



## Principal's End of the Year Newsletter

June 21, 2023

Dear SCS Families,

As the school year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and experiences we have shared as a school community. It has been a year filled with growth, learning, and memorable moments. Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration in making this year a success.

**Celebrating Achievements:** This year, our school earned Apple Distinguished Recognition for 2022-2025. The faculty, staff, and students worked hard to highlight their technological skills and their hard work paid off! Our students in 2nd grade received the sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion. Our 8th grade students received the sacrament of Confirmation. This was a special year for these students and their families. Our Junior Thespian Society competed for the first time and took their talents all the way to the state level. Our theater stars really shined! Our drama department put on quite an engaging production of Disney's Frozen JR. The St. Coleman sports teams were a dominating force in Broward County. Our students displayed excellent talent and sportsmanship on and off the field. Our middle school students participated in Model United Nations and service-learning projects. From outstanding performances in sports and arts to remarkable achievements in academic competitions, our students have truly excelled. They have demonstrated exceptional dedication, resilience, and commitment to their faith and education. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them.

**Building a Positive School Culture:** Our school community has thrived on the values of respect, kindness, and inclusivity. We have worked together to create a safe and nurturing environment where every student and family feels valued and supported. The dedication of our staff, parents, and volunteers in fostering a positive school culture is commendable. The Home and School organization sponsored the Holy Moley Golf Tournament and Flicks on the Field, the Men's Club sponsored the Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival, our parish community, including our school families, put together an amazing Italian Festival. Together, we have celebrated our faith, promoted family, and encouraged a love for learning that extends beyond the classroom.

**Tuition and Scholarship Information:** Non-Refundable Fees include: Registration Fee- \$500 per student, Technology and Security Fee-\$500 per student; iPad Insurance and Case-\$100 per student; and Activity Fee-\$100 per student. The Multi-Child Discount (sibling discount) is: \$1,000 per student. The Tuition Rate includes fees for enrichment, guidance, academics, and capital improvements. This rate did not change for the upcoming year: PreK-7th Grade-\$10,500 per student; 8th grade-\$10,800 per student.

Active parishioners of the Church who participate in the faith life of the parish by giving fully of their time, talent, and treasure and by regularly attending Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation are eligible for a discretionary tuition discount.

Any parishioner who feels they may need financial assistance is encouraged to apply for the Step Up for Students Scholarship. With the passing of House Bill 1, there are no financial restrictions for applicants.

**Exciting New Projects:** As we bid farewell to the current school year, we are filled with anticipation and excitement for what lies ahead. We are committed to continuous improvement and providing the best possible educational experience for our students. We will be working tirelessly over the summer to prepare for an engaging and enriching year ahead. Plans are in place to begin the installation of a new elementary school playground for students in grades 1-4. The middle school bathrooms will be getting a much-needed renovation, many of the railings in the stairwells will be replaced, and the exterior of the school buildings will be getting a new, fresh coat of paint! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Capital Campaign! These upgrades are possible because of you!



**Important Dates:** To keep you informed, please take note of the following important dates:

- Summer break: June 10, 2023 to August 15, 2023
- First day of the new school year: August 16, 2023
- Christmas vacation 23-24: begins at 12:00pm on December 22, 2023 and classes resume on January 8, 2024

**We are saying goodbye to:** Carlos Benitez, Mary Donnellan, Edward Mulvaney, Carrie Bennett, Maria Kambourelis, Grace Litofsky, Phoebe Neff, Ana Reilly, and Tyler Withrow. We wish them all the blessings life has to offer. Should they cross our path again, our door is always open!

**We welcome:** Daniella Mason to art, Juliet Vella to 4th grade, Kevin Sierra to music, Shay Faber to Pre-K, and Stanley Bell to maintenance. We are blessed to have them join our St. Coleman family!

**School Uniforms/Shoes:** We will be using the same uniform company, Risse Brothers Uniforms. The change is in the way the students will be expected to wear the uniform. All students, including middle school, will be required to tuck in their shirts, wear a black belt, and wear uniform school shoes.

The acceptable shoes are as follows:

Boys

- Kids' sizes 12.5-7: Stride Rite or Hush Puppies Jace Hook and Loop or Chad Oxford in black
- Men's shoe size 7-14: Skechers Melo SR (black), size 7-13: Skechers Arch Fit Melo SR (black), Hush Puppies Advance Lace Up Oxford or Bennet Plain Toe Slip On (black)

Girls

- Kids' sizes 10.5-3.5: Skechers Microstrides Recess Rules (black), sizes 13-4.0: Skechers Microstrides School Bus Kicks (black), sizes 8.5-10 and 10.5-6: Stride Rite Claire Mary Jane Black (black)
- Women's shoe size 6-10: Skechers Sunrosa-Evit (black), size: 5-11 Hush Puppies Epic Mary Jane Black or Power Walker (black)

I encourage all parents to remind students to follow the jewelry policies. One notable change is that no bracelets or rings will be permitted.

**Stay Connected:** We encourage you to stay connected with us throughout the summer. Follow us on social media and visit our school website to stay updated on the latest news and events. We value your input and look forward to working together as we strive to create an exceptional learning environment for all our students.

I wish you all a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break. May it be filled with wonderful memories and opportunities for rejuvenation. We look forward to welcoming you back for another incredible school year in August.

God Bless,

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