



2023-2024 Statesville Christian School Annual Report





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Head of School Report

This year our theme was “Made In His Image” based on Genesis 1:26-27. As a school we explored the importance of understanding how being made in God’s image should change the way we look at ourselves and our purpose. Seeing all people as image bearers also changes the way we view others! We are a work in progress, but I saw many great moments this year of students treating each other as precious and unique creations of God. I am thankful that SCS can speak truth into the lives of the next generation and make sure they understand their God given value and purpose.



The SCS family continues to grow, and the 2023-2024 school year brought us over fifty new students! With that growth we brought in additional teachers and staff, including the addition of a full-time School Resource Officer to help with campus safety and security. Students were also able to enjoy the completed portions of our new outdoor space. New concrete patios and decking provided an attractive space for lunch, outdoor classes, fellowship, and activities. The art barn also received a much needed overhaul, and new putting and chipping areas were added for the golf team. Thank you to the many generous families that donated and helped bring this project from vision to reality.

The new growth and improvement to our facilities is exciting, but as I reflect on the past school year, I am reminded of the experiences that really make SCS special. I think about the fun and packed Homecoming week that brought students, families, and alumni together to fellowship outside. I think of the spiritual growth in our upper school students during their fall retreats. I remember the group of parents that came together in the spring to learn about the biblical worldview training we have been doing as a staff with Mr. Durham. We are blessed to have this community!

Personally, I enjoyed a busy year of getting to do all sorts of experiences with our students. Two highlights were the Winterim trip to Europe with a group of high school students and parents and the eleventh grade mission trip to Utah where I joined an awesome group of students who served and worked to help others. I enjoyed seeing students perform in the spring musical, elementary students lead worship in chapel, and teachers care for their students. We had a great year, and I hope this annual report is a reminder of all that was accomplished and all that we have to be thankful for as we move forward for the sake of the Kingdom.

Dr. Ben Hummel
Head of School

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben J. Hummel".

Board of Trustees Report

In Romans 9, the apostle Paul directs the Christian church in Rome to let love be genuine, abhor what is evil, and hold fast to what is good. In keeping with our “Verified: Be the Real Deal” theme for the 2024-2025 school year, the Board of Trustees is rooted in our singular identity in Christ as we deliver counsel for SCS. We will not compromise in our mission to be champions for what is good and to be reflections of Christ’s genuine love. These principles will inform our efforts to execute the strategic plan that was implemented last year and provide guidance for the Head of School and staff as we navigate continued growth. Additionally, we endeavor to advance our focus on the development of Biblical worldview teaching and strengthen our partnership with families as we train students to think, live, and love as the Christian leaders of tomorrow.

In Christ,
Kyle Teeter
SCS Board Chair

2023-2024 Board Members

Chair: Kyle Teeter
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What do you believe about Christian education?

In partnership with Christian families, Christian education gives students the opportunity to obtain a Biblical worldview as they grow, learn, develop, and become the next generation of leaders in society. A Christian school environment that nurtures these efforts can provide safety from worldly influences that are counter to God and His Word and demonstrate Christ-like love to its students. Christian school education helps to equip students with confidence in understanding absolute truth from God's Word, as well as sharpen their minds and talents to boldly and unashamedly defend God's Word and Christian values to the culture. I believe students can also learn what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus as they serve the communities in which they live. Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...

Amanda Teeter
Board of Trustees
Vice Chair/Secretary

2023-2024 Theme

At Statesville Christian School, we believe that ALL are made in God's image and we will strive daily to be a positive reflection of HIM through our actions and words.



Our mission is to train students, in partnership with families, to think, live, love and lead as Christians through programs of academic excellence based upon a biblical worldview.

With a focus on equipping each student and challenging them to step up in leadership for this generation, Statesville Christian has added "Preparing tomorrow's leaders today" as a tagline and summation of the vision.

Simply put, SCS seeks to send out a generation of Christians who are armed with academic knowledge and Biblical truth to face a world that has become increasingly antagonistic to the teachings of the Bible and our Lord Jesus Christ. Where compromise is the mantra of the day, we seek to send out students unashamed of the gospel and armed to not only survive but thrive in our world through the Lord's grace and wisdom.

