



# Seattle Christian Schools

July 2011

Dear Parents of Secondary Students:

While the weather is warm and summer is at its peak, the Seattle Christian staff is preparing for the return of our students. There is sense of renewal, hope and anticipation for the upcoming school year, and we look forward to pursuing God's will for SCS. Our 2011-2012 theme, "Renewed," and scripture from Romans 12:2 provide us with direction in this endeavor:

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

It is a privilege to share in our students' education as they are transformed through God's work in their lives. Thank you for this opportunity!

Included in this letter are back-to-school events and other important information:

**Orientation Day, August 29:**

All 7<sup>th</sup> graders, all 9<sup>th</sup> graders and any students new to SCS will participate in Orientation Day. Returning students in the 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades do not need to attend Orientation Day. Student photographs will be taken the first day of school during students' regularly scheduled classes.

**Orientation Day Schedule, Monday, August 29 for Middle and High School Students New to SCS and all 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders in the Gym/Auditorium**

9:00 – 10:00 am	New to SCS 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders – welcome/light refreshments
10:00 – 10:30 am	All 7 <sup>th</sup> and new 8 <sup>th</sup> graders – middle school orientation
11:30 – 12:00 pm	All 9 <sup>th</sup> graders and new 10 – 12 <sup>th</sup> graders - high school orientation
12:00 – 2:30 pm	All 9 <sup>th</sup> graders – mentor program and lunch provided

Parents new to SCS are encouraged to attend our **New Parent Orientation on Monday, August 29** at 7:00 pm in the SCS Gym.

**Your student's class schedule** will be mailed home later in August. After students receive their schedules, requests for class changes may be submitted by email to SCS Registrar, Kaylene Shomber, at [registrar@seattlechristian.org](mailto:registrar@seattlechristian.org) prior to August 29. Please note: All schedule changes must be completed no later than September 9. Student schedules will not be changed after this date.

The ***Parent/Student Handbook*** will be available online again this year on our SCS website. For families without internet access or simply for convenience, hardcopies will be available in the school offices. This practice increases accessibility to the *Parent/Student Handbook* for many families and helps us wisely manage our resources. Please be sure to read through the handbook with your student prior to the first day of school to review academic and behavior expectations. Please note that chapel dress will not be required for students this year.

**The first day of classes is Wednesday, August 31**, beginning at 7:45 am and ending at 2:45 pm. *High School students will meet in the auditorium* for an opening assembly and *Middle School students will meet in the gym* for their opening assembly.

**The high school fall sports season begins Monday, August 22. The football season begins on August 17.** It is essential that all athletes and parents have read and returned their paperwork and insurance forms and turned in the required physical exam evidence and concussion forms by this date. If you do not have your own insurance, you must obtain insurance coverage through the school prior to the first practice by contacting Angie Cadwell in the Business Office at (206) 246-8241 ext. 1306. The middle school sports season will begin September 2.

Every year we accompany our students on a *mandatory SCS Fall Retreat* for the purpose of uniting the school and beginning with a spiritual emphasis. This year our **high school retreat is scheduled on Friday, September 2**, and will be held at the Landmark Event Center in Des Moines. Transportation will be provided. This is an extended school day—students will return to SCS in the early evening. Our guest speaker will be Iraq war veteran, Shawn Seeley, from Fairwood Church. Retreat information details will be available on the SCS website prior to the start of the school year.

The **middle school retreat will be held Thursday, September 1**, at Lake Retreat in Ravensdale. Students will depart from SCS in the morning and return in the afternoon by 4:00 pm (please note this is an extended day). The guest speaker will be Youth Pastor Mike Freeman, from LifeWay Church. More information about the retreat will be provided to students and made available on the SCS website prior to the first day of school.

**Student parking registration** information is included in this packet and is available on our SCS website. Parking privileges are granted to seniors, juniors and sophomores, respectively, and by receipt of completed registration. A copy of the student's driver's license and proof of insurance must be included with the registration form in addition to the \$75 parking fee, and sent to SCS Transportation Coordinator, Shawn DeOrnellis. For more information, contact Shawn DeOrnellis at [sdeornellis@seattlechristian.org](mailto:sdeornellis@seattlechristian.org).

We look forward God's plan for our school this year and ask that you uphold our staff and students in prayers in September and the months ahead!

Renewed in Him,



Mrs. Stephanie Knipp  
Principal – Middle and High School

Enclosures