



Dear Families and Friends of Summerville Catholic:



As we close this academic year, I wanted to share some of my thoughts and impressions of the 2007 – 2008 school year. It has been an outstanding year. We had much success in growing as a school family. I believe Summerville Catholic School is a great place to grow in faith and learn, and we have the potential to be even better. Our goal was to provide an excellent Catholic education and assist families in “becoming more fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.” I thank God for the many blessings we have and I pray that SCS will continue to move forward in striving for excellence in all that we do. I pray we learn from our mistakes and we move forward with boldness and passion as we reach out to others, spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, and learn how to put our faith in action.



I cannot possibly thank everyone in this letter that has volunteered, contributed, or supported our school because there are so many people. Whether it was coordinating Boxtops/Labels, working at the auction and Mardi Gras, helping with art classes, stuffing Tuesday folders, serving on the PSA, working in the lunch line, serving as a room mother, assisting in the library, coaching a sports team, or WHATEVER.... I thank everyone who has given of their time, talents, and treasures to support and improve our school. We could not possibly operate without the support of our parents and volunteers who give with a generous loving heart.



Our students continue to shine and represent SCS in a positive Christian manner in extra-curricular activities and in the community. Whether it is on the basketball court, participating in a school concert, volunteering their time to help others, serving lunch to the poor and homeless of Charleston's eastside, performing in a circus, representing our school in a bridge-building competition, or participating in a worship service, our students show that they truly are a blessing from our Creator. We have a unique blend of diverse personalities and talents here at Summerville Catholic. People really do care about each other. We are making a difference in the community.



Our mission statement declares that “as a Catholic school community, we believe in the uniqueness, dignity and potential of every student. Following the life and example of Jesus Christ, we strive to build character while teaching compassion.” We remain committed to that mission of serving our families by providing that Christ-centered education that is so critical today. Our number one priority has been and always will be the teaching of Jesus Christ. That is what makes us different from other schools. Our children hear God's Word daily and learn about His love and blessings from quality teachers who really do care and love their students. SCS is a place where Christian teachers help children define and implement a Christian lifestyle with Christian values. It is a place of caring and love that extends far beyond the classroom walls and school hours. It is a place of love for the Lord and respect for each other. It is a place where everybody has worth, just because they are.



We also know that everything was not perfect. We made mistakes, we fell short. Indeed, we are all human and are all in need of God's mercy and grace. Our Heavenly Father forgives us through the suffering and death of His Son, Jesus Christ, because of love. In response to God's love and His forgiveness, we also are to forgive and show love. We must continue to learn how to treat each other and strive to live in a manner consistent with what our faith teaches us. We must be able to forgive, forget, and move on. We strive to do our very best at carrying out our mission and we will remain vigilant in finding even more meaningful ways to serve Him better and treat each other better.



We also must say goodbye to thirty-seven wonderful eighth graders. We will miss our eighth grade graduates as we know they are well prepared for high school and ready to move on. Our

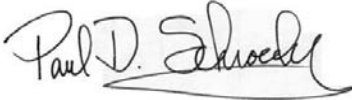


eighth graders provided leadership in and outside of the classroom and will sincerely be missed. God Bless all of you and thank you for helping to make this school year such a great success.

Please know that everyone who had the honor of teaching and working with your children here at Summerville Catholic School is very thankful of your commitment to Catholic education. We thank you for trusting us to teach the academic lessons and more importantly assist you in making disciples of Jesus. We thank you for your patience and understanding. We thank you for your prayers and support. We thank you for your openness and honesty. We thank you for your care and commitment. We thank you for your hours and hours of volunteering. We even thank you for all the great tasting goodies that seem to always make it to our school and especially on my desk.