Class of 2024

We pray for the Class of 2024 as they move out to new schools, training, and employment. Our twenty-two graduates were accepted into the following schools:

APPSTATE



CAMPBELL
UNIVERSITY



Ole Miss



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE



CARSON-NEWMAN
A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Wingate
UNIVERSITY



Western
Carolina
UNIVERSITY



THE UNIVERSITY
of NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL



VIRGINIA TECH

NC STATE
UNIVERSITY



Mitchell
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

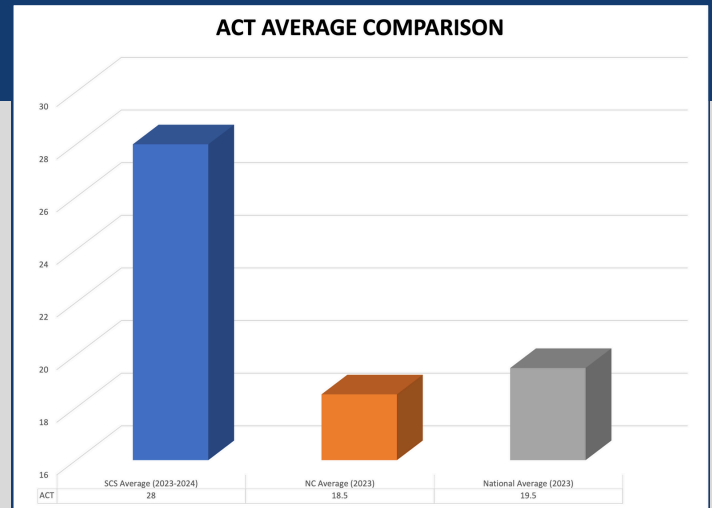
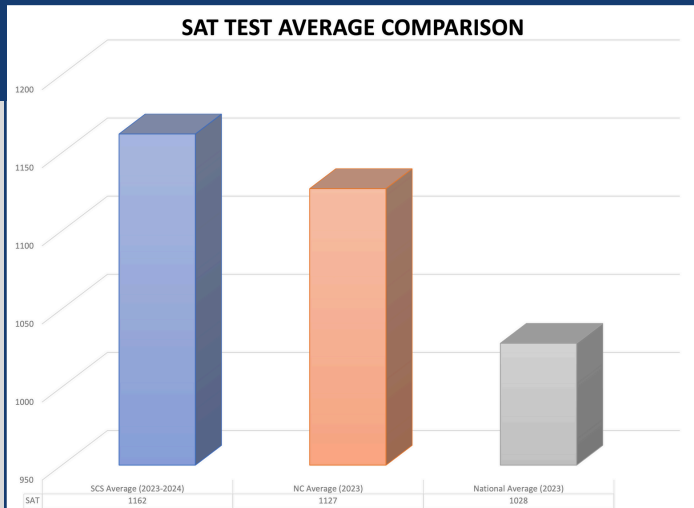
East Carolina
UNIVERSITY



GARDNER-WEBB
UNIVERSITY

MISSISSIPPI
STATE

Class of 2024 SAT/ACT Results



While academic achievement is important and SCS is committed to pushing students to do their best in their classes and on their exams, the most important work we do is to partner with parents in helping students grow in their knowledge and love of Christ. Dr. Hummel took the time to interview seniors about some of the most impactful things they learned at SCS, and here are some examples of what they had to say:

“When I think about my time at SCS, I realize how much I have grown as a person, in my biblical worldview, and in my faith.”

“I learned so much about the Bible at SCS. I didn’t come here saved, but I left saved!”

“During my time at SCS, I learned it matters who and what you surround yourself with.”

“I would definitely recommend SCS. It is a great school with really good teachers that love and care for kids.”

School Profile

The School

Statesville Christian School is a college preparatory, inter-denominational Christian School. SCS was founded in 1995 as a K-5 school. Our first graduating class was in 2003. Today SCS is a K-12 school with an enrollment of 335 students. SCS admits students regardless of race, national origin, or gender.

Mission of SCS

The mission of SCS is to train students, in partnership with families, to think, live, love and lead as Christians through programs of academic excellence based upon a Biblical worldview.

Accreditation

SCS is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), Cognia, SACS, and the North Carolina Department of Non-Public Instruction.

Format of Day and Year

The school day consists of a block schedule with four 85-minute block periods per day. AP courses and select honors courses are offered as yearlong courses that meet every day. The school day is 8:00-2:55, five days a week. The year consists of a semester schedule beginning in mid-August and ending in late May. During the first week of March, high school students will be involved in "Winterim" which will include internships, specialized classes, and a mission trip.

AP and Honors Courses

The following courses are offered based on student interest and availability.

AP Courses:

AP Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus BC – yearly
AP Literature & Composition, AP Language & Composition - Offered on alternating years

AP Biology – Offered 2020/2021
AP World History - Offered 2019/2020

Honors and Standard Courses:

Algebra I & II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Discrete Math, Introduction to Literature, American Literature, British Literature, Grammar & Writing, World History, Modern World History, US History, Civics & Economics, Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics, Animal Science, Spanish I, II, III, IV

Administration

Head of School: *Dr. Ben Hummel*

Upper School Principal: *Mr. David Ivey*

College Guidance: *Mrs. Jamie Stuber*

Elementary Principal: *Mrs. Lisa Corson*

Director of Spiritual Growth: *Mr. Jeff Durham*

Athletic Director: *Mr. JD Chaplain*

Registrar: *Mrs. Kelly Taylor*

Graduation

Required Credits	Academic Diploma	General Diploma
Bible*	4	4
English	4	4
Foreign Language	2	0
Mathematics	4	3
Science	7	2
Social Sciences		2
Art	1	1
Physical Education	1	1
Electives	5	8
Total	28	25

*One bible credit required per year of enrollment

SAT / ACT Comparison

SCS test scores in comparison to North Carolina and National student averages:

SAT

Statesville Christian School
Class of 2023 1162

NC Avg. (2022) 1130

National Avg. (2022) 1028

*Maximum possible score of 1600.

