade art instructors.
- Communication course continues to teach skills learned in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Students also learn how to write, act and produce one-act plays as well as act and produce service message commercials at the Valley Access Cable Channel.
- Complete grasp of New Testament in Religion class.

### **In 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- Extensive history research paper prepares the students for research papers in high school; Students start by researching, writing note cards and end with the finished paper that includes a bibliography page, graduates express gratitude to have learned this skill in 8th grade.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish course is directly equivalent to 9<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish in local high schools; SCCS automatically enroll in Spanish II.
- Students read and discuss among many other selections, Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird. This book is read in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Stillwater Junior High School and at Hill Murray.
- Students receive solid preparation for Confirmation in Religion class.
- Students go on a fabulous trip to the Wolf Ridge Environmental Center on the North Shore near Finland, MN. This is an amazing week-long trip where the students learn about nature, animals, survival, personal growth experiences and team-building activities.

**For a complete review of Middle School Curriculum, please visit the school's Web site at:**

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