

SCS Connection

Connecting to the Community

At Summerville Catholic School, we believe our school is composed of faculty, students and families that have been blessed with many gifts and talents. As Christians, we are called to share these with others.

This school year has provided our students with many opportunities to share their gifts and talents by following the Works of Mercy.



Student Council officers sponsored a bake sale where all donations went to the Haiti relief effort.

***To feed the hungry** – food was collected for our 100 days of school celebration

***Give drink to the thirsty** – second graders collected water bottles to donate to Palmetto House.

***To clothe the naked** – families have sent clothing donations for Neighborhood House.

***To visit the sick** – student council officers and our 5th graders visited the residents of Hallmark Health Care Center.

***To counsel the doubtful** – junior high students have given up their free time to tutor their peers.

***Comfort the sorrowful** – prayers and donations went out to Haiti.

***Pray for the living & dead**—daily prayer and mass intentions are part of our weekly routine.

***Bear wrongs patiently** As Christians, our students are taught to follow the example of Christ and turn the other cheek.

***Admonish the sinner** – our students are the voice of reason when they see someone making a mistake and will set a good example for others.

Let us take time to reflect on the words of Christ.

Truly, I say to you, whatever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.



5th graders visited Hallmark Health Care Center

Going Green

Students and staff of Summerville Catholic School have taken action on a commitment to become better stewards of the Earth. The greening of the school started two years ago when recycle bins were placed in the classrooms to collect used paper and our “going green” efforts continue to spread throughout the school. The school purchased two large recycling containers for collecting plastic and aluminum cans. This school year students began recycling juice boxes and Frito Lay chip bags from their lunch boxes. Parents support our efforts as well by sending in juice boxes from home. So far SCS has recycled 10,767 juice boxes and 808 chip bags. Our recycling efforts have netted the school \$231.50.



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Connecting family and faith

Principal's View



One of my favorite poems is called "Children Learn What They Live" written by Dorothy Law Nolte in 1959. Nolte quite simply reminds parents and teachers of their power to shape the minds and hearts of young children. Among Nolte's observations are: "if a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient, if a child lives with acceptance he learns to love" as well as "if a child lives with hostility he learns to fight and if a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn". The Catholic Church tells us that

"parents are the primary educators of their children." What an awesome responsibility! Certainly, raising children is a joyful enterprise. At times, however, it may seem overwhelming. What are some practical ways that you can pass along your faith to your child?

- Pray with your child in your home – at mealtimes, at bedtime
- Attend Mass with your child and receive the Sacraments regularly
- Model honesty and fairness for your child
- Use everyday experiences to teach your child moral and ethical values
- Always treat others the way you would want your child to treat them
- Remember, that whatever you say and do, your child is likely listening and watching – and learning from you.

Never underestimate the influence you, the parent, have on your child and his or her faith development – as well as overall emotional and academic development. Your child's greatest and most lasting learning takes place right in your own home. Parents truly are the first and most important teachers their children will ever have. What a marvelous gift God has placed in your hands. The Summerville Catholic School faculty and staff are blessed to work with and support you in this relationship.

Lisa Tanner
Principal

Connecting with the PSA

by President Beth Martyn

Spring is here and there is such excitement in the air! It's hard to believe the school year is winding down with so much yet to do! The PSA has had a wonderful year, from our Island Auction to our Spaghetti Dinner to our first Oyster Roast! It's been wonderful to see so many families at all these events. As the weather grows warmer, our plans are heating up for our Spring Mayfest Carnival to be held at the school on May 1st. We have many wonderful volunteers working hard to bring us a great event, complete with sack races, a cake walk, and a dunking booth.

My sincere thanks go out to all our families and volunteers who have worked endless hours to enrich our school community. Between volunteers in the lunch room and library, the copy room and the art room, it's heartening to see so many people involved here at Summerville Catholic School. We hope to see you all as we celebrate Spring and look forward to even more moments to gather as a school and faith community.

Connecting with the Advisory Board

by President Bob Peterson

Our SCS Advisory Board has been very busy this year establishing three year goals and objectives to meet the ever changing needs at Summerville Catholic School. Perhaps you have been wondering about the responsibilities of the advisory board. Members of the board act in an advisory capacity to the Pastor of St. John the Beloved Church in his role as canonical administrator of the school and to the principal of the school. The board has nine members from supporting parishes who meet with the pastor and the principal on the second Tuesday of the month during the school year. The goal of the board is to assist the school in sustaining and increasing its overall mission success and effectiveness through the establishment and accomplishment of the goals and objectives of the various board committees. More information about the advisory board can be found on the school website.

Diocesan educators come together

Educators from across the Diocese of Charleston came together for the Inaugural Teachers Educational Conference held March 3rd, 4th and 5th in Columbia. Presentations for this event were given by elementary, middle and high school teachers from the diocese as well as local and nationally recognized speakers. Summerville Catholic teachers Mrs. Neena McMahan and Mrs. Rochelle Conley were among the 100 presenters.

The conference began with Bishop Guglielmo celebrating Mass for 700 educators who have been called to follow Christ as our model teacher. Superintendent Sister Julia, Assistant Superintendent Sandra Leatherwood and area pastors joined in acknowledging those who have served in our Catholic Schools for over ten years.

A full day of professional development was offered for teachers to showcase successful classroom practices. Workshops included information on differentiated instruc-

tion as well as how to incorporate ETV into the classroom. Teachers participated in sessions demonstrating ways to integrate geography, science and math, as well as sessions showing how to add sizzle to spelling and vocabulary. The day also provided a sense of renewal within teachers in their ministry as a Catholic educator.

The conference ended with a prayer service and an address from Bishop Guglielmo who shared personal experiences from his years of teaching and recognizes the value conferences like this inaugural conference provides.

Bishop Guglielmo appreciates the role Catholic schools play within a parish community, a diocese and the Church as a whole. Schools work hard to retain strong academic excellence, but also need to maintain a strong Catholic identity in every classroom so our faith will continue to permeate every aspect of school life.



We celebrate those who have given 10 or more years to our Catholic schools:

Rochelle Conley
 Roberta Duck
 Sr. Trudy Edgington
 Jean Fox
 Christine Holohan
 Mimi Jurgielewicz
 Evelyn Kelly
 Lee King
 Judy Stewart
 Mary Todd
 Mary Ellen White

We celebrate those who have given 20 or more years to our Catholic schools:

Rev. Msgr. Christopher Lathem
 Carol Kyrliuk
 Joe Noll

Connecting our spirit, mind and body



Father Jun from Immaculate Conception and teacher Marge Murphy bless throats on the feast day of St. Blaze.

Sixth graders Milos Toth and Maddy Birk are part of a living Greek Museum presented for elementary students.



Students in 2nd through 8th grade been working on the Presidential Fitness Award during their physical education classes.

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