ACT

Statesville Christian School
2023 Average 23.4

NC Avg. (2022) 18.2

National Avg. (2022) 19.8

*Maximum possible score of 36.

Grading Policy

SCS does not rank students numerically. A yearly and cumulative GPA are calculated at the end of each year, based on the grade for each course completed.

College Acceptances

Our graduating classes have been accepted at the following colleges:

Anderson University
Appalachian University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Catawba College
Cedarville University
Charleston Southern University
The Citadel
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of William and Mary
Covenant College
Davidson College
Duke University
Eastern Carolina University
Elon University
Georgia Tech
Furman University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Liberty University
Moody Bible Institute
North Carolina State University
Penn State University
Salem College
Sewanee, University of the South
UNC-Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Greensboro, and Wilmington
University of South Carolina
University of Vermont
United States Naval Academy
Vanderbilt
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Wingate University
...and many more!

Grade Scale

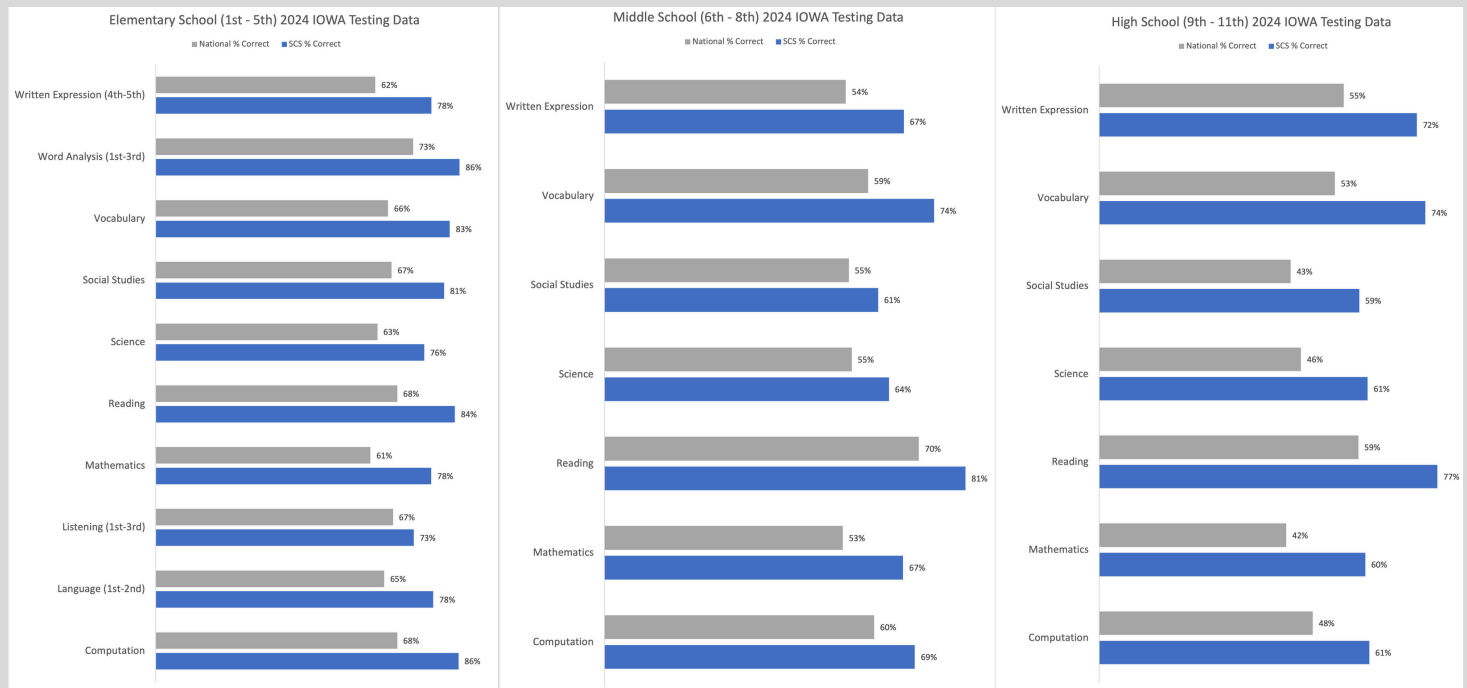
Letter	Numeric	Grade Point	Honors	AP / College Weight
A+	97 – 100	4.000	4.500	5.000
A	93 – 96	4.000	4.500	5.000
A-	90 – 92	3.667	4.167	4.667
B+	87 – 89	3.333	3.833	4.333
B	83 – 86	3.000	3.500	4.000
B-	80 – 82	2.667	3.167	3.667
C+	77 – 79	2.333	2.833	3.333
C	73 – 76	2.000	2.500	3.000
C-	70 – 72	1.667	2.167	2.667
F	0 – 69	0.000	0.000	0.000

Percentage grades are given to students in all classes. The GPA only is weighted according to course rigor.



