

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER, 2011

FROM ADMINISTRATOR

As I look back over the past years, I marvel at how God faithfully worked out His will and His way. God has challenged us, encouraged us, stretched us, and empowered us to put wings to our faith in Him. This is God's school! God had accomplished what we certainly could not have done otherwise. God's divine providence is also demonstrated in our faithful, diligent, and mission-centered faculty. I am thrilled to watch the Holy Spirit work every day in the lives of our faculty, staff, students, and their families as they embrace the daily challenges of submission to the lordship of Jesus Christ. Blessings to all, Elena

CALENDAR & EVENTS

END OF NOVEMBER:

18 #5 Biweekly Progress Reports sent home via e-mail
24-25 Thanksgiving – No School
*SAT registration for 11-12 grades at www.collegeboard.org

DECEMBER:

02 #6 Biweekly Progress Reports sent via e-mail
16 #7 Biweekly Progress Reports sent via e-mail
19-30 Christmas Break - No School

REGISTRAR NEWS

Please, maintain a steady pace on your class work.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at registrar@slavicchristianacademy.com

- Mrs. Adams

MARKETING NEWS

We love when our students share their Online Christian School experience with their friends and as a result, bring more students to SCA. If a new student joins our program because of your referral, let us know so that we can credit \$50 to your account for every new student.

- Mr. Oleg

BUSINESS OFFICE

Please, note if you ordered ID Cards, the charge will be applied to your monthly statement.

Contact the SD Accountant with questions at nshcherbina@slavicchristianacademy.com

- Mrs. Natalia

GRADUATES NEWS

Seniors: please be sure to continue exploring career and college opportunities!

Register for SAT test at www.collegeboard.com
SCA school code: 481288

Please refer to p. 4 for more details.

ADVISOR NEWS

Greetings!
We are still accepting photographs for the ID cards. For more information, please refer to the e-mail we sent out previously.

As the year is going forward, I want to remind you that working consistently on your daily assignments is crucial for your academic progress and grades. Please, be sure to complete half of your units by January 27th in all your subjects.

Sincerely,
Marina

SEMINARS & WEB UPDATES

IMPORTANT: If you are experiencing technical issues with the online school portal, it is possible that your internet connection is not fast enough. We highly recommend doing all school work on a laptop or desktop computer that is directly connected to the internet. For more ways to resolve your connection issues, please click on the following link: [Troubleshooting Guide](#).

Elementary Department News

BIBLE DEPARTMENT



**Delight yourself in the LORD
and he will give you
the desires of your heart.**

Psalm 37:4

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



We are now a couple of weeks into our second quarter and I hope things are going smoothly. I wanted to remind you of a few items as this quarter gets under way. Please, remember to take handwritten notes as you are completing your lessons. Not only you may use your notes when completing quizzes or tests, but you may also record the number of pages you took throughout the quarter. You may then submit an extra credit form before the end of the quarter to receive up to a 3% increase in your grade. You must take 25 pages of handwritten notes to receive extra credit toward your English grade.

- Mrs. Turner

MATH DEPARTMENT



First quarter is done! Congratulations! This month, I would like to give you some words of encouragement, so that you can keep on "keeping on." Proverbs 4:5,7; Proverbs 18:15 speak of acquiring knowledge with all that you have! Read the book of Proverbs, let it be an inspiration to you to be diligent in searching for knowledge by doing your best work on your assignments. Doing so, you will gain knowledge and understanding, and not only a passing grade. Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men..." – this applies to your school work as well. - Mrs. Kuropatkin

HISTORY DEPARTMENT



Essays and Projects part of our History curriculum, so having read many essays during the last quarter, I would like to offer a few suggestions for students:

1. Please proofread your assignments before submitting them for grading. Check for spelling and punctuation errors.
2. Always capitalize proper nouns (names of people, places, etc.).
3. Always capitalize "I" and the first word of a sentence.
4. I expect to see an introduction, at least two supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion.

If I may help you succeed in any way, please let me know.

- Mrs. Turner

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



Just a reminder, if you have a question about an assignment, test, or project, please, be specific when you write a message to me. I am not always certain what students are asking about. Please, state the name of the assignment (including which unit it is in) and what your question is. I am more than happy to help you.

