## Statesville Christian School



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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.

### Message from Dr. Hummel

Dear Statesville Christian School Families,

We had a very successful testing week here at SCS. Thank you for having your students here so that we could complete this important part of our academic program that gives us good benchmarks for student learning. We use this data to help us make decisions about instruction and curriculum, along with tracking student progress over time.



We are also compiling the ACSI survey data provided by parents, students, staff, and alumni, along with data from the second year of using a Bible assessment with our 5th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students. All of this information helps to provide a picture of how we are doing, where we need to grow, and what strategic planning conversations we need to have.

We have a full slate of athletic contests coming up over the next couple of weeks, so come out and support your Lions athletic teams before the season ends!

In my devotions this week I read the Parable of the Sower in Mark 4. Many of you are familiar with this parable where Jesus describes a farmer who scatters seed that falls on the path, the rocky ground, among the thorns, or onto good soil. There are differing results for the seed based on where it was scattered. Jesus explains that the parable shows the different ways people can respond to God's Word. I was really focused on the seed that falls among the thorns. In Mark 4:18-19 Jesus says, "The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced." I thought about how easy it is to be in this position. We hear the truth and know the truth, but God's Word gets crowded out of our lives by other pursuits and worries. What God wants is for us to produce fruit by hearing and accepting God's Word! What are the things in your life that are making it hard to hear God's Word? I pray that as a community we can focus on pursuing God's Word first and produce a harvest!

God bless and have a great weekend.

### Messages from Principals Corson & Ivey

Students did a wonderful job staying focused and giving their best efforts on the IOWA testing this week. We are very proud of each of them.

Kindergarten and 1st grade students enjoyed the day at Patterson's Farm on Friday – strawberry time!!! 2nd grade will be going to Hart Square Village on Monday, April 22nd.

We will NOT have chapel on April 23rd, but our next chapel on April 30th will feature Micah Nelson, and Kindergarten will lead pledges. We will have our SCS Science Fair April 25–26. Students have worked very hard, and I know we are going to see some great projects!

We have many events planned for the last 5 weeks of school. Please refer to your child's teacher newsletters for dates and information (including Lion Pride Day and Awards).

Thank you for your continued support. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns with which I can help. Lastly, remember to choose JOY!

#### Hello Upper School Families!

Has anyone told you lately how much you are appreciated? Well, let me make sure you know that everyone at SCS appreciates and is thankful for your support! You rock!

We are also thankful for our students and teachers! They did an amazing job during the IOWA Assessments this past week. Testing is tough on students and staff, but everyone did great!



We have only weeks left this school year! We are looking forward to the Science Fair on April 25 & 26. Our HOSA club is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, April 24th in Kester Gym. Please sign up if you are willing and able to donate blood.

As you plan for the big events in May, I wanted to make sure you know of some of the major things coming up. Please see the list below of upcoming end-of-year events.

If you have any questions or if we can help with anything, please let us know!

### All School News



### The Golden Gala

## PROM 2024

April 27th 8PM - 11PM
The Statesville Country Club
Singles - \$45 Couples - \$80

Tickets can be purchased in the upper school office. All non-SCS guests must fill out a guest form and be approved prior to prom. Prom is for High School students only.

The last <u>PTF meeting</u> of the year will be on Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:45PM in the lower school lunch room.

### End-of-Year Events

April 24: Blood Drive in gym

April 24: Sports Physicals in gym (3:30 - 5:30)

April 25-26: Science Fair

April 27: PROM

May 6: MS Athletic Awards - 6:00PM\*

May 10: Mother's Day Chapel -1:15PM\*

May 16: HS Athletic Awards - 6:00PM \*

May 17: Lower School Lion Pride Day (PM)

May 17: HS Academic Awards - 9:00AM\*

May 20: MS Academic Awards - 9:00AM\*

May 20: 5th Grade Awards - 10:45AM\*

May 20-21: HS Exams

May 21: Elementary Awards\*

1st & 2nd Grades: 9:40 - 10:20AM 3rd & 4th Grades: 10:30 - 11:15AM

May 21: Last Day of School - Early Release (no aftercare)

May 24: Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremony - 6:00PM\*<sub>PG 4</sub>

