

NEWSLETTER

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SOAR IN 2024 A Testament to Growth and Faith

As we move through 2024, the spirit of anticipation fills the air at Sussex Christian School. With each passing day, we are reminded of the remarkable journey we've embarked on together over 41 years ago. It's a journey of educating young hearts and minds towards the transforming power of the Gospel of Christ.

Daily in this journey our commitment to excellence in education reaffirms and our reliance is on the Lord's guidance.

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:53)

This verse brings into focus the essence of our theme for this year--to Soar. At SCS, we are not merely content with the status quo or the lowest common denominator. We are passionate to help young people find their God given purpose. From our youngest child to our oldest student we want to instill leadership qualities and help develop our next generation of community leaders. As supporters of Sussex Christian School, you play a vital role in our journey. Your unwavering support, prayers, and

contributions fuel our efforts and inspire us to keep going. Together, we are building a legacy of excellence that will impact generations to come. Whether students are receiving care through our Little Lights/Mini Lights program, getting their basic elementary/middle school curriculum or high schoolers graduating and heading to university, college or the world of work, we believe SCS is giving them the best preparation possible.

So let us embark on this journey with renewed vigor and faith. May the Lord continue to allow us to cast vision, to believe Him for the directions and to soar. We are seeking the will of the Lord as we consider what the future holds. Pray that we will run and not be weary. We appreciate your financial support and most importantly your prayer support.

~ Dr. Marsha Boyd-Mitchell

CALENDAR

March

- 22 Easter Chapel
- 29 Good Friday (no school)
- 30 Easter

April

- 1 Easter Monday (no school)
- 2-5 Midterm Assessment Week (High School)
- 5 Last day 3rd Quarter
- 8 Solar Eclipse (no school)
- 19 Parent Teacher Day K-12 (no school)
- 27 Big Breakfast/Yard Sale (High School Trip Fundraiser)

May

- 2-3 HS Play: Little Women
- 12 Mother's Day
- 16 Spring Fundraiser-Chicken BBQ/ Dessert Auction
- 17 PD Day (no students)
- 20 Victoria Day (no school)
- 27-31 High School Assessment Week

June

- 3-7 High School Trip
 7 Last Day of Classes (½ day)
- 10-14 Staff Days
- 13 Graduation Banquet
- 14 Graduation/Awards Ceremony
- 16 Father's Day

ALUMNUS HIGHLIGHT SUBEEN JANG

by Nevaeh Mackey (Grade 9)



Subeen Jang came from South Korea to Sussex NB to attend SCS at the beginning of grade 9 in 2018. She graduated in 2022 and is now attending UNBSJ with plans of becoming a registered nurse upon graduation.

Jang says her time at SCS prepared her for university in numerous ways. She came to SCS knowing very little English; however, with the help of her new friends and teachers she was able to learn English significantly better. She says throughout the 4 years she spent at SCS her relationship with God grew. Jang stated, "SCS has prepared me for UNB in various ways. As an international student, I initially faced challenges with my English ability. However, with the support of teachers and friends, my English skills have significantly improved, which has been the most important part of my success in university. Many different classes at SCS not only enhanced my writing skills but also helped me learn numerous skills and wisdom for my education at UNB. Throughout the 4 years of school, I grew deeper in my relationship with God, learning how important it is to put Him first in my daily life. This has helped me be at peace during many assignments and exams, hope for bigger things, and share His love in what I do. I am thankful for all the invaluable lessons I learned at SCS".

Jang is involved in a Christian group called Club 3:16 at UNBSJ. For the winter term she attends weekly meetings on Thursdays at 7:30 P.M. During this time she meets for fellowship, worship and has discussions on the theme," A Firm Foundation." On the last Tuesday of the month members of Club 3:16 volunteer at Saint John Loch Lomond Villa; they sing hymns and interact with the seniors. Jang is the VP of finances in Club 3:16; she manages the club finances and assists in coordinating club events. She also leads worship on the monthly visits to the Villa. On Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30, she also attends "The Word and Prayer Meeting" where they read from the book of Hebrews and pray together.

Subeen learned about Club 3:16 at the club and society expo during her orientation week in her first year at UNBSJ. Jang says "I am very thankful to be part of this club, where I have gotten connected to many other students on campus, experienced a growth in faith, and supported other students - especially new students in navigating the challenges of change.

*Subeen is a valued member of the SCS Alumni and we are cheering her on in her studies and spiritual pursuits.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:6-7)

SCS LAUNCHING NEW TRADES INITIATIVE

by Willow Stevens (Grade 10)



The students in grades 11 and 12 class have had the opportunity this semester to take a new elective recently introduced to Sussex Christian School. It is a welding class. Sussex Christian School has partnered with Easy Kleen to host this class. The welding department at Easy Kleen will assist and teach the students throughout the course. In advance of going to Easy Kleen to begin the instruction, the students have also learned workplace safety from Health and Safety expert, Jim Wilson, in class at SCS. Basic welding techniques are



taught while students are also receiving workplace experience. For the first year, three students are enrolled in this class.

