

# Seattle Christian Schools SCCEPTER

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## InterSCession 2011

*High school students serve locally, nationally and abroad*

Seattle Christian's theme verse, "Overflowing with Hope" from Romans 15:13, beautifully aligns with this powerful week-long ministry during April each year. High school students actively engage in vital "out of the classroom" learning and mission opportunities that allow for flexibility of time and location. Students who participate in InterSCession often reflect on the significant and many times life-changing experiences that result in their service to others. Through these meaningful opportunities, students are actively engaging our world, with the desire to make a difference for the sake of Christ.

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Packing boxes and preparing shipments for people in need at World Vision



Providing construction help for two remote villages in Ghana, West Africa



Serving the L.A. homeless community and performing outreach ministries through the Los Angeles Dream Center

### 2011 Classes and Trips Offered

- Vision House
- Children's Hospital Outreach Program
- South Sound Dream Center
- Catalina Island Warrior Backpacking Trip
- Arizona Mission Trip
- Cedar Springs Christian Camp
- Warm Beach Camp
- Lincoln Rock State Park Clean-up
- YWAM Ministry Volunteering
- Northwest Harvest, Job Shadowing, Olympia Page Program
- YMCA Volunteer Program
- Florida Science and Mission Trip
- Los Angeles Dream Center
- Independent Mission Trip – Ghana, West Africa
- Costa Rica Mission Trip
- London Tour
- Bow Lake Elementary School Tutoring
- World Vision

## Our Mission

We proclaim Jesus Christ in all aspects of our program, emphasizing academic excellence and biblical Christian values, partnering with parents and the Church to prepare godly young men and women so that they may impact their world for Christ. — Colossians 1:28

Overflowing with Hope



2010-2011

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

— Romans 15:13

Providing Quality  
Christian Education  
Since 1946

## Student Testimonials

### Chaise DeVries (11<sup>th</sup>) – Bow Lake Elementary

I enjoyed working with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and playing with them at recess. My goal was to work on trying to get them interested in school. In this particular school, a lot of the kids struggle with parent support at home. As I watched the kids, they were all so different, especially their ethnic and religious backgrounds. It was really cool because I got to talk with students a little about their different faiths, and be able to share a little about my faith. Many students weren't sure why our group from SCS was there. They didn't understand the concept of "service to others" without pay or getting something in return. They were amazed that students were serving from the heart. It was a pleasure.

### Autumn DeOrnellis (10<sup>th</sup>) – Ghana, West Africa

It was an amazing trip! Our group stayed at the Abutia Kpota Villiage, which is where we mainly performed community service: building a bathroom and a schoolhouse. The Ghanaian people are all about community and family, and welcomed us with open arms. The elements and heat were hard to get used to as first, but we eventually adapted to the environment. This trip taught me a lot of good lessons, and especially that my family and relationships, not material possessions, were most important to me. The people from this village had no material goods to speak of, but had such joy with their family and relationships.



Learning about the history, culture and spritual needs of London through a 6-day study tour



Preparing sandwiches and serving the homeless men, women and children through the South Sound Dream Center



Providing much needed repairs and clean up at Lincoln Rock State Park



Understanding God's creation through a hands-on study of Florida Keys marine life



Giving back to our community through sorting, labeling and re-packaging donated food at Northwest Harvest

### Amulya Oehlschlaeger-Browne (11<sup>th</sup>) – Children's Hospital

I had a really strong desire to go to Children's this year. The purpose of our trip was to serve the children and their siblings. Our #1 goal was to make a child smile each day. If we accomplished that, we had done our job. We visited kids with many different circumstances: general patients, burn victims and cancer patients. We played games, made crafts, delivered toys and made them smile. Even though a lot of the kids were in difficult circumstances, they still seemed to smile each day. The play area was a great time to play games with siblings of patients. A team of us would also go out to personally visit kids and deliver toys. It was so satisfying to know our smiles and kindness would make a difference in the lives of these kids. It made all our problems seem so small.

### Kevin Botka (12<sup>th</sup>) – L.A. Dream Center

Our group from SCS went for a couple of key reasons: to serve the homeless with food trucks provided by the Dream Center and serve at the Jonah Project, which is a beacon of light to many on Skid Row. We also worked with Adopt-a-Block, picking up trash. Visiting Skid Row was most certainly a highlight! We not only picked up trash and cleaned up, but we also had the opportunity to talk and listen to the homeless people and build relationships. I even got to pray with one of the guys there. It was cool to see that they had joy even though they had nothing. Through the Jonah Project, some of the homeless had accepted Christ and were being used to even impact those of us who were visiting. We really saw the hunger and poverty; it was a real privilege to help them out. I would definitely go back again!

# SCS Celebrates 25 years of Auction Success

Psalm 86:5 "...My heart leaps for joy and I will give praise to Him in song."

A successful event can only happen with the support of families, friends and cherished members of the SCS community who come together in support of a special ministry. The Board of Trustees and administration extend deep gratitude, and are humbled by the outpouring of generosity and encouragement from the Seattle Christian family.



