

Spring 2025

SCS HAPPENINGS



Education: A Gateway to Fulfilling God's Call on Your Life

From Our Superintendent: Rev. Joel Maus

I spent three summers just outside Kiev, Ukraine, ministering alongside youth pastors and college kids in my early twenties. It was a wild time of adventure and sharing the Gospel alongside fellow believers who I felt very connected with in heart and mind.

One evening as we sat down to talk about the future, what careers we wanted to pursue, and what we felt the Lord calling us to, I realized a stark difference between myself and my Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Christ.

For me, the world was open and the possibilities dizzying. I "suffered" from too many options and was desperately trying to hear the voice of God to direct my life. Whereas the Ukrainians were despondent, already knowing where they were headed with little option of choice. The lack of resources and challenges of the current educational system in their region pigeon-holed them into jobs at an early age with very little dreaming allowed.

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At that moment, I realized the tremendous blessing, not only of an American education, but also a Christian Education, afforded me. This is when I leaned into my calling as an educator as I saw firsthand the incredible impact education has on a generation. My Christian Education opened up so many opportunities for me academically and, at the same time, nurtured the most important part of me: *my eternal soul*.

Here at SCS, the top-tier education our students receive opens the entire world to our students with no career or industry left outside our students' grasp.

Even so, through deep conviction and the grace of our Lord, we will never diminish what is most important: assisting our parents in shepherding the heart of our young people towards Christ.

Seniors Excel at Symposium



Winners: Julia V. (1st), Jacob F. (R, 2nd) & Jayden R. (L, 3rd)

The Senior Symposium is the culminating academic event where senior students present the findings of their year-long thesis projects to a panel of esteemed adjudicators.

Rooted in both scholarly and personal inquiry, these presentations reflect the students' pursuit of truth and wisdom, guided by the biblical call to "study to show yourself approved unto God" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Panelists, having reviewed the students' thesis papers in advance, engage the presenters with thought-provoking questions that foster rich dialogue and reflection.

"This symposium honors the dedication, integrity, and intellectual growth of our student scholars as they seek to integrate faith and learning in all areas of life," said Principal Tracy Berner.



*Annual Fundraising Banquet & Auction
Families please join us: Friday, May 2 at 6pm*

Tickets available til 4/26 at LearnWithSCS.org

SCS Science: Training young minds to investigate and compete academically

Long Island Science Olympiads

This spring high schoolers competed in the eastern Long Island Science Olympiad Regional Competition against 63 other high schools. This is the first year SCS has competed and it was a great learning experience.

Students studied all different types of sciences to prepare for the competition. The events covered biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. The competition is designed to challenge students.

"I am super proud of everyone who participated," said teacher Alexa Weindorf '19. "We started late in the season, but the students really took ownership of their learning and competed well against the other high schoolers. I'm excited for next year's event as this program develops here at SCS!"

Science Chairperson Andrew Frey and teachers Ms. Morante & Ms. Weindorf celebrate with students as they receiving their Science Olympiad certificates.



*"Science brings men
nearer to God."
- Louis Pasteur*



11th Graders Research to Prepare for Science Symposium May 19

This spring our 11th graders are gearing up for our first ever **Science Symposium on May 19** here at SCS by completing a special research project.

They are using titrations in order to figure out the concentration of calcium carbonate and the alkalinity of several different bodies of water on Long Island and across the globe (*see photo at top*).

As part of the Science Symposium, the students will be writing their own scientific literature, creating their own scientific posters, and presenting their research to an audience on the day of the event.

High school students also have the opportunity to join National Science Honor Society here at SCS.



SCS students come from 70 resident school districts across Long Island and represent 85 churches.
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