Offering this new elective has allowed students to learn more about that certain skill. "Launching this new welding class marks a significant milestone in Sussex Christian School's commitment to empowering students with valuable skills and fostering a dynamic learning environment," Kathye Wilson stated.

This new elective came about when the school administration wanted

to expand the electives offered at Sussex Christian School. This is part of a plan to partner with businesses in our community to develop more opportunities for students of Sussex Christian School to develop skills in other trades.

This new elective will help benefit the students who are not only pursuing welding as a field of work, but it will help students pursue other opportunities. This new elective is an exciting door of opportunity for high school students at SCS.



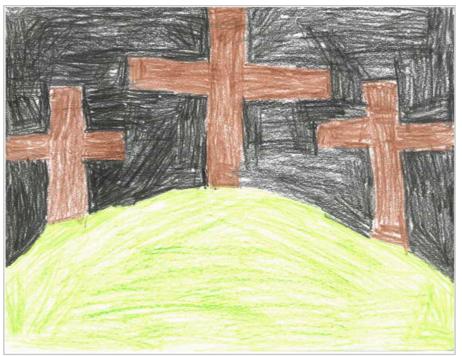
BE A PART OF THE HIGH SCHOOL & SENIORS TRIP

to Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA June 3rd to 7th, 2024

Mark this exciting get away on your calendars! We will spend four packed days on the road heading to and from the beautiful Sight & Sound Theatre for the production of Daniel. We will also partake in a visit to Kitchen Kettle Village, Plain and Fancy Amish Buffet, Farmer's Market, Cracker Barrel, and Freeport Outlet Shopping.

To join us contact Marsha Boyd Mitchell: mboyd-mitchell@sussexchristianschool.ca or (506)433-4005

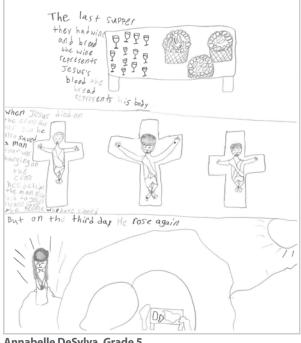
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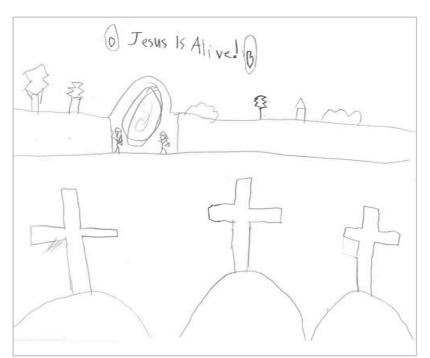
Shepherd Carter, Grade 2

As a kid, Easter was always a pretty great way to load up on candy and get together with distant family, but my family never forgot to keep the Resurrection of Christ at the center every year. With a strong Christian family, I have grown up with a wide knowledge of what the season means to a believer. And since coming to SCS in grade four, through chapel services, Bible classes, and just the Christian influence of teachers and students alike has allowed me to grow to have a firm understanding and foundation. It is important to remember that Easter isn't just for chocolate eggs and family dinners, but to remind us of the foundation on which our faith is built upon.

by Camden McDonald, Grade 11



Annabelle DeSylva, Grade 5



Felix Pegg, Grade 3

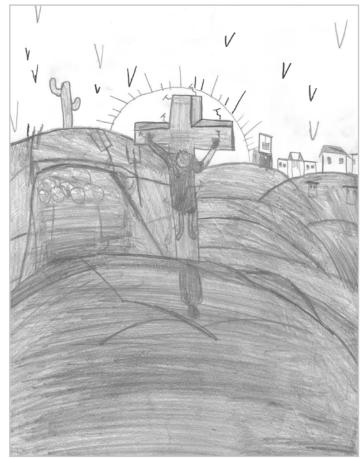


Amelia Armsworthy, Grade 4

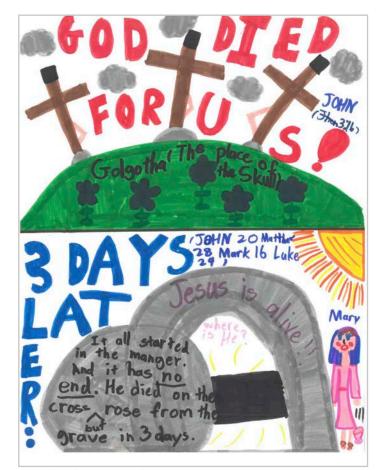
Congratulations to all who participated in the Easter Colouring Contest. We were amazed by the artistic ability of our students! We are excited to be able to share some of the Honourable Mention pieces from the contest.



