

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. Brobst – Interim Head of School

The Old Rugged Cross

We have just returned from a week of observing the events of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter. I was listening to an old-fashioned hymn-sing on YouTube, and they were singing The Old Rugged Cross. I've heard this song more times than I can count, but this time a line really jumped out at me. It calls the cross "the emblem of suffering and shame." We often think of an emblem as something positive. It's a symbol or a badge of honor, of the way that we want our organization to be remembered. One website that I looked at even called it a "heraldic device," such as a family's coat of arms. To think that the chosen symbol of Christianity is a cross – a means of shameful and excruciating torture meant for criminals. The early Christians transformed the cross into a symbol of Christ's love, grace, and sacrifice for our sins.



At our small church in Tennessee, we had a sunrise service outdoors at our pastor's farm. He had put up three crosses with the signs that were placed over them signifying who the three dying men were. Our pastor had each of us write our names on a slip of paper and then physically nail them to the cross, giving us a visual representation of our sins being nailed to the cross and Jesus paying the penalty for those sins.

Unfortunately, much of the world has forgotten about the agony that Christ endured on the cross for our sins and has turned Easter into a happy time with bunnies and colored eggs. Remember that Christ's death was not the end. Resurrection Sunday was the ultimate victory, for Christ conquered death when He rose from the dead. It is because of Christ's sacrifice, by taking on the punishment of our sins, that we can now have assurance of salvation and the promise of an eternity spent with God.

If you'd like to listen to *The Old Rugged Cross* so that you can hear the entire message that it has for us, [click here](#).

Because of His Faithfulness,
Dr. Sharon C. Brobst, Interim Head of School

Lower School News – Principal Corson

What a fun filled week! We had students who went on field trips in 3rd and 5th grade. We had a wonderful Colonial Marketplace Showcase from 2nd grade, Science Fair presentations from 5th grade, and photos of work from all our students. Everyone is working hard and doing a great job.

Please continue to be in prayer for our kindergarten teacher, Carmen Rodriguez, who is battling cancer.

We have approximately three weeks left of this instructional school year. There will be many end-of-year events during this time, so please refer to your classroom student newsletters for details/times for these events.

I hope you will reach out if you have any questions or concerns that I can help with. Lastly, remember, choose JOY!



**2nd
Grade
Colonial
Marketplace**

**5th Grade
took
collected
supplies to
the Dove
House in
Statesville.**



**3rd Grade
Field Trip-
exploring
Downtown
Statesville**

Upper School News – Principal Ivey

Hello, Upper School Families.

Is there something going on? Is there something in the water? Is it in the air? Whatever it is, you can tell that our students are excited! I am pretty sure it may be that the end of the school year is coming up in a few weeks. Trust me; we are all excited about the fun events and milestones that are in the near future. It is an awesome time of the year! In order for these events to be memorable, we do need to make sure students get their schoolwork completed and behave themselves. Please encourage your students to finish this school year strong!



We will be offering sports physicals here at SCS on Wednesday, April 30th in the afternoon. This is an awesome opportunity to get this requirement completed and physicals will be good for the entire 2025–2026 school year!

Our Mother's Day Chapel is happening on Friday, May 9th at 1:15PM in the WABC sanctuary. You are all invited to attend as our senior class will have the opportunity to honor, recognize, and thank their mothers. This annual tradition at SCS is very touching and emotional. I hope that you can join us.

Our High School Academic Awards ceremony will be Friday, May 16th, beginning at 9:00AM, and our Middle School Academic Awards ceremony will be Monday, May 19th, beginning at 9:00AM. Final exams for high schoolers will be on May 19th and May 20th. We will send out more information about these events very soon. If we can help with anything, please let us know.

The Student Leadership Club is sponsoring a Blood Drive! Adults and students 18 and up may participate. Students ages 16 & 17 may participate with parental consent.

Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



Blood Drive
Statesville Christian School

Gym
1210 Museum Rd.
Statesville, NC 28677

Wednesday, April 30, 2025
8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Message from Incoming HOS, Dr. Stephen Jordan

In March and April, my family and I had the joy of making two trips to Statesville Christian School. While we already felt strongly that God was leading us to SCS, these visits were a beautiful confirmation of His calling on our lives. We were deeply encouraged by everyone we met. Thank you so much for the warm welcome. It meant a lot to us!



I've included a picture of our family taken at church over Easter weekend. This was the best shot we could get after countless attempts. (*"Kids, can we please just get one good picture? If you're a parent, you know the struggle!"*) I hope you and your family had a joyful Easter celebrating our risen Savior and King. Jesus is risen, and Christianity is true, which is why the mission of SCS is so important!

As our move from Georgia to North Carolina draws near, our excitement only continues to grow! We're planning to move the last week of May, and my first official day at SCS will be June 2nd. While I know many of you will be enjoying summer break by then, there will be opportunities for us to connect over the summer. My heart is to listen, learn, and get to know you better so we can partner together in the important mission of training students to think, live, love, and lead as followers of Christ. Stay tuned for more details about these summer connection opportunities.

As my family prepares for this transition, here are a few prayer requests that we have:

- We are so grateful that our home in Georgia went under contract on Good Friday. Please pray for a smooth process and that we close on time.
- Pray that we find the right home in the Statesville area.
- Pray that God gives us the grace and strength to faithfully finish the school year at our current school.

We would love to be praying for you, too! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at sjordan@statesvillechristian.org with any prayer needs that you have.

We are thankful for you, and we look forward to all God has in store in the days ahead! Go, Lions!