Keep up the great work! - Mrs. Kuropatkin

ELECTIVES DEPARTMENT

Thank you for working hard and doing your best. Please know that I am always here if you need help or have questions about a specific assignment.

If you have questions or need clarification regarding a specific assignment, *please* let me know! If you submit a blank essay, I have no way of knowing if you need help completing it or are just hoping to "skip" the assignment. Please know that "skipping" is not allowed, I will reassign it again.

- Mr. Solodyankin

Secondary Department News

BIBLE DEPARTMENT



This month has been an adventure growing in knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). The pursuit of holiness and righteous living for the Lords sake is a joy in itself! We desire that all SCA students passionately seek God every day! Our memory verses for this month are: Eph 6:1-3 and Ecc. 12:13-14. May we all endure the rough roads ahead and may our faith increase through trials and thanksgiving. Remember that Christ will carry us through for His name's sake!

- Mr. Val

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



I wanted to encourage you to remain diligent during the upcoming pre-Holidays weeks. I know that many things at home may demand your time. Strive to complete one or two assignments a day in order to be on time and have a worry-free Christmas Break. If you get 'stuck', please, ask me to help or call our Hotline Support.

Sincerely,

-Mrs. Martin

MATH DEPARTMENT



I strongly recommend that every student review his or her assignments as soon as they are completed to check for any incorrectly graded problems. Let me know about these problems and I will fix the grade. In addition, reviewing your lessons will allow you to better familiarize yourself with the material. As quizzes and tests are composed of problems similar to the lessons, this will be of great help. Lastly, please do not leave problems blank because receiving a zero on them usually results in a total lesson score below 75%, which prompts SOO to reassign that lesson automatically.

- Mr. Aleksandr

HISTORY DEPARTMENT



As we progress into second quarter, I would like to remind my students that we do recommend a minimum of two lessons be completed daily. Early in the year it may seem like an unnecessary requirement, but as we draw near to summer, and the backlog becomes insurmountable, things quickly get out of hand.

Reports have been of a high caliber once again, and I would also like to mention that, if any student encounters a technical error in a test or quiz, he or she should contact me immediately so I can reassign said quiz or test. I hope this coming holiday season is a wonderful one for all!

- Mr. Miller

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



I was happy to see the great effort that students have put in this past quarter. I especially want to applaud those students who did not hesitate to seek help when needed. Your grades really showed how the hard work paid off. Just a reminder: please, write me a message if you find you are unable to complete an experiment due to lack of supplies, as I can find ways to modify the experiment if necessary. Keep up the good work this quarter and remember to set a goal of finishing two units a course per quarter.

God Bless, Ms. Litoshyk

ELECTIVES DEPARTMENT

Just a few reminders this time.

One: If you notice some questions that are marked wrong on an assignment or test and you are wondering why, please, send me one message listing all of the questions as well as the assignment number. I will then check those questions for you and see if I can give you any credit.

Two: I do recommend that students check their assignments after they are graded as sometimes particular responses get marked wrong for a misspelled word or incorrect punctuation.

- Mr. Solodyankin

College Application Calendar

September

- Get started on your applications right away if you plan to apply through an early decision or early action program. Deadlines for early applications tend to fall in October or November.
- Start working on your college essays. Write essays that focus on your experiences and make you stand out from the crowd.
- Update your resume—your list of accomplishments, involvements, and work experiences—with your senior year activities. Your resume will help you complete your applications and essays.

Related links: [Early Decision & Early Action](#) [College Application Checklist](#) [Choosing an Essay Topic](#)

October

- Ask your teachers or employers for letters of recommendation. Give them plenty of time to meet your deadlines and make sure to provide them with stamped and addressed envelopes.
- Take SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each of your colleges.
- If you are applying under an early decision or early action program, be sure to get all forms in as soon as possible. Applying online might be the right option for you.

Related link: [Letters of Recommendation](#)

November

- Submit early decision and early action applications on time.
- Work hard at completing your college essays. Proofread them rigorously for mistakes.
- Follow up with your teachers to ensure that letters of recommendation are sent on time.
- Mail applications as early as possible for colleges with rolling deadlines (admