

August 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that summer is almost over? God has richly blessed us for the last 20 years as a ministry of First Baptist North Spartanburg. SCA is a great place to be and I am thrilled that your family is a part of it. Psalm 78:4b says, "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done." This is my charge for us this year, to Go and Tell. Thank you for partnering with us. If I can ever be of assistance, please let me know. I am looking forward to seeing you all on Back to School Orientation Day on Monday, August 14th and on the first day of school for grades 5K-12 on Thursday, August 17th (3K and 4K first day is August 23rd). Please read carefully the important information below.

We will once again open up the school for the entire day for our Back to School Orientation Day for 1st through 12th grades on Monday, August 14th. This will be a great time for students and parents to visit classrooms, meet teachers one-on-one, and ask questions in a relaxing atmosphere. The drop-in Back to School Orientation schedule for Monday, August 14th is as follows:

- 12:00 noon-6:00 pm – Please enter through the school front office
 - Please drop in at any time from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. Please understand that doors will not open until 12:00 and information will not be available to you until that time. Each student will receive a packet of information.
 - Class lists will be available in the school office area and beside 1st – 6th homeroom doors.
 - Schedules will be available.
 - Meet your teacher.
 - Classrooms will be open.
 - School uniform t-shirts (short-sleeve \$15/long-sleeve \$17) and PE uniforms (\$10 per item) will be for sale.
 - Students may practice locker combinations and decorate lockers. Locker combinations are not available prior to Back to School Orientation Day. Decorations may not be placed on the exterior of the lockers.
 - Elementary students may bring supplies for desk. Larger items will need to be brought in a backpack on the first day of school.
 - Warrior Wear and Athletic Association Memberships will be available for purchase through the SCA Athletic Association. Cash, check or debit/credit accepted.
 - School nurse office will be open throughout the day.
 - Financial office will be open throughout the day.
 - If you plan to pay for items with a check, please bring several checks as purchases may not be combined into one check.
- 6:30 pm - Mandatory athletic parent meeting in the church sanctuary with Athletic Director, Mr. Sean Rogers. Parents of all students who will be participating in SCA athletics during the 2017-18 school year must attend this meeting. Important details will be given about the upcoming seasons and each family will receive an athletic handbook.

Other important updates and changes:

- **BACK TO SCHOOL CHAPEL:** Please join us for an all school prayer and worship service on Monday, August 21st in the church sanctuary at 8:15 as we collectively dedicate this school year to the Lord. All 1st – 12th grade students and teachers will be in attendance. Dress uniform is not required for this chapel service.
- **3K-5K STUDENT AND PARENT INFORMATION:** After returning to school on August 10th, teachers will begin calling to set up individual appointments to meet with each student along with parents. 3K and 4K students and parents do not need to attend Back to School Orientation Day. 5K students and parents may attend the Back to School Orientation Day to purchase school uniforms, but are not required to attend. 3K, 4K and 5K teachers and classrooms will only be available during the scheduled one-on-one appointments since those classrooms will still be used for Summer Camp Extended Care.
- Remember to complete your summer reading requirements before the first day of school. Summer reading information is available on our website.
- Dress Uniform/Chapel day will continue to be on Wednesdays.
- Students will wear dress uniform on the first day of school, **Thursday, August 17th**. You may shop Read's Uniforms, our dress uniform polo provider, at shop.readsuniforms.net/Education and use school code **SCASC**. Please make plans to purchase yours now for the first day of school.
- The Middle/High School Bell schedule and chapel schedule will remain the same.
- Be reminded of the staggered 1:30 dismissal on Monday, August 21st due to the solar eclipse.
- As a reminder, you may give to SCA's Annual Fund any time throughout the year. You may mail in your gift or give online. Please see the red Annual Fund Giving button on the homepage.

- We have the marvelous opportunity to take the gospel to the ends of the earth as God has brought the nations to us. Our International Homestay Program, under the direction of Kathi Johnson, is in full force and we will have two new students from China on our campus in the fall in addition to our two returning international students. The goal of this program is to educate these students and extend our outreach for Jesus “into all the world.”
- Please be looking for a complete fall athletic schedule on our website in the near future and make plans to attend our many athletic events that will begin soon.

Please check our website, www.scawarriors.org, for other important school information. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to minister to your family. I have been praying for you and will continue to pray that God will move this year among our SCA family.

Go and Tell,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. McDonald". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Robert W. McDonald
SCA Headmaster
Psalm 78:4b