

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 End of the Year

Dear SCS Family and Friends:

It is hard for me to believe that this is my last newsletter article for you. When I came in January, I offered to stay as long as the school needed me. God has graciously provided a new head of school who will start in a few weeks. My last official act as interim head will be to participate in graduation next Friday evening. I encourage you to come out to this special event even if you don't have a child in the Upper School. Sometimes it is helpful to see the end goal so that you can appreciate where your child is heading, especially when they are young. I hope to see you there.



It has been my honor and privilege to serve you at Statesville Christian School these last five months. Be assured that I will continue to pray for you as you transition to new leadership. I will think of individuals who God has used to bless me or to whom I have been able to minister during this time. I will remember the excited Elementary children as I shared about living in Africa and will pray that God would call some of them to serve Him overseas in the future. I will smile as I think of play practices, ball games, weekly chapels, and just chatting with kids informally in the hallways. I will especially miss the staff. SCS is truly blessed with a group of mature Christians who desire to serve God by serving children.

SCS is a school dedicated to bringing glory to God. It is my prayer that the community will remember this year's theme from Romans 12:9-10: *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

Thanks to you all for making my time at SCS such a memorable experience. *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."* Numbers 6:24-26.

Signing off.

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

Lower School News – Principal Corson

What a fun week we had, with many end-of-year activities. Lion Pride Day was a blast. Our students have remained focused and finished strong. Next week we will celebrate with each grade as we review their accomplishments during awards programs. Please remember you are free to take your student home once their grade level awards program has ended. The official dismissal time for the last day, May 20th, is 11:30AM. We are praying you all have a fabulous summer vacation, and we are already looking forward to partnering with you for the next school year.



End-of-Year Awards times are as follows:

- 5th grade: May 19th at 10:45AM
- 1st & 2nd grades: May 20th at 9:40AM
- 3rd & 4th grades: May 20th at 10:30AM
- Kindergarten Graduation: May 20th at 8:30AM

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

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

Little Lionettes 2025-2026

Cheer season will run Nov. 10th through Feb. 13th.
Practices begin October 20th!

Little Lionettes will cheer for our 5/6 and 7/8
grade basketball games!

Early registration: Aug 1 - 31 is \$50
Late registration: Sept 1 - Oct 11 is \$60
1st through 5th grades only!



For questions, please contact
Rachel Stanley at
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or **CLICK HERE** for more information!

Upper School News – Principal Ivey

Hello, Upper School Families.

We are at the end of the school year! Awards ceremonies, final exams, and graduation are upon us! Congratulations to the Class of 2025! Every one of our seniors have continued to grow and mature in their faith throughout the school year. We are thankful and proud of them!



Please refer to the schedules included in this newsletter concerning our High School Academic Awards Ceremony, High School Final Exams, and Middle School Academic Awards Ceremony.

I have a few housekeeping items for parents to know about:

- Lockers – All students should clean everything out of their lockers by May 20th or their last day at school. Anything remaining in lockers will be discarded.
- Lost and Found – Our Lost and Found pile has grown pretty large the last few weeks. Anything left after May 20th will be disposed of or donated. The lost and found is located in the Miller Cafeteria.
- School Materials – If your student has any school materials (books, etc.) at home, please make sure that they return them to the appropriate teacher or drop it off at the Main Office.

Keep our Seniors in your prayers as they move toward their college and career paths. Also, keep our seniors and juniors in your prayers as they participate in our summer mission trips to the Dominican Republic (seniors) and Utah (juniors).

Thank you for everything you have done to help make this a great school year at SCS! If you need anything over the summer, our office hours will be 9:00AM–3:30PM Mondays–Thursdays.

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High School Exam Schedule



SPRING SEMESTER HS FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE MAY 19-20, 2025

Monday, May 19 Exam Schedule:

8:00AM - 9:35AM 1st Block Exam

9:55AM - 11:30AM 2nd Block Exam

****HS dismissed at 11:30AM***

Tuesday, May 20 Exam Schedule:

8:00AM - 9:35AM 3rd Block Exam

9:55AM - 11:30AM 4th Block Exam

****ALL students dismissed at 11:30AM***

- Bible and elective classes will not give final exams. Courses such as PE, Art, Theater, Photography, and Yearbook will not have exams.
- *Seniors who maintain a semester average of 90 or above are exempt from exams in Core Classes (English, Math, Science, and Social Studies).*
- Students who do not have an exam in the first exam period of the day may come in late. **STUDENTS COMING IN LATE MUST REPORT TO THE MAIN OFFICE TO SIGN IN.**
- Students that do not have an exam in the last exam period of the day may leave after the first exam period. **STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY MUST REPORT TO THE MAIN OFFICE TO SIGN OUT.**
- **NO HOT LUNCHES** will be served for upper school on May 19th and 20th.
- The dress code for exams is relaxed for HS students. Students may wear loose fitting sweatpants for exams. Leggings, yoga pants, pajamas, short shorts, and sweatpants with writing across the rear are **NOT** allowed.

