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CALENDAR:

02/12	Inservice Day (no school)
02/15	Presidents Day (no school)
2/25-27	Junior Players Play Performances
3/5	ASVAB - Juniors
3/5	PSAT - All 9th & 10th graders
3/8	Math Olympics
3/11	Open House
3/18	Last Day of 3rd Quarter
3/19	Teacher Inservice (no school)
3/20-28	Spring Break
3/29	School Resumes
4/2	Good Friday (no school)

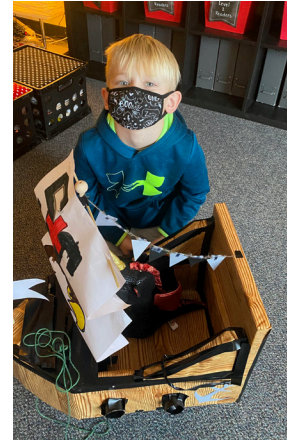
CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The character education topic for the month of February is: **Humility:** Acknowledging that my achievements are the result of the investment that others make in my life. The weekly verse is I Peter 5:5b "Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Please read the weekly character education emails from Mr. Villers for more information regarding our monthly character traits.

TEDDY BEAR PARADE

On Wednesday afternoon, January 20, the 1st grade classes held their annual Teddy Bear Parade. The students led their Teddy Bear floats on a route around the outside of the elementary building. Each student brought a float of their own creation (with more or less parent help). The parade culminates a teddy-bear themed, multi-disciplinary unit in reading, writing, and science.



SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

The school board is in the process of gathering and contacting nominees for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested in serving the school as a board member or know someone who's passionate about SCS, please contact board president Ryan Haan at haan@santiam.org for more information.

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE CAREER & COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE NIGHT

Freshman/Sophomore Career & College Knowledge Night, Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 pm **Zoom meeting**. This meeting is for parents. (Students are welcome, but Mrs. Schaffner did go over the same information with them in class in January.) Topics to be covered include:

- * The New Career Readiness Portfolio Graduation Requirement
- * Discovering Your Options
- * How to Make a Great Post High School Plan
- * What Colleges are Looking For
- * Tips for High School Success
- * Q & A

See email from Mrs. Schaffner for Zoom meeting link.



FRIDAY FOCUS SCHEDULE

Beginning Friday, February 5, the Junior High and High School will be offering a Friday Focus schedule (see principal emails for details.)



The goal is to give parents and students flexibility in the Friday schedule. For families that want their students to be on campus all day, we are providing a full day of Friday Focus Sessions featuring time to meet individually with teachers, supplemental curricular material, and other projects to actively engage your student throughout the entire school day. For those who feel their students will benefit more right now from a lighter Friday schedule, these sessions are voluntary and students can choose.

As we get started next week, participation in Chapel is required, (either in person or via Zoom) but everything else remains optional at this time so that each family can choose what is best for their child. We recognize that some students will most benefit academically, mentally, and spiritually by being on campus for the whole day, while others will be better served by a more flexible Friday schedule during which students can work on homework or participate in other activities. Each of you knows what is best for your family and we want to give you the chance to decide what to do with Fridays based on the needs of your students and your family.

The new Friday schedule will take some time to perfect, so we ask for your patience as we get it started. We're really excited about the space this schedule creates in the week for focused, specialized learning and growth activities that can significantly enrich and support our academic and discipling efforts with our students.

Friday Focus Signing Up:

Early next week students will have the opportunity to sign up for Friday Focus Sessions for February 5. Remember you can sign up for sessions all day, or as few sessions as desired. The sign-up sheets will show what's available during each time slot. Students need to be occupied for each hour they are on campus, so if they sign up for sessions 1 and 5, for example, they would automatically be put into Library study sessions for the time in-between – or of course, could just sign up for in-between sessions so that they have their choice.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

You can view our weekly/monthly elementary lunch menus by clicking on the following link [SC Lunch Menus](#). There is currently no lunch service for Junior High or High School. The cafeteria will not be serving snacks during the break either.



FEBRUARY IS RE-ENROLLMENT MONTH

Families will receive an email today with instructions on how to login to re-enroll for the 21/22 school year. Re-enrollment through the Family Portal will allow families to update their own student/family information. If families have more than one student, families will have to go through re-enrollment for each student. At the end of the re-enrollment process, the student's deposit will be due in order to complete re-enrollment.

Re-Enrollment Deposit (per student) \$100

Deposits will be applied to 2021/22 tuition and is non-refundable

Re-Enrollment Deadline – Friday April 30, 2021

Students who are not re-enrolled by the deadline will lose their place for the 21/22 school year.