\* indicates location in the WABC sanctuary

### Sports Beat

Red=Away

Blue=Home

### Monday, April 22

Varsity Tennis vs. Gaston Day @ 4:00PM

MS Flag Football (2 games) @ 3:15 & 5:00PM

Varsity Girls' Soccer vs. Gaston Day @ 4:00PM

Varsity Baseball vs. Oak Ridge Military @ 4:00PM

Tuesday, April 23

MS Golf vs. Salisbury Academy @ 3:30 PM
Varsity Tennis vs. University Christian @ 4:00PM
Varsity Girls' Soccer vs. Southview Christian @ 4PM

Thursday, April 25

Varsity Tennis vs. Carolina Day @ 4:00PM Varsity Baseball vs. Salem Baptist @ 4:00PM Varsity Girls' Soccer vs. Salem Baptist @ 4:00PM

Friday, April 26

Varsity Baseball vs. Gaston Day @ 4:00PM

FREE Sports' Physicals will be held in the gym on Wednesday, April 24th from 3:30-5:30PM. If your student plans to participate in sports next school year, they will need an updated physical.

### <u>Spring Sports Senior Recognition</u>

Varsity Tennis - April 23rd:

Students will be acknowledged at the end of the match.

Varsity Girls' Soccer - April 25: Students will be acknowledged at halftime.

Varsity Baseball - April 30:

Students will be acknowledged at the end of the game.

### Weekly Prayer Message

Friday mornings we meet at 8:00AM in the Upper School Conference Room. All SCS families are invited to attend!

Since schedules are hectic, we will share what we are focusing on, so you can join in your own personal time of individual or family prayer.

\*Do you have a special Prayer Request? Just place your request in the designated boxes on campus (elementary office and upper school information table), or simply send an email to <a href="mailto:scsprayerteam@gmail.com">SCSprayerteam@gmail.com</a>.

## This Week's Prayer Focus: BE BOLD

And now, Lord, look upon their threats, and enable Your servants to speak Your word with complete boldness...Acts 4:29

The word "bold" in Greek is parrésia, meaning freedom, openness, especially in speech; a statement or proverb quoted with resolve. To be bold in our faith can be tough for adults. For our children there is always pressure to conform to the world and let faith slip quietly into the shadows. Yet here in Acts we see that prayers were made for believers to speak the Word with "complete boldness," resolving not only to live like Christians but to tell the truth, even if it meant persecution.

We may feel scared when our children come under criticism for their faith, so maybe we don't teach them about how to share Jesus. On the flip side, boldness doesn't mean that we should stand on the street corners yelling about judgement day. So, where is the balance? As a mom, it's empowering to KNOW that my children will face difficulty when they talk about Christ, and because of that, to EQUIP them for times when they are confronted with an opposing worldview and want to speak the truth in love. We can also PRAY for them to have the freedom to share God's truth and that people

would be open to receiving it.

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#### **SCS Prayer Focus:**

Re-enrollment and accommodating school growth.

Local/National organizations like "Don't Mess With Our Kids" and Concerned Women for America calling for fervent prayer and promoting Christian Worldview.

Campus and Community Prayer Focus:

PTF Leadership: Paige Airey, Ladonna Hilton, Sarah Hummel School Board: Kyle Teeter, Board Chairman

### Senior Spotlight



### Jackson Meadors

Jackson Meadors has attended Statesville Christian School for the past four years. During that time, he enjoyed playing football and basketball. Outside of sports, Jackson has participated in Student Government, Athletic Leadership Club, Chess Club, Beta Club, and the NSHSS.

During his free time, Jackson has volunteered throughout the country with his dad at numerous nonprofit events. These include Build Together and Habitat for Humanity. He also has volunteered at several retirement centers.

This fall, Jackson plans to attend Appalachian State University to study Business Management. Mr. Durham says of Jackson, "Wow! Have we seen him come out of his shell in the last 4 years! I now see a young man who is confidently interacting with his peers, as well as a young man who loves to laugh with them. All-the-while, he has been a joy to teach and someone who has grown in both his understanding of and desire for the Lord and His Word. Blessings to you, young man, and stay bold! Never lose that humble spirit that the Lord blessed you with."

Jackson's favorite Bible verse is Romans 12:2 which says, "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." One thing Jackson has learned during his time at SCS that he will carry with him throughout his life is to always have patience and continue to grow in every situation. Everyone comes in all shapes and sizes, and they may be going through the same thing as you, but at different stages.