Dr. Stephen S. Jordan, Incoming Head-of-School

Monday, April 28:

MS Tennis vs. Hickory Day School @ 4:00PM

Tuesday, April 29:

Varsity Tennis vs. University Christian @ 4:00PM

Varsity Golf vs. Salem Baptist @ 3:30PM

MS Tennis vs. Davidson Day @ 4:00PM

Varsity Soccer vs. University Christian @ 5:30PM
(SENIOR NIGHT - SOCCER)Thursday, May 1:

Varsity Soccer vs. Hickory Christian @ 4:00PM

Varsity Baseball vs. Hickory Christian @ 4:00PM
(SENIOR NIGHT - BASEBALL)Friday, May 2:

Varsity Baseball vs. TBS @ 4:00PM

Sports Physicals**On Wednesday, April 30th, SCS will offer FREE sports physicals for students who plan to play sports during the 25-26 school year.****A parent must be present in order for students to get a physical.****Physicals will be held in Kester Gym.****Middle School 3:15 - 4:15 High School 4:15 - 5:30****End-of-Year Events**

May 8: Spring Sports Athletic Awards Ceremony - 6:00PM*

May 9: Mother's Day Chapel - 1:15PM*

May 16: HS Academic Awards - 9:00 AM*

May 16: Elementary Lion Pride Day in Afternoon

May 16: MS End-of-Year Field Trip (time and location TBD)

May 19: MS Academic Awards - 9:00AM*

Middle schoolers may leave after awards and they do NOT come to school on May 20th.

May 19: 5th Grade Awards - 10:45AM*

5th graders may leave after the awards and do NOT come to school on May 20th.

May 20: Elementary Awards (1st & 2nd - 9:40AM, 3rd & 4th - 10:30AM)*

Elementary students may leave after their awards ceremony.

May 20: Kindergarten Graduation - 8:30AM*

Kindergarten students may leave after graduation.

May 19 & 20: High School Exams - 8:00AM - 11:30AM

May 23: Senior Graduation - 6:00PM*

* indicates
location at
WABC



CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Show your spirit! We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated athletes of all skill levels, for our growing competitive upper school cheer program! Please join us at our upcoming tryout to see if you have what it takes! Open to rising 6th-12 graders.



CONTACT US



Coaches Hannah Roberts
and Eleather Weston
704-804-4101



May 14th

Kester Gym

*Wear practice attire. Bring water and a light snack.



Time 3:00-5:00PM



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Senior Spotlight

Stephen Nielsen

Stephen Nielsen has been a student at SCS for four years. He has played both JV and varsity basketball and varsity baseball. He has also been in the Chess Club, Quiz Bowl, and the National Honor Society. This year, Stephen played a role in the spring musical, *Cinderella*. Stephen is involved in his local church and has done many service projects through NHS.



As an avid athlete, Stephen won the Pitcher of the Year for baseball, All-Conference for baseball, and the Christian Character award for basketball. He is also an ACSI Distinguished Student.

After graduation, Stephen plans to attend the United States Air Force Academy. Mr. Durham says, "Stephen is one of the most thoughtful and careful individuals I have ever taught. He really thinks deeply about the Word of God and lets His Savior guide his actions as he lives life and interacts with others. I can't wait to see what the Lord does with a young man like Stephen, who has the combination of a very good intellect, yet a soft and humble heart that is responsive to God's Word."

Galatians 2:20 is Stephen's favorite Bible passage which says, "*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*" Stephen says one thing he has learned during his time at SCS is the importance of kindness. Kindness is something we all can use more of!

The students and staff will miss Stephen's kind and gentle spirit and pray that the Lord would use those qualities to witness to others and point them to Christ.

From the Prayer Warriors

We invite everyone who has a heart for prayer to join the PTF/SCS Prayer Warriors on Friday mornings at 8:00 am in the Upper School Conference Room. This year our focus for each week will be "Praying the Names of God." If you have a special prayer request, contact your Class Ambassador (listed under the PTF section of the website), SCS Faculty, place your request in the designated boxes on campus (elementary office and upper school information table), or simply send an email to SCSPrayerteam@gmail.com.

This Week's Prayer Focus:

THE LORD IS PEACE

יהוה שלום YAHWEH SHALOM

So Gideon built an altar there to Yahweh. He called it Yahweh Shalom.
Judges 6:24

The Hebrew word Shalom is a covenant word meaning "peace," but it carries a broader meaning than just the absence of conflict. It encompasses wholeness, completeness, well-being, and safety.

"Shalom Shalom," means "perfect peace." Shalom, then, is not just peace or a simple greeting; it goes much deeper to imply having complete and whole inner peace in our souls, which can only be found in Jesus. This inner peace can only be experienced when one lives in harmony with the Lord and others.

What we long for in our journey toward physical and spiritual health is flourishing, wholeness, and delight. Picture the doors flung open and our Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) welcoming us into a place of true calming rest to a living man.

As we head into the mayhem of May, especially the seniors (and their parents) who are being challenged with all kinds of decisions and emotions, we often let fear cloud our judgment and we fail to see what the Lord is doing. Be like Gideon: his success depended on his belief that the Lord was with him. Look to our Prince of Peace, seek His presence, and hear Him say "Shalom Shalom".

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your heart and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

Prayer Focus for SCS Faculty:

PTF Leadership: Paige Airey, Ladonna Hilton, Jessica Stewart, and the many volunteers who lead various programs/committees and assist with events throughout the year.

Prayer Focus for Our Campus & Community:

Continued safety and Heart of the Lion Character for our sports teams as they finish out the spring season.

SCS FAMILY NIGHT OUT



MONDAY, APRIL 28th
3 pm - 9:30 pm

Amalfi's

1712 Old Wilkesboro Road
Statesville



Come out and support
PTF with dine in or
carry out orders

SCS Science Fair & Showcase 2025



Staff Directory

Elementary Staff Listing:

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