Student Achievement Report

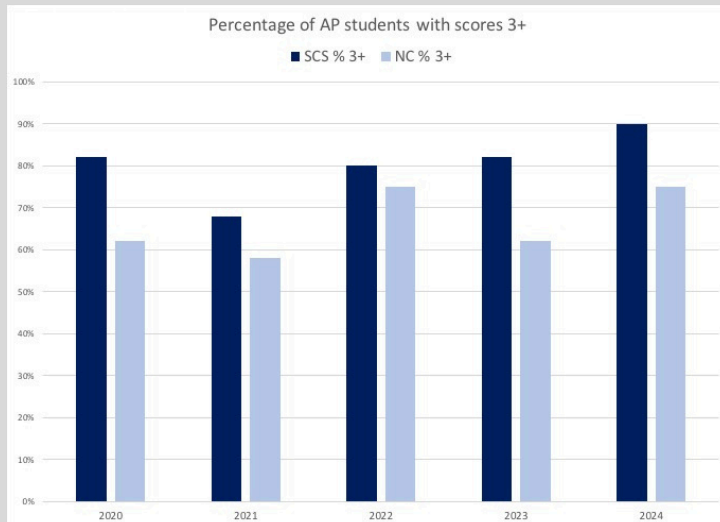
Students at Statesville Christian School use the IOWA testing program for benchmarking. The IOWA test provides nationally normed tests for our students in first through eleventh grades and are taken each spring. This year's testing showed that our classes are performing well above the national average across the board. We also recorded growth in two-thirds of the content areas, with elementary students reporting improved percentages in nearly every area. As a staff, we review the IOWA testing data to help inform us on where we might need to shift our focus or improve our curriculum and instruction for students.



Over the past five years, Statesville Christian School has offered Advanced Placement (AP) exams in six subject areas: Biology, Calculus, English Language, English Literature, Modern World History, and PreCalculus. During this five year time frame nearly 100 students have chosen to challenge themselves with an AP course, and over eighty percent have earned college credit. College Board defines "success" on an AP Exam as an exam score of three or higher, which represents the score point that research finds predictive of college success and college graduation. A study from the

National Center for Educational Accountability found that an AP score of three or higher is, "a strong predictor of a student's ability to persist in college and earn a bachelor's degree."

In addition to AP courses, juniors and seniors at Statesville Christian can earn college credit by participating in the Career and College Promise program at Mitchell Community College. This past year thirty-four students participated in the program earning credit for a total of one hundred twenty-two college classes.



Upper School Report

The 2023-2024 school year began, sustained, and ended with a lot of excitement and many celebrations! Our student enrollment increased and that led to adding additional resources for students and staff. With many new students, and a new year beginning, things were definitely exciting, and we felt blessed!

There were many positives this year! Here are a few:

- Seniors (1) participate in their annual beginning of year senior retreat to Stone Mountain.
- Upper School students had a great time at our Fall Retreat in September. This year our middle schoolers went on a day trip to Hickory Cove (2) while our high school students went overnight to Camp Merriwood (3). Both groups enjoyed the retreat and grew together socially and spiritually.
- Our athletes competed well all year and the support from our parents, students, and fans was energetic to say the least! We were able to have a middle school tennis team (4) as well as a golf team again this year!
- Students and staff worshiped together weekly in Chapel (5) and developed relationships in our weekly Small Group meetings.
- Homecoming (7), Spirit Week, the Fall Hoedown, Turkey Bowl, were all well attended and enjoyed! Winterim (8) was redesigned for middle school students this year, and a group of our high schoolers enjoyed a trip to Germany, Switzerland, and Austria (9).
- Senior Evan Shelton completed his Eagle Scout project on the upper school campus, funding and building a new 3D printer lab (6).
- Our students enjoyed an impressive Talent Show in November and the Spring Musical (10) received rave reviews as usual!
- Staff continued to work together in PLC teams to enable consistency, to maximize the use of available resources, and to support each other with teaching strategies and curriculum implementation. Staff also participated in professional development presented by Mr. Jeff Durham on Biblical Worldview.




- Following graduation, our seniors traveled to the Dominican Republic (12) and our juniors traveled to Utah (11) for their respective mission trips. Feedback from the trips have been overwhelmingly positive.