The SCS family will certainly miss Jackson's polite demeanor and soft-spoken spirit. We pray the Lord will guide and direct him in all he does.

#### STATESVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

#### CANDLE FUNDRAISER

#### FUNDRAISER RUNS 4/8 TO 4/29 PICK UP AT SCHOOL 5/3

Support Statesville Christian School PTF with our exclusive Candle Fundraiser! 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the school. Each jar is elegantly designed with a sleek exterior and a shimmering silver or copper colored lid, perfect for adding a touch of sophistication to any room. With a variety of delightful scents to choose from, these candles make for a thoughtful gift or a luxurious treat for yourself. Purchase one today and help raise funds for a worthy cause while enjoying a premium candle experience. They can also be mailed to a loved one for \$5 per candle or picked up at the school. These make great Mothers Day gifts!

Our candles are handcrafted in Troutman, NC. They are Pure Soy, Wooden Wick that crackles when it burns, and are made from the cleanest ingredients. They offer 90+ hours of burn time, which is about 3 times as long as typical candle because the pure soy wax burns very slowly. Questions? Email Rachel Monrad at info@oldoakmarket.com

#### Shop online under the SCS tab:

www.OldOakMarket.com









HOSA is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, April 24th from 8:00AM - 12:30PM in the Kester Gym. Information on how to sign up can be found on the flyer below:



# GIVE HOPE THIS SPRING.

Give blood.



## **Blood Drive Statesville Christian School**

Gym 1210 Museum Road Statesville, NC 28677

Wednesday, April 24th 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

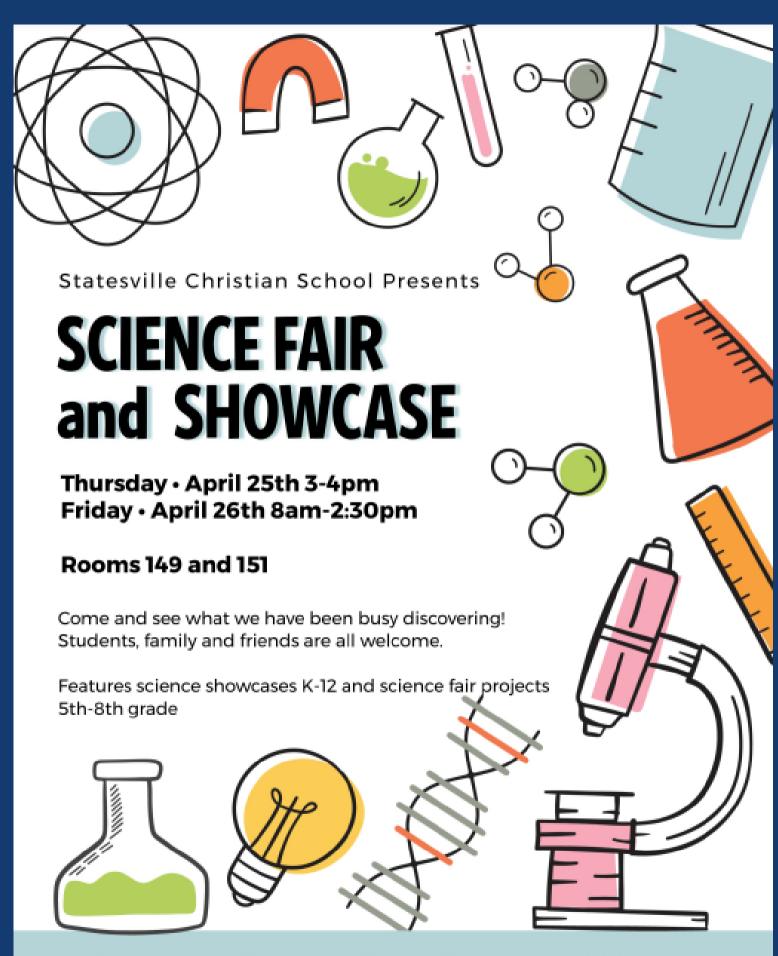
Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SCS to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Make an impact: Come give blood 4/8 to 4/28 for a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of choice!





Please contact Stephanie Gill at sgill@statesvillechristian.org for more details

### Staff Directory

#### Elementary Staff Listing:

Head of School: Dr. Ben Hummel: bhummel@statesvillechristian.org

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#### <u>Upper School Staff Listing:</u>

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