Questions? Please email Michelle Riley rileym@santiam.org

SENIOR SLIDE SHOW



A great highlight of SC's graduation ceremony is the Senior Slideshow. It features one baby picture, one growing up picture, and one senior picture of each student. These pictures should only feature the student (please no one else in the picture) and should honor the SC appearance policy for appropriate attire. It is important that these are as high resolution as possible so it is a clear image in the slide show. Please email pictures to beams@santiam.org. If sending via email please label as follows with your student's name and which picture it is: SmithJaneBaby.jpg, SmithJaneMiddle.jpg and SmithJaneSenior.jpg. If you are unable to send them electronically, please drop them off in the high school office and I will scan them and return them to you. (Please make sure they are clearly labelled with who they are.) Deadline to submit pictures is **March 1**.

JH/HS CHAPEL

Chapel this week: Here's the link: <https://scchapel.online.church/>. Chapel is Friday at 8:30 a.m.

SC UMBRELLAS

A few SC golf umbrellas remain. Don't get caught in the rain without one. \$25 for 1 or \$45 for 2. Umbrellas are 62 inch, vented for wind, and come with carrying case/shoulder strap. Email Elise Hohensee (hohensee@peak.org) to reserve yours! Proceeds benefit the Class of 2023.



COVID PROTOCOLS

We are continuing to follow our state's guidelines for schools.

* Masks are required to be worn properly at all times on campus. Please make sure your student has masks that fit well and stay on. If students refuse or are having to be told repeatedly to wear it, they may be sent home to complete instruction remotely.

* If you have traveled out of state, the Oregon Health Authority recommends a 14-day quarantine before returning to work or school. You can read more about that [here](#).

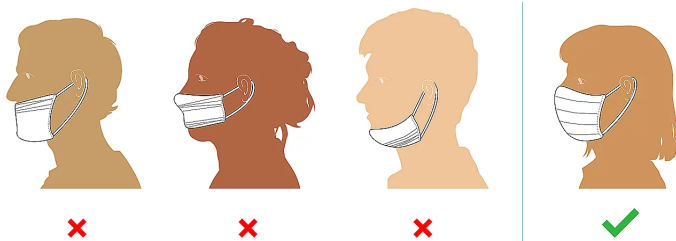
* Students who are exposed to a positive COVID-19 case must quarantine for 10-14 days after the last exposure. The length of time depends on a number of factors, so please let us know at the school office and we will help you determine what's needed.

* Please also notify the school office if your student tests positive for COVID-19 or has been exposed to a positive case. If outbreaks of COVID-19 occur among our student body and faculty, we would need to quarantine groups; having correct information about exposure and testing helps us determine quarantine periods, minimize the impact across campus, and coordinate appropriately with our local health authorities.

* Students who are ill with COVID-like symptoms should not come to school. The primary symptoms that definitely preclude coming to school include fever, cough, chills, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, and loss of taste or smell. Students who have other symptoms of illness such as sore throat, fatigue, body ache, vomiting, or diarrhea must also stay home as these can be other symptoms of COVID or other communicable diseases.

* In order to enable continuing attendance in classes regardless of quarantines, we will continue to offer simultaneous remote instruction whenever we are "on-campus."

DOs AND DON'Ts OF WEARING A MASK



* Proper mask wearing and maintaining distance will help minimize exposure and the number of students/staff who need to quarantine when there are positive cases discovered at school.

Apprenticeships in Science & Engineering

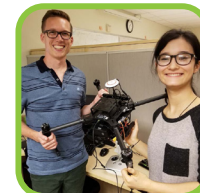
Are you a future scientist or engineer?

Saturday Academy's ASE program

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- Enhance your college application
- Gain hands-on, professional experience
- Meet other students who love science & engineering
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APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH



FIND OUT MORE

Virtual Info Sessions

Wednesday, January 27th @ 7pm

Saturday, February 6th @ 10am

visit our website for specific information & to be added to our mailing list

saturdayacademy.org/ase

APPRENTICESHIPS IN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

(Several SC students have participated in this excellent program in the past.)

The Apprenticeships in Science & Engineering program (ASE) is on for summer 2021. Though this school year has been unlike any other, with in-person info sessions off the table, they are offering virtual info sessions and workshops.

This year, the application window for 2021 internships opened on January 11, and the final day to submit applications will be on Friday, March 5, 2021. Interested students can learn more about the application process, as well as get a sneak peak of some of our mentor organizations by [visiting our website](#) or watching our virtual info session here: <https://bit.ly/ASEInfoSession2021>

Important Dates in 2021 Cycle:

January 11 - Application window opens for 2021

February 6 - [Virtual Info Session #2](#)

February 11 - [FREE Virtual Cover Letter Workshop #1](#)

February 20 - [FREE Virtual Cover Letter Workshop #2](#)

February 25 - [FREE Virtual Interview Skills Workshop #1](#)

February 27 - [FREE Virtual Interview Skills Workshop #2](#)