Challenges this year:

- As the year progressed, it became apparent that we need to re-focus on our spiritual growth and the impact students have on each other. We plan to continue to work with teachers and staff on developing strategies to provide students and families with opportunities to learn together, worship together, and praise God together.
- Managing the reality between “where we are now” and “what we used to do” when planning events, processes, and activities for the upper school has been a challenge. This is more than likely due to the number of new families and new employees, and we expect this to be resolved very quickly.

Overall, it was a very productive and successful school year. I feel that our staff worked very hard to make strides toward our mission of training our students to think, live, love, and lead as Christians!


David Ivey
Upper School Principal



Lower School Report

The year began with a new family orientation to meet and greet new families. This was followed by a back-to-school blast night which allowed students and families to meet classroom teachers and other SCS families.

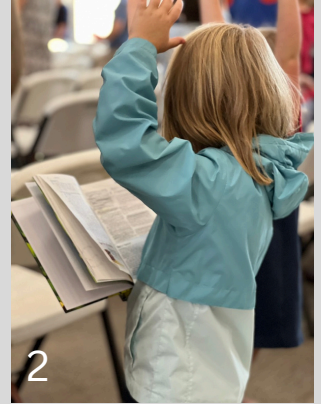
Each Tuesday morning from 8:15-9 am all elementary students attended chapel in the WABC fellowship hall (1, 2). We had many local church staff members and community leaders volunteer time to speak to our students and share the gospel.

In the fall student government elections were held and officers/class representatives were chosen (3). These students helped in mission projects throughout the school year, finding ways to give back to our staff members and SCS families.

Students attended various field trips throughout the year:

- OCT: 3rd grade Outdoor Learning Center, 4th & 2nd grade Apple Picking (4)
- NOV: K & 1st grade Alpha and Omega Corn Maze (5) and 5th grade to Lazy 5 Ranch (6)
- DEC: 2nd grade Performing Arts Center to see the ballet "Nutcracker", 3rd grade Toy Store Mission Trip
- JAN: 5th grade to Charlotte Motor Speedway for a STEAM field trip
- FEB: K & 1st grade Catawba Science Center and 2nd grade to Billy Graham Library
- MAR: 5th grade ministry project at Dove House, 4th grade to Old Salem, 3rd grade explore Local Government & History in downtown Statesville
- APR: K & 1st Patterson Farms, 2nd grade Hart Square Village & 4th grade EMS & Fire Safety
- MAY: 4th grade Raleigh, 3rd grade end of year celebrations at Dan Nicholas Park, 5th grade end of year celebrations at Mystery Hill

Throughout the year students focused on various mission projects and trips. Third grade visited the Toy Store and helped for the day, fifth grade volunteered at the Dove House, and Student Government sponsored a sock drive in October.



Students participated in two ACSI events: Spelling Bee (7) and Math Olympics.

Students were rewarded with a December movie day, complete with popcorn and hot chocolate in December (before Christmas break).

In February, students attended the Winter Ball (9) with a special adult from their family. The event, sponsored by the PTF, is a favorite activity of many elementary students.

In early spring our first through fifth grade students successfully took the IOWA standardized tests to mark growth areas for the school year.

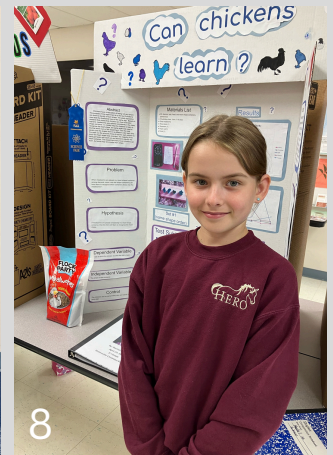
On March 28th we celebrated and honored our grandparents by inviting them to campus to enjoy lunch with their students and then presented a musical program. Grandparents were also given photos to remember the events of the day and presented with a keepsake gift handmade by students. The Grandparents Day event was a complete success.

In late May, our fifth grade students participated in a Science Fair (8).

On May 17th, elementary students participated in Lion Pride Day (10). This included a morning movie session and an afternoon of outdoor fun and games, with a fire truck spray down to end the event.

Lisa C Corson

Lisa Corson
Elementary Principal



Spiritual Life Report

Spiritually, SCS staff (1) continued their focus of pouring into the students with eternity in mind. Our theme of "Made In His Image" really hit home more than most years' themes due to this being so very applicable in so many areas of life. I noticed that especially the Truth Girlz were able to use the theme to be interwoven throughout their sessions with the high school and middle school girls. Chapel also focused on this theme about forty percent of the time throughout the year.

We were able to go back to Hickory Cove with our middle school students at the end of August. This past year did see a change in that we separated the middle school and the high school retreats and took our high school students to Camp Merriwood in Clemmons, NC. Our speakers for both middle school (Kristen Clanton & James Safrit) and high school (Ken Freeman) (2) did a wonderful job challenging us to get the year started out with Christ in mind, and many great relationships were formed during the retreat between students and even between students and staff.

A new feature that we put on this year was a parent seminar by Jeff Durham. As a school, we tried to challenge parents to recognize un-biblical worldviews in many areas of life. We stressed and taught and informed about the dangers that are out there ready to engulf our kids and tried to better-equip parents in their thinking and life-decisions concerning their children.

Our high school girls had weekly visitors from the "Truth Girlz" Ministry that spent lunch with them instructing and mentoring them about purity, the biblical view of sexuality, and how to combat our culture on this issue. There were other Bible studies that occurred between students and teachers all year long at lunchtime, with some of them even extending into the summer and 'til now.

Outreach is a big emphasis of SCS, and our students once again got to serve their community and take the gospel to different parts of our country and the world. Our annual junior and senior mission trips to Utah (3) and the Dominican Republic (4) saw students meet the physical needs of nonbelievers and believers alike, as well as speak to their spiritual needs. The juniors partner with missionaries at The Dream Center to provide for the physical needs of people in the community, helping to build bridges to longterm healing. The seniors in the D.R. gave out food while preaching the gospel and painted a Christian school that focuses on children with special needs.

The leadership of SCS decided to move forward with our second year having our students take the ACSI Bible Assessment to continue tracking and measuring areas of strength and areas for improvement. This tool will measure the effectiveness of our Bible curriculum, chapel programs, and parent partnership in promoting a Biblical Worldview. We are excited to compare this year's results to last year and utilize data to inform us where the Lord would have us go with curriculum, chapel, and Biblical integration.



Facilities & Technology Report

Statesville Christian School has experienced many exciting technology improvements over the past year. This summer we were able to replace kindergarten and first grade tablets with fifteen new tablets and seventeen new Chromebooks. With these purchases, each elementary school classroom has access to updated devices in their own classrooms daily. This access makes using digital resources and participating in digital activities more possible. We started a three-year rotation for updating our teacher laptops last year by purchasing new laptops for all of our elementary teachers. This year we were able to update laptops for our middle school teachers, and we will address our high school teachers next year. Another upgrade we were able to achieve this year was to replace the computers in our elementary school computer lab. Additionally, we recycled the old laptops from the lab to create a Computer Lab for teacher checkout as well. Our FACTS Family App has been a wonderful addition for our parents and students and has been downloaded by over 400 parents and students. This app allows parents to have access to the most up to date information and resources from our school.

As the school grows, there are continual efforts to improve the facilities. SCS is grateful to have Mr. Mayberry and Mr. Robert in maintaining and upgrading the campus. This past year many air conditioning units in the Kester building were replaced. Lights on the soccer field were replaced with new LED lights that we are excited to enjoy in the fall. The cafeteria was repainted, and a new office for the Guidance Counselor was put together in the Miller building. Many improvements were made to the outdoor landscaping around the Kester parking lot, and the gym floor was refinished as well. Our community is excited to see the new updates and the continued progress on the outdoor project.

Parent & Teacher Fellowship

The heart of Statesville Christian School's PTF is one of service. We are an organization of volunteers dedicated to supporting and encouraging the staff, families, and the entire school community, primarily through orchestrating hospitality, community building, and fundraising events. PTF had a full 2023-24 calendar, beginning the year with a school wide first day of school prayer. Our prayer group continued to pray over our school community on Friday mornings. PTF supported faculty and staff members by providing sweet treats, meals, coffee socials, collecting and distributing our annual Love Offering, celebrating National Teacher Appreciation Week, sending birthday cards, and offering staff members and families general support during times of need. PTF encouraged community building throughout the year by hosting a lower school Winter Ball at Statesville Country Club, with over 200 people in attendance. PTF also assisted with the annual Grandparent's Day Celebration in the spring, where we served lunch to over 400 people, and provided games, gifts, and photography to help make the day memorable for families. In addition, PTF organized a fun Family Night Out event at Chick-Fil-A where numerous families came out to have delicious food and fellowship. PTF raised money through multiple fundraising avenues, including our fall Butter Braid sale, Papa John's Pizza sales every Friday, and our school themed candle sale through Old Oak Market in the spring. PTF also raised money through our uniform re-sale room. Many enjoyed its new location in the Miller School and took advantage of gently used uniform apparel for only \$2 an article. There are numerous studies to show why it is important to be involved in your child's school and education. PTF supports a true partnership between families and the school, and we are privileged to serve and give back to the school. Please pray and consider how you can be involved in the school community through PTF.

Extracurriculars & Clubs Report

Fine Arts

Elementary students performed at various all-school chapels during the year and presented a final program during the annual Grandparent's Day program. Upper school students performed at the fall Talent Show and in the musical "Footloose" in the spring (pictured). Throughout the year, students displayed their artwork in the halls on the upper school campus. Finally, the upper school ROAR team led worship each week during upper school chapel.