Alaynah Mudge, K



Hayden Wilson, Grade 5



Hannah Robertson, Grade 3



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NEW LITTLE LIGHTS LOCATION MINI LIGHTS EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

by Mary Leng (Grade 9)

The new Little Lights building in Sussex N.B. is currently under renovations to get ready for the opening in January. The renovation began around the end of September.

In July 2023 The Board Of Directors decided to transform the house next to the Sussex Christian School (SCS) into a daycare for 12 to 24 month old babies. They are hoping to finish the building around the second week of January. The school has owned the building for two and a half years and now is using it for the daycare.

The board chose to change the building into a daycare to be only 12 babies and the families could get a home feel from the location. Head of Schools, Marsha Boyd Mitchell said, "We are hoping to let high school students who would take a class to help work with the children." The parking for the daycare will be the SCS parking lot and the entrance will



be the original building's back door. The renovations that fit the requirements for the new daycare include bigger windows, new flooring, new deck, and a repaired fence. All the work was provided from a grant from the Provincial Government.

*Mini Lights opened the third week of February after passing all the necessary inspections. There are twelve happy families who can now receive full time daycare because of the initiative.





2024 STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

by Gabe Muscroft (Grade 10)



Every year Sussex Christian School elects student council members, and they also elect a student council president. This year's president is Misha Leng.

Leng is enjoying being the student council president, working with Godloving people, and planning school events. She also has no regrets about becoming the president. She might not show it all the time, but she truly cares about her position, what it represents, and the amount of respect that the position gets; however, she wasn't the most confident in her abilities at first.

Leng stated that she was very surprised that she was elected to the position - especially because other people would probably be better than her. She also said that she might not always be able to come up with ideas or suggestions, but she is extremely passionate about her job and is determined to do her best regardless. She feels the biggest responsibility of being the student body president is being encouraging and being there to listen to students when they have any concerns or ideas. Leng stated," I should be a friend to everyone and motivate them to grow closer to Jesus."

Leng has also gotten better at communicating with people outside of her comfort zone, engaging in conversations, getting to know others, and giving her opinion on things that she needs confirmation on even though

she is unsure of her own judgment sometimes. Leng has also gotten more comfortable with other things and is trying more things for the school such as playing the guitar and showing school spirit during home games. She wants to be there for students when they need encouragement - whether that is in their walk with God, schoolwork, or friendships. Leng would like to see gatherings where more students spend time with each other in God's Word. She feels that she can impact these changes by inviting students to join in on these gatherings and by making them feel welcome and comfortable.

Leng is still unsure if she is a good person for this position, but she is determined to stay put for the whole year and see how it all goes.

*Misha has led the student body with integrity this year. She and her grade 11 classmates have led by example holding a weekly Bible study for their class where they study God's Word and pray for each other.



APRIL 27, 2024 • 8AM TO NOON • BREAKFAST SERVED 8:30-10:00AM

Breakfast & YARD SALE

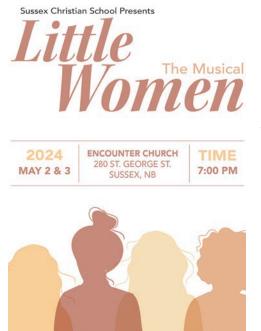
Come support our High School students as they raise funds towards their upcoming trip. This event will include an indoor yard sale & artisan sale AND Big Breakfast!



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HIGH SCHOOL PLAY LITTLE WOMEN

by Autumn Guillemette and Tilly MacCallum (Grade 9)



Sussex Christian School is grateful to have many staff willing to help and support our plays. There is an upcoming high school play in the spring, which Miss Jennifer Morris will be directing.

The tryouts have been held and according to Morris, they went great and casting is complete! The play will be Little Women, a classic tale of four sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy, who are struggling to grow as a family while their father is off to war. The students will enjoy being able to play these characters and become acquainted with their personalities and roles in the story. "Little Women is such a well known and beloved play. It will be fun to see how our students play the roles. These students are putting so much time and effort into the whole process, so to have the support of an audience is important," says Morris. "We are halfway through the preparations." Miss Morris is excitedly watching the students transform into their characters.

Two performances of the play are being held - May 2nd and May 3rd. The SCS family should come out and support our students as they work very hard to put on a good performance. The high school plays never disappoint. Morris has had plenty of experience in music and acting, so she knows how to put on an amazing show!

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