I pray that what we have done will continue to have a tremendous impact on our students and families. God has blessed us with many gifts and opportunities to serve Him in this place at this time. There are many challenges ahead of us as we continue to seek out His path for our lives. Summerville Catholic is a great place to be and I know you and our dedicated staff will continue to work together to make it even better. It has been a great ride being your principal for the last five years. I wish Mrs. Tanner and the staff of our great school all the best. I know all of you are looking forward to a nice summer break and I hope you find time to relax, rest, and spend quality time with family. Summerville Catholic will always hold a special place in my heart. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

In His Service,



Paul Schroeder  
Principal



**WE WISH OUR 2008  
GRADUATES THE BEST OF  
LUCK AS THEY LEAVE US  
FRIDAY. WE WILL MISS ALL  
OF YOU!! MAY ALL YOUR  
DREAMS COME TRUE!!**

#### MASS TOMORROW

Please join us for the last Mass of the school year at 9 AM Wednesday in the Great Room.

#### LAST TAG DAY

This Friday, in addition to being the last day of school is also the last Tag Day! As usual, keep the dress code in mind when making your clothing choices.

#### NOON DISMISSAL

Students will be released at noon this Friday.

#### MED PICKUP

All medicines must be picked up by noon Friday-if you want your child to bring it home with them, please write a note to the office stating this.

#### CLIP 'EM, SAVE 'EM

Please save your box tops and Campbell's labels this summer. Enlist your friends and family to help. Turn them in when school resumes. The family who turns in the most will win a great family prize!

#### LAST CALL

This is the last week to buy your yearbook! Only 9 are left, at \$20 each!

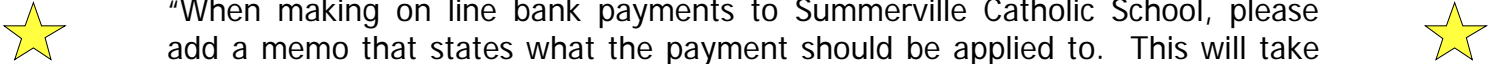
#### VERY IMPORTANT!

To all 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents—graduation practice will be at St. John the Beloved immediately following the last exams on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Practice will last until about 1:15 pm. Please make any necessary carpool arrangements. Also, graduates need to be at the church at 6:30 PM on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, for the Graduation Mass.



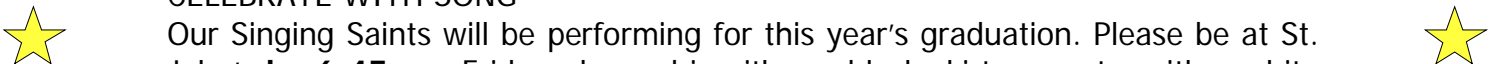
FROM THE BOOKKEEPER

"When making on line bank payments to Summerville Catholic School, please add a memo that states what the payment should be applied to. This will take the guess work out of my job. Many thanks!" Mrs. Kelly



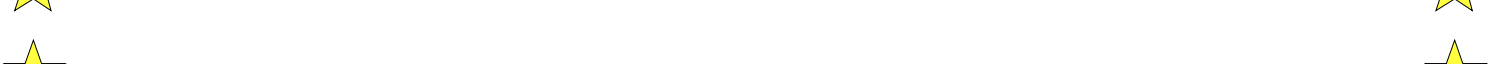
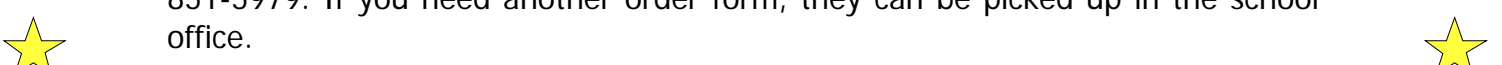
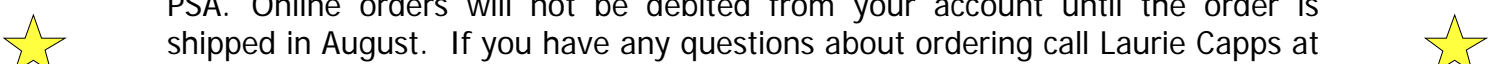
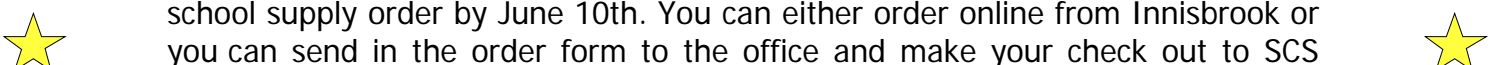
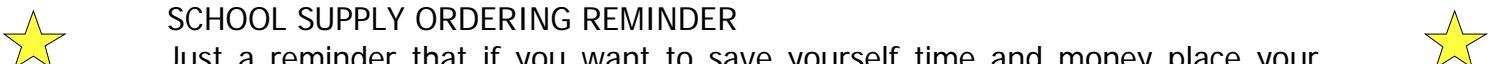
CELEBRATE WITH SONG