ACSI Competitions

SCS participated in the ACSI Spelling Bee (pictured) and Math Olympics competitions this school year. First through eighth grade students completed in a school spelling bee competition, with the top four in each grade level moving onto the ACSI spelling bee. In March, thirty-six SCS students in third through eighth grades competed in the ACSI Math Olympics. Four students qualified to advanced to the divisional Math Olympics competition.



Clubs

Upper School students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of clubs from the National Honor Society to Spanish Club to Lion Service Club. Some of our clubs are interest based, like Guitar Club or Chess Club (pictured), while others, like HOSA, Lion Service Club, or Athletic Leadership Club, provide students an opportunity to serve as leaders on our campus. Many of our clubs also give students a chance to serve either on campus or in the community. The HOSA Club sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive, the National Honor Society sponsored the Operation Christmas Child shoebox collections, and the National Junior Honor Society sponsored and staffed a school supply store.



Winterim

Winterim is a unique week of experiential learning at SCS. Upper school students experience hands-on, interactive classes in a variety of topics from 3-D printing to rocketry (pictured) to woodworking and construction. High school students also had the opportunity to travel to Europe or learn about a career with an internship (pictured far left).



Athletics Report

At Statesville Christian School, we are proud to provide a variety of sports opportunities for middle and high school students. Our athletic teams strive for competitiveness, while also emphasizing spiritual growth, character formation, and skill development.

During the fall season, we offer coed soccer and girls' volleyball for middle school students. High school students can participate in cross country, boys' soccer, girls' tennis, or girls' volleyball. Our boys' soccer team and our varsity volleyball team were led by new coaches this past season. Coach Justin Wike (soccer) and SCS alumni Coach Faith Bentley (1) (volleyball) led their teams well.

This year, we fielded our largest cross-country team (2), in which five runners qualified for the state meet. Our middle school soccer team finished the season 12-2 and came in second place in the conference. Our varsity volleyball, soccer, and tennis (3) teams all made the postseason with soccer and volleyball hosting a playoff game.

In the winter, we offer basketball for both middle and high school boys and girls, fielding a total of seven teams. Our middle school teams finished extremely well with our 5/6 boys (4) coming in second place in the conference. The JV boys team (6), under the direction of coach Matt Youngblood, finished the season winning five of their last six games. In the spring, we offer middle school flag football and varsity programs for girls' soccer, boys' tennis, boys' golf (5), and baseball.

Senior Kayce Taylor (7), signed a National Letter of Intent to continue her soccer career at East Carolina University. Senior Natalie Harper (8) reached a milestone in her volleyball career with 1000 digs.



ACSI Survey Report

This year our school participated for the third year in a row in the ACSI Flourishing Schools Culture survey tool. Surveys were given out to the board, administration, staff, students in sixth-eleventh grade, parents, and alumni. The survey pointed out strengths and opportunities for growth that we use as part of our continued strategic planning and goal setting as a board and leadership team at SCS.

Meaningful Strengths

1. Professional Development–Professional development is provided on-site and is subject and role specific.
2. Resource Planning–A strategic financial plan and master facilities plan is in place, and financial planning is a strength of the board.
3. Integrated Worldview–Leadership believes Christian education should be thoroughly shaped by Christian worldview in every sphere and area of life.
4. Family Relationships–Teachers “get to know” families through frequent and systemic communication that facilitates positive relationships.
5. Responsiveness to Special Needs–Teaching staff works together to serve students with special needs, aided by processes for identifying and responding to those needs.

Growth Opportunities

1. Insular Culture–The school is perceived by constituents as isolated from the community in one or more ways (e.g., overprotecting students, not engaging with the larger community, and/or lacking diversity in the student body).
2. Culture of Improvement–A culture of improvement can be better fostered at the school (including aspects like focusing on the future, continually working to improve, and making necessary changes to improve).
3. Questioning–Many students can view Christians negatively and are more likely to be facing a time of spiritual disengagement or doubt.
4. Individualized Instruction–Instruction tends toward one-size-fits-all, and students are in need of additional support when it comes to figuring out how they learn best and identifying their natural strengths.
5. Supportive Leadership–Leadership can provide greater support to educators at the school by building trust and empowering teachers and staff to make decisions.

FLOURISHING SCHOOLS

Institute



from ACSI 

Continuous Improvement Plan

Goal 1: Formulate a formal, proactive, and intentional college and career process that meets the needs of each individual student.

- Hired a full time Guidance Counselor to start for the 2024-2025 school year that will lead the way in creating a more intentional college and career process to meet the needs of our students.

Goal 2: Increase information resources for all learners to facilitate more scholarly research and encourage a love of reading.

- SCS teachers and students have access and use Britannica Online for research and personal information growth.
- The IT Director created a resource page for teachers and students to be able to access reliable online resources for research.
- SCS teachers continuously encourage students to read for pleasure and in the classroom through incorporating read-aloud novels and novel studies in the classroom, along with using Accelerated Reader in the elementary school.
- IT Director spent time in the science lab helping fifth grade students research for and create Science Fair projects using reliable research resources and correct grammar and citations.

