



FIRST SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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ENROLL NOW FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR **OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK FAIR MARCH 1st**

Open House is Friday, March 1st. This is the time to reserve your child's spot for the 2024-2025 school year. We also encourage you to visit your child's classroom as there will be work displayed. This is a great opportunity to talk with next year's teacher as well.

We save the entire month of March for the current students to re-enroll. Enrollment packets will be available starting March 1st. Open enrollment begins on April 1st.

2024-2025 Scholarships

Most of you are probably aware of the new Empowerment Scholarship that governor Ducey signed into action before he left office. With all parents being able to qualify for this wonderful scholarship, the school board has voted to raise our tuition so that we can keep up with the rising costs of supplies, food, maintenance, and wages. The new yearly tuition is:

Preschool 3 day:	\$2800
Preschool 5 day:	\$3400
Kindergarten:	\$5450
1 st – 6 th grades:	\$6500

After doing some research, these are still very moderate rates compared to other Christian schools. Parents of elementary students (1-6) have no need to worry about paying out of pocket for the tuition, because you can qualify for a 100% scholarship through the ESA Scholarship. Their 2024-2025 application process will begin in May. If you are already on the ESA Scholarship, you will get renewal information. For other families, we will be glad to help you with the process.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

PIMA COUNTY FAIR

SCHOOL WIDE FIELD TRIP - APRIL 26th

Mark your calendar for Friday, April 26th, and plan to spend the day with your child at the fair. This is a school wide field trip. The students in preschool and kindergarten can attend only if a parent/adult accompanies them. If an adult cannot attend with your child, please keep your child at home because no one will be at the school. Please sign up in the office if you plan to attend and can help chaperone/drive students.

We plan to leave by 10:00 a.m. and return around 3:30 p.m. The rides at the fair open at 3:00 by which time we plan to leave. Families are more than welcome to stay and enjoy the rest of the fair events. This is a great way for your family to save money and attend the fair. You will not need to pay for parking or the entrance fee if you travel with the school. We all need to enter at the same time, though, to avoid paying those fees. You will also need to have a First Southern paper on your dash which you can pick up in the office. We will all wear this year's F.S.C.S. t-shirt and have a great time enjoying shows and seeing the animals. Please pack a picnic lunch. You may also send spending money with your child.

The children in grades K-6 will participate in a STEM program, and the preschoolers will enjoy interactive activities at Farmer John's Farm. Also, each student will have an art project entered in the art fair.

Discount tickets for the rides will be available at Fry's sometime in March. Be watching for their ads.



COLOR RUN

Himmel Park

1000 N. Tucson Blvd., Tucson, A.Z.

We have worked out the details, and our annual Color Run will take place at Himmel Park. This event is a big fundraiser for our school, and we need everyone's support please. This year the funds will go towards our fine arts program and playground.

We need each family to raise at least \$25 per student or \$40 per family, and your child will receive a Color Run t-shirt, sunglasses, and a color packet. If you can ask friends and family to support your child in the Run (walk) and raise more than \$25, that would be a major blessing..

This year we are using the website Zeffy for our fundraising platform (see QR code at the bottom of this article.) Please send this code to friends and families to help us fundraise. It is very important that we receive the confirmation email when someone donates and a message with the student's name. We also will accept donations on Zelle & Venmo using the school's email with a note with the student's name and color run. The prizes are listed in the flyer that went home with the students and are posted around the school.

We will hand out the Color Run t-shirts the day before the event and the morning of. Please have your child wear this shirt so that all the students are in the same shirt.

We will be having a hotdog lunch. We would like parents to volunteer to bring the items needed for our family lunch. There is a Sign Up Genius link on Class Dojo.

We will need parent volunteers for this event. Please sign up or call the office if you are able to help. **We especially need about 7 men for security.**

We will be leaving the school to go to the park at 9:00 a.m. Please return the permission slip by March 11th. We hope you can attend this fun family event. Please be in prayer for this fundraiser.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

March 1	Open House - Half Day	April 23	TSO Field Trip - K thru 2nd
March 8	Grading Day - No School	April 26	Pima County Fair Field Trip
March 11 - 14	Spirit Week	May 3	Spring Program 7 p.m.
March 15	Color Run @ Himmel Park	May 6	TSO Field Trip - 3rd thru 6th
March 19 - 22	Book Fair	May 8 - 10	6th Grade Camp
March 20	Honors Chapel 3 rd - 6 th @ 9:30	May 17	Kindergarten Car Rally
March 22	ACSI Art Fair	May 22	Preschool Graduation 8:45 a.m.
March 28	Teacher Professional Development Day (School closes at 12 p.m.)		Kindergarten Graduation 9:45 a.m.
March 29	Good Friday - No School		Honors Chapel & 6th grade Graduation 11:00 a.m.
April 1 - 5	Spring Break - No School	May 23	Last Day of School— Half Day
April 15 - 19	Standardized Testing		