Our Singing Saints will be performing for this year's graduation. Please be at St. John's **by 6:45 pm** Friday, dressed in either a black skirt or pants, with a white shirt. Be on time!



SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERING REMINDER

Just a reminder that if you want to save yourself time and money place your school supply order by June 10th. You can either order online from Innisbrook or you can send in the order form to the office and make your check out to SCS PSA. Online orders will not be debited from your account until the order is shipped in August. If you have any questions about ordering call Laurie Capps at 851-5979. If you need another order form, they can be picked up in the school office.



## Parent/School Association (PSA) News

May 2008

Where has time gone? Just seems like it was back to school time and now it's almost summer break! SCS PSA would like to thank all of our school volunteers who have helped us out throughout the school year. Without your help we couldn't do what we do! Enjoy your summer break!

### Keep Collecting

Keep collecting those box tops and upc codes this summer. Ask your family and friends to help you keep collecting too! It's easy and FREE money for the school and it adds up very quickly. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with collecting and sorting the box tops and labels this year! We couldn't do it without your help!

### Piggly Wiggly Gift Cards

Remember to keep purchasing your Piggly Wiggly gift cards at Mr. K's this summer. They are available at the courtesy desk and 6.5% of the face value comes back to SCS. Thank you Mr. K and family!

### Uniforms anyone?

Our date this summer for our annual uniform swap is Friday Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 2pm. We will need people to help make the set up day of run smoothly. If you can help out for any amount of time please call Janice Clutters at 766-3069 or Laurie Capps at 851-5979. We appreciate any time you can volunteer!

### PSA Officers for 2008-2009

The PSA officers are in place for next school year. Janice Clutters will be moving into the President position, Laurie Capps will move to Past President. Beth Martyn and Sheryll Birk will be sharing the Vice President spot and Suzanne Scott will be stepping into our Secretary spot. We want to thank Stephanie Coyle for all her hard work as our PSA Secretary the past two years. We will miss you on the board. We all look forward to working with you all this coming school year see you in August!

Have a good rest of the week and enjoy your summer break!

# Uniform Swap

Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00am – 2:00pm at SCS

Your gently used uniform clothing will be accepted to swap or you can make donations to our PSA and buy gently used uniforms.

Please direct any questions to Terri Gaffney in the school office at 873-9310. (Summer office hours are 9am to 2pm).

## Other Uniform Options

In addition to the swap, you have other options available for purchasing uniforms:

1. Visit Shahid's Uniforms located at 1757 Savannah Hwy. in West Ashley area of Charleston. You can purchase and leave with uniforms the same day or Shahid's can special order items for you.
2. Use Oakbrook Embroidery services to get your solid white and green polos embroidered with the SCS logo at a cost of \$4.50 per shirt. (polos can be purchased at stores like Target, JC Pennys, Old navy, Kmart and Walmart).

SCS will be offering a drop off again this year for Oakbrook Embroidery. All shirts MUST be dropped off no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. The shirts must have your name taped in the collar and they will be ready for pick up at Open House, Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>. If you miss the drop off date you can drop off your shirts at your convince at Oakbrook but you must pick up your order (it will not be added to the schools order). Make your checks out to SCS (\$4.50 per shirt).