

FIRST SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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ENROLL NOW FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR **OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK FAIR MARCH 3rd**

Open House is Friday, March 3rd. This is the time to reserve your child's spot for the 2023-2024 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 3rd. Open enrollment begins on April 1st.

2023-2024 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:	\$2600
Preschool 5 day:	\$3200
Kindergarten:	\$5250
1 st – 6 th grades:	\$5750

After doing some research, these are still very moderate rates compared to other Christian schools. Parents of elementary students (K-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 2023-2024 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

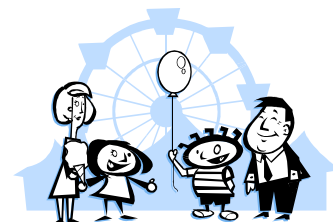
SCHOOL WIDE FIELD TRIP - APRIL 28th

Mark your calendar for Friday, April 28th, 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 (minus 2020) 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 raised will go toward painting and upgrading the building. We plan to do major improvements this summer like replacing all the flooring. Most of the funding is being provided by the church, but we need some more funds for painting. We are very excited about this much needed face lift. We are also very grateful for the funding.

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. Any child who raises more than \$100 will attend a special ice cream party. The top fundraiser will be treated to a lunch of his/her choice which will be delivered to the lunch room.

To cut down on costs there will be no fundraiser packets that will go home or any website to go to. We will be billing each family for the \$25. Any other money that you can raise from friends and family, please send to school by check, cash, Zelle, or Venmo. Please make sure it is noted for Color Run. If anyone needs a receipt for tax purposes, we can provide that.

We will hand out the Color Run t-shirts the day before the event and the morning of. Please have your child wear their t-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 will be a Sign Up Genius set up and will be available on March 7th. The link will be made available 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 10th. We hope you can attend this fun family event. Please be in prayer for this fundraiser.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

REMINDER

Please label your child's water bottle and lunch box. If your child does not bring a water bottle, we will give your child one and charge you 50 cents. Please help us in this area.

Please be aware of when grill days are and do not send your child with any food that needs to be warmed up.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

March 3	Open House - Half Day	April 27	CYT Field Trip 4th –6th grades
March 10	Grading Day - No School	April 28	Pima County Fair Field Trip
March 17	Color Run @ Himmel Park	May 5	Spring Program 7 p.m.
March 22	Honors Chapel 3 rd - 6 th @ 9:30	May 24	Preschool Graduation 8:45 a.m.
March 27 - 31	Standardized Testing		Kindergarten Graduation 9:45 a.m.
March 31	ACSI Art Fair		Honors Chapel &
April 7 - 14	Spring Break - No School		6th grade Graduation 11:00 a.m.
April 27	Kindergarten Car Rally 8:50 a.m.	May 25	Last Day of School— Half Day