Upcoming Events & New SRO

Middle School Academic Awards Ceremony



Monday, May 19th:
1st period 8:00 - 8:45AM
MS AWARDS 9:00 - 10:00AM
2nd period 10:00 - 11:30AM
Dismissal 11:30AM



- **All middle school students are expected to attend school on Monday, May 19th for the Awards Ceremony.**
- **“Fancy Dress” is expected for the MS Awards Ceremony.**
- **Parents may take their students home following the ceremony.**
- **Middle School will be dismissed at 11:30AM on Monday, May 19th.**
- **The afternoon bus will run at 3:00PM on Monday, May 19th.**
- **There will be NO aftercare on Monday, May 19th.**
- **There is NO SCHOOL FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS on Tuesday, May 20th! Happy Summer!!**

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*	

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location at
WABC**

Meet our new SRO, Officer Ealy!



Hello students, faculty, and parents! My name is Officer Ealy, and I am so excited to be a part of SCS as the new school Resource Officer. As a native of Statesville, I always knew I wanted to give back to the community that raised me, and protecting and serving the SCS family is a way I can do just that! I graduated from West Iredell High School in 2017 and started my career with the Statesville Police Department in February 2022 as a 911 Dispatcher. Eventually I transitioned over into a recruit position and completed Basic Law Enforcement Training at Rowan Cabarrus Community College in 2023. I began my career on patrol and have recently decided to become an SRO.

I am excited for this opportunity to work alongside you!

In my free time, I enjoy swimming, traveling, warm weather, and being with family and friends. I have a son named Koa who is 11 months old. If I'm not here, I'm probably at home chasing him around, as he believes everything is food! I am so excited to meet all of you and if you need anything, please stop by my office!

Senior Spotlight

Luke Gessler

Luke Gessler has been attending SCS for thirteen years. During his high school years, he played baseball and soccer. He has also been a member of Quiz Bowl, Chess Club, and the National Honor Society. This year, Luke tried his hand at acting and played the King in the spring musical, *Cinderella*. Luke was named an ACSI Honor Roll Student and has been on the Dean's List at Mitchell Community College.



Outside of school, Luke volunteers for many organizations like Power Cross, Boy Scouts, Riding for Rainbows, YMCA, Pregnancy Resource Center, and Baptist on Mission. He has also done many NHS volunteer projects and is active in his church and other local non-profits.

Luke will graduate with his associate's degree from Mitchell Community College this May, as well as graduating from SCS! This fall he plans to attend Campbell University as a premed student. Luke's ultimate goal is to become a cardiologist.

Mr. Durham says, "Luke is a quiet, reliable young man who has been especially gifted academically. Though he attained Eagle Scout status, his quiet demeanor makes it so that even big things, such as being an Eagle Scout, have flown under the radar. I've been so heartened to see him branching out into more public roles and opportunities so that he will be more equipped and confident to share his mind and his faith going forward.

We will miss this great young man!"

Luke's favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11 which says, "*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" Luke says that two things he has learned during his time at SCS is how to defend his faith from secular theologies and how to spread the gospel.

The staff and students pray God would lead Luke and bless him as he moves on to the next chapter of his life.

From the Prayer Warriors

Our focus this year on the Names of God stemmed from the theme “if we have a need, God has a name” which shows the abundant way God showers His blessings, protection, healing, and love over each of us who put our trust in Him.

The SCS Prayer Warriors were honored to pray through this year together. A special thank you to our Class Ambassadors for helping us re-establish this important ministry of our school: to not only pray but be the “hands and feet” to help celebrate and console on a more individual basis.

When you pray the word of God, you are praying His words of truth into your situation. It is the same when you pray the names of God. When you understand the meaning of the specific name of God and pray it over your situation- it is declaring His power over it. It certainly will build your faith and expectation of God to move in it. When you pray God's name, you are declaring the truth of who God is, and you are proclaiming His power at work in your life.

EL SHADDAI, Almighty God, we humbly come to You with grateful hearts for the many blessings You have poured over our families and our school.

EL DE'OT, You are the God of knowledge who provided us with all the wisdom we have gained from our dedicated teachers as they inspire growth, learning, and a greater love for You.

ADONAI, as we prepare to enter a new chapter, we ask for Your guidance and blessings especially for our graduating Seniors. May they always remember the lessons they've learned, the values instilled in them, and to look to You as COUNSELOR and SHEPHERD.

Help us to serve You faithfully in all we do, holding to our SCS “Heart of a Lion” motto of having a bold faith, brave spirit, compassionate heart and witness to others by this example. May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us; may the love of God go with us now and forever. We pray this in Jesus' name, AMEN.

I give you thanks, O LORD, with all my heart. I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name. As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength.

Psalm 138:1a, 2b-3 (NLT)



Staff Directory

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