

An Inside Look



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Monthly Newsletter from Rebecca Gaubatz

Welcome

Welcome to SCA! We are off to a great start this school year. I am excited to return to the routine of a monthly newsletter and communication directly from my "desk" to you. This newsletter will go home once a month. It is different and separate from the weekly newsletter from the school office that includes reminders and upcoming events.

Purpose

Each year that I have had the joy and privilege of being the campus administrator at SCA, we have selected a theme for the year. This school year's theme is purpose. During staff in-service the week before students arrived, the SCA staff applied this to themselves and the campus. We referred back to the Bible to find examples and make connections to this theme. Throughout the school year, we will show how this applies at SCA. God has a purpose for each of us. "God doesn't create accidents, He creates purposes." You may have noticed staff wearing this statement on their shirts recently as a reminder that we all are part of His plan. Our 30th anniversary year is a great time for us all to refocus on our purpose.

New Designs

This year, in conjunction with the school's 30th anniversary, you will also see an updated logo and branding package that Mrs. Jackson developed. We rolled out a custom newsletter template for Tuesday's newsletter from the office. We are getting our Instagram going in addition to Facebook. We are in the process of updating our website and changing to a more streamlined and modern platform, too. The new website should be up and running within a month. Online billing will be added. Please share your feedback about the new designs, communication methods, and access points as well. Thank you for your patience in rolling out these new features.

Curriculum

You may have noticed already that your child is not coming home with a lot of worksheets or prepackaged content. This year, we have created our own custom Bible based curriculum, for both literacy and STEM concepts. A committee of parents and staff worked together to create a year long scope and sequence and 4-6 week units that align to state standards as well as our campus mission. These materials focus on hands-on lessons, differentiation, explicit instruction of content with gradual release of responsibility so students are more productive in applying what they learn, and writing across on contents to name just a few ideas. Stay tuned for more details.