## Thank you, once again, generous sponsors!

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*Leap for Joy 2011*, Seattle Christian's Silver Anniversary auction, was a smashing success on March 18 & 19 as our school's #1 fundraiser generated just over \$132,000 (before expenses) from the fabulous event. Weekend attendance was impressive, with a record 270 guests for Saturday's Dinner and Live Auction. Highlights included funding \$26,125 for school-wide teacher computers and new auditorium speakers, \$9,667 raised during the ever-so-popular Dessert Dash, and \$6,825 raised as a result of the SCS promotional drawings Friday and Saturday evenings sponsored by Oliver Marketing. SCS gives tremendous appreciation to Sue Kaler, 2011 Chair, the auction team leaders, volunteers and all who supported this amazing event.



# EVENTS





## Physics Students Unravel “The Mystery of Gravity”

Mr. Campbell’s physics students had the privilege of working with first grade students on a baffling subject, GRAVITY! High school students took a hands-on approach to this mystery, demonstrating with everything from “jumping up and down” to dropping objects of both different weights and materials...only to realize the force of gravity is definitely a mystery begging to be explored.

First grade student Ian Heiland said, “I liked doing a lot of experiments with gravity. I learned to push and pull. I also tried to move a magnet with another magnet. It was fun! I liked visiting the classroom.” SCS high school science teachers plan to include elementary students in future select projects and experiments.



High school, middle school and elementary students launched a “Crane Making Campaign” to raise funds for the victim’s of the Japan earthquake and tsunami.



Chapel speaker Pastor Scholes (pictured left), from Christian Motorcyclists Association, reveals his ministry of using motorcycles as a tool to share the Gospel.



Elementary Student Council takes the spotlight at a recent SCS Board meeting, in recognition of their tremendous student leadership.

# Winter Athletics

Congratulations, SCS Varsity Girls' Basketball Team, who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Tri-Districts, and competed in 1A state competition!



## Girls' Varsity Highlights

- Nisqually League Co-champions with a league record 11-1 and overall record 20-5.
- WIAA Distinguished Scholastic Team Award (3.0-3.49 GPA)

## All-League Awards:

- Nisqually League MVP – Katie Collier (11<sup>th</sup>)
- First Team – Katie Collier
- Second Team – Maddie Harris (12<sup>th</sup>), Kelly Jansen (12<sup>th</sup>)
- Honorable Mention – Catie Shelton (11<sup>th</sup>)

## Girls' JV – Congratulations on a successful season!

- 13-5 Record
- WIAA Outstanding Scholastic Team Award (3.5-4.0 GPA)

## Boys' Varsity Basketball Highlights

- First Team – MacKinnon Simpson (12<sup>th</sup>)
- Second Team – Richard Jensen (11<sup>th</sup>)
- Honorable Mention – Blake Weber (12<sup>th</sup>)
- JV Boys – 12-6 Record

**Varsity, JV and C Team** – WIAA Distinguished Scholastic Award (3.0-3.49 GPA)



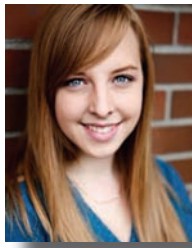
Middle and high school students demonstrate great leadership skills during this year's Elementary Spring Basketball Program.

**Congratulations to the SCS Cheer Squad for earning the WIAA Outstanding Scholastic Award!**

## Ross Hjelseth Returns to Coach Warrior Eagle Football

After a three-year hiatus from coaching, Ross Hjelseth will return to the sidelines as the Life Christian/Seattle Christian Warrior Eagles Head Coach. Mr. Hjelseth has 35 years of football coaching experience, including a number of seasons as the Head Coach at the University of Puget Sound. He began coaching at Life Christian in 1994 and led the team to back-to-back State Semi-Final appearances in 2006 and 2007. He took the last three seasons off from coaching to watch his son play college football. Mr. Hjelseth also serves as the Headmaster at Life Christian Academy. He is thrilled to return to coaching football and is optimistic about the team's future, "Coaching football lets me connect with students and families on a different level than Headmaster and provides a unique opportunity to impact students for Christ, which is my true calling."





## **National Merit Finalist**

Congratulations to SCS Senior and ASB Treasurer, Jessica Bowen, who was named a National Merit Finalist. This honor was based on scores from the 2009 PSAT, and represents less than 1% of US high school seniors. Students selected as finalists were required to score very high on the SAT, be endorsed by their high school, have excellent grades and complete a National Merit application. SCS commends Jessica for her commitment to academic excellence!

## **Fine and Performing Arts**



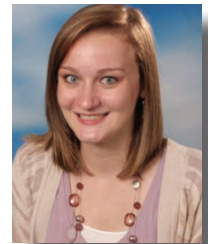
Abbie Barronian



Victoria Norman



Yaryna Zhukovskaya



Brittany Hoff

Congratulations to the SCS students who competed in this year's Solo and Ensemble Contest on March 5 at Lindbergh High School. Many students received superior ratings, an exceptional accomplishment. We applaud the following students who were recognized in their categories, and will compete in the State Solo/Ensemble event at Central Washington University April 29-30:

- Mezzo Soprano: Abbie Barronian – Winner
- Harp: Victoria Norman – Winner
- Women's Vocal Small Ensemble: Abbie Barronian and Yaryna Zhukovskaya – Winner
- Viola: Brittany Hoff – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

## **ACSI Musicale**

Congratulations to the SCS Students who participated in the 2011 ACSI Musicale events this year at Northwest University.

- Elementary Band – “Superior Rating”
- Elementary Choir – “Excellent Rating”
- Middle School Band – “Superior Rating”
- Middle School Choir – “Excellent Rating”
- Jazz Band – “Superior Rating” and Command Performance Honors

## **2011 ACSI Speech Meet - Idaho**

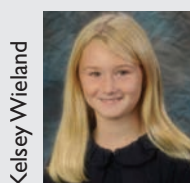
Congratulations to Lauren Fulton who won a Blue Ribbon “Superior” for reading The Monster at the End of This Book and Tyler Gunhus and Noel Chapman for their Duet Acting, “I Can't Think of It Right Now.”

## **Congratulations to...**

Christina Polich – Awarded the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship in recognition of her commitment to community service, academic achievement and demonstrated leadership.

Seth Barronian – Nominated by his teachers to be Seattle Christian's Ambassador at this year's Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership State Seminar for his leadership qualities. Seth will attend the seminar in June.

Rachel Goodner – Recipient of the prestigious 2011 AJC Max Block Award, in recognition of her contributions to promoting positive human relations and fostering a better understanding for all people.



Kelsey Wieland



Marco Scarsella

Kelsey Wieland and Marco Scarsella – Third grade essay winners for their articles, “One Nation Under God,” awarded from the Highline Exchange Club. Both students were recognized with a certificate and a cash reward. Seattle Christian applauds their excellence in writing!

# Message from the Superintendent



## Overflowing with Hope – Romans 15:13

I am truly blessed to be a part of all the amazing things happening at Seattle Christian Schools. As the year winds down with many activities and events, I stand in awe of God's abundant blessing upon our school.

Our theme verse, "Overflowing with Hope" from Romans 15:13, has been an inspiration not only to the Board of Trustees and administration, but to our families who continue to provide their children the best in Christian education. Your commitment and partnership is cherished as we continue to put our hope and trust in the Lord, the heart of our ministry.

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A few highlights to share:

**Surveys** – Thank you to all the families who participated in our first-ever schoolwide survey. Your feedback will assist administration and SCS Board members in assessing programs and policies that will continue to provide excellence in Christian education.

**Auction Weekend** – "Leap for Joy 2011" was a spectacular event to watch unfold! As Seattle Christian's #1 fundraiser, we extend deep gratitude to the many parents, friends, guests and donors for their sincere generosity to our school. Proceeds from this event provide significant funding for educational tools and programs.

**InterSCession** – Reports from many students and staff during this weeklong "out of the classroom"

opportunity are quite impressive. I have heard so many heartwarming stories of spiritual growth and transformation, as well as newly created passions for serving others. As noted in the newsletter, this year's course offerings ranged from local outreach and out-of-state mission trips to opportunities abroad led by SCS staff. Students are blessed to have these significant experiences intertwined into their own personal Christian walk.

**End-of-Year Activities** – Exciting events referenced on the back page are keeping family calendars full while the SCS advisors also prepare for Senior Retreat from May 30-June 1 and graduation ceremonies

on June 5. We rejoice in God's faithfulness and provision as He has guided our staff and students through another successful school year at Seattle Christian.

Thank you for your commitment to Christian education! The partnership SCS holds with home and church is a tremendous blessing as we prepare our students spiritually, academically and physically to impact their world for Christ!

Trusting in Him,

Gloria Hunter

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Impressive Faculty Pages, Parent Links, Featured Media and More!

# UPDATES



**Save the Date**

**SCS Golf Classic 2011**  
**Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Meridian Valley Country Club – Kent**

**Seattle Christian's premier golf event supporting SCS Athletics and Tuition Assistance**

**Online registration and tournament information available May 2011**

Visit the new SCS Web Site @ [www.seattlechristian.org/Support](http://www.seattlechristian.org/Support) SCS Link

Questions? Contact Carol Ridings, Public Relations, [cridings@seattlechristian.org](mailto:cridings@seattlechristian.org)

**Dates to Remember**

May

5 ..... Elementary Spring Concert

6 ..... Country Fair

12-14 ..... High School Drama Production (SCS Auditorium)

24 ..... Secondary Instrumental Concert

26 ..... Secondary Choral Concert

30 ..... Memorial Day (no school)

May 30 –

June 1 .... Senior Retreat

June

2 ..... High School Awards Assembly

5 ..... Graduation

8 ..... MS Honors Assembly

9 ..... 6th Grade Recognition

10 ..... Last Day of School

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