Goal 3: Incorporate student use of technology in the classroom to enhance student engagement and digital competencies.

- Each grade level has been encouraged to include digital competencies into their curriculum. Sixth grade teachers intentionally spent four weeks during the 2023-2024 school year guiding students through digital readiness and awareness and will continue this during the 2024-2025 school year.
- All elementary teachers have access to digital awareness lessons within their BJU curriculum.
- The IT Director worked with first grade teachers and students in the 2023-2024 school year developing digital skills by creating online projects using several digital skills new to them. These projects will continue in the 2024-2025 school year.
- Elementary teachers and students will have access to a second computer lab for checkout to use in the classroom as well as third through fifth grades having an additional thirty-four tablets to use for projects along with thirty laptops.
- IT Director created and presented Professional Development that included strategies for teachers to include more technology in the classroom through grouping.

Goal 4: Create an updated school improvement plan to reflect new areas of improvement to focus on over the next several years.

- Completed our third year in a row using the Flourishing School Culture Instrument with the school community to give feedback on areas for improvement.
- A new strategic plan was introduced during the 2023-2024 school year that outlines several goals for the next few years.
- CSIP was updated.

Strategic Plan

In order to fulfill our mission, we have put together a strategic plan. We believe that our school is being called towards healthy growth in order to serve more Christian families in Statesville and surrounding areas and have created the following strategic plan to facilitate growth and development.

PURPOSE

1. SCS will emphasize biblical worldview as part of all marketing materials and core documents and make sure the mission of the school is at the center of all we do.
2. SCS will provide accountability, training, and support for all staff on maintaining a biblical worldview across all departments and disciplines.
3. Curriculum and materials used by students at SCS will have an increased focus on biblical worldview.
4. Parents at SCS will have increased opportunities to engage with speakers and materials to partner with the school in biblical worldview formation.

RELATIONSHIPS

1. SCS will focus on helping students to be others-minded. This includes an emphasis on service, community outreach, and treating others with compassion and love.
2. SCS will seek ways to strengthen partnerships with parents with a focus on increased parent involvement in volunteering and support.
3. SCS will work with staff to continue building positive relationships with students and families while maintaining the highest standards of integrity.

TEACHING & LEARNING

1. SCS will commit to increasing access to information resources and scholarly research and using those resources in the classroom.
2. As SCS continues to add more technology, staff and students will be trained on how to use that technology in meaningful and effective ways.
3. SCS will expand and strengthen elective courses and extracurricular options for students from grades K-12.

EXPERTISE & RESOURCES

1. The leadership of SCS believe that the school will continue to grow and our growth target is to average thirty students per class from kindergarten to twelfth grade for an approximate total of 390 students. Along with growth, we expect to maintain a retention rate of over 90%.
2. SCS will increase the resources available for our athletics programs and invest in increasing the quality of our coaches through programs such as the 3D Coaching model.
3. SCS will complete the outdoor project from the Annual Fund to greatly enhance the use of our outdoor space.
4. With an eye towards future growth and building possibilities, SCS will create a new facilities plan based on strategic financial planning contingent on enrollment.

WELL-BEING

1. SCS will continue to invest in safety upgrades to the campus and will budget to have a full-time Student Resource Officer.
2. In order to retain and attract the best teaching candidates, SCS will continue to increase teacher salaries and incentives.
3. SCS will explore the addition of a full-time guidance counselor that can run college and career guidance along with providing some basic counseling support to students. This position will also help lead SCS in best meeting the mental health needs of our students from a biblical worldview across the school.

Fundraising

SCS is thankful for the many people in our community who give of their time, talents, and finances to generously support the work we do here. Corporate sponsors gave over \$16,000 this year to support our teams and help them get equipment, uniforms, and supplies. If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor, please contact the school office, and we will be happy to advertise your business in the gym, on the field, and on the TVs in our common areas.

The Annual Fund for 2023-2024 was used to continue the process of raising money to redo the outdoor areas of the school. We brought in a total of about \$87,000 for the year.

Annual Fund Project Update

We were able to enjoy the completed parts of the outdoor project during the 2023-2024 school year. Upper school students enjoyed lunch outside on the new Lions plaza, and teachers were able to bring their classes outdoors. The art barn received a complete overhaul to the outside of the building with beautiful decks and shade sails on the outside. Our golf team was able to practice on a new and amazing putting green. SCS has an attractive space for events and home games for our whole community to enjoy. Most of the concrete work and decking has been completed at this point, and we will be opening our new outdoor sports court with the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

The last parts of the plan will be finished during the 2024-2025 school year, which includes a two-story press box with bathrooms and storage on the first floor, a walkway, an outdoor stage, and a Wall of Fame which will include major donors to the project.





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