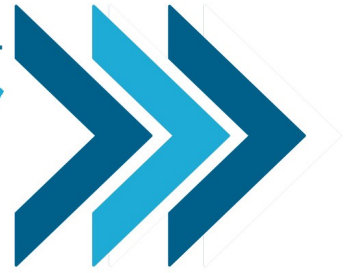


Winter 2024

# SCS HAPPENINGS

*Raising up exceptional young leaders with a Heart for God,  
a Mind for Truth, and a Passion to change the World.*



*For Generations More...*



*...that a people not yet created will praise the Lord!*

Psalms 102:18

## Groundbreaking 2024: A New Outdoor Campus From Superintendent Joel Maus

### Dear Parents, Donors & Friends of Smithtown Christian School:

We are forging ahead with plans to build a new multipurpose Outdoor Campus this summer. As we continue to grow, this expansion reflects our 40+ years of commitment to nurturing the minds, hearts, and spirits of our students. Our mission is to empower each child to discover their God-given gifts, equipping them to make a positive impact in our ever-changing world.

SCS' vision extends beyond the classroom to create an environment where students can flourish academically, socially, and spiritually. We know that a well-rounded education extends beyond textbooks and exams to encompass physical health, teamwork, and the joy of play. Investing in new facilities aligns perfectly with our mission, ensuring that our students have access to the best resources for their overall development.

*Thanks to you, our generous supporters, SCS Pre-K through 12th grade students can enjoy top-notch facilities that align with our school's commitment to excellence. Together, we are creating a campus where every child can reach his or her fullest potential and God-given purpose.*

The benefits of outdoor play and exercise for children are well-documented, making this investment in a new recreational campus vital. Research consistently shows that regular outdoor activity not only enhances physical health but also promotes cognitive development, creativity, and emotional well-being. Our new campus will provide safer and more engaging spaces for our students to play, learn, and explore—outdoors, away from screens.

More than just playgrounds, this will be a place where friendships are forged, teamwork is fostered, and spaces can be used for prayer, music, and unique learning activities. The multipurpose campus will allow our students to take a break from the demands of academics, recharge their spirits, and develop essential life skills through activities that promote collaboration and leadership.

In the spirit of growth and improvement, let's embrace this exciting new chapter in Smithtown Christian School. The new Outdoor Campus will show our dedication to providing an outstanding educational experience that goes beyond the classroom setting. Together, let's continue to nurture and empower the next generation of Christian leaders to reach their God-given potential.

### Smithtown Christian School Pre-K Launches



Applications are now being taken for Smithtown Christian School's new Pre-K program for 4-year-olds. The small classes launching this September offer parents 3 options: morning, afternoon, or full-day sessions.

"This program will help nurture their young minds and hearts according to God's

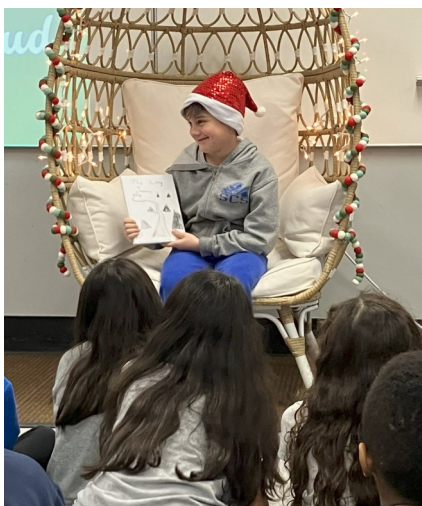
word as well as fully prepare the children for Kindergarten," said Principal Tracy Berner. For more info, please contact Wendy or Lisa in Admissions: 631.265.3334 or email [SCSAdmissions@SCSemail.org](mailto:SCSAdmissions@SCSemail.org)

## Third Grade Authors Display Reading, Writing & Public Speaking Skills

This fall, third grade students showed the fruit of not only strong reading skills but also excellent writing skills at their “Writers Read Aloud” event. Each student wrote a detailed story that included a plot line in which a difficulty was overcome or a problem solved. Students submitted these to their teachers for feedback.

They then practiced rewriting and polishing their stories before each got published in book form. At the final Read Aloud event, each author read their own book aloud to the class and faculty/staff who gathered to listen in the audience.

“We are so proud of the boundless creativity and hard work these students put in to create such wonderful works of art!” Also, the authors showed courage and poise as they read their work to an audience.



## Homecoming 2024 Knights & Lady Knights Show Spirit & Sportsmanship



Our SCS Community congratulates Nehemiah, a senior guard for the SCS Knights, who has been acknowledged as one of Newsday's Top 100 basketball players on Long Island for the 2023-2024 season! Above, Nehemiah (#3) plays skillfully alongside teammate Lorenzo (#2). The Knights were recognized by Suffolk County for their excellent Sportsmanship last year.



This year's SCS Homecoming brought our community together to cheer on SCS Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams. The Lady Knights played very well and look forward to a full schedule of league games ahead. SCS younger grades enjoyed an exciting Pep Rally before the games began and families arrived. Tasty food was prepared by our Undignified Missions Team to benefit their spring trip to Tamale in northern Ghana.

### Did you know?

- ♦ **Smithtown Christian School exceeds the New York State academic standards for Grades K through 12?**
- ♦ **Offers many Honors' Societies to academically high-achieving students and Advanced Placement Courses**
- ♦ **Provides financial help through Variable Tuition so that more families can afford our K- 12 school.**

*SCS enrolls students from more than 30 LI school districts and over 40 churches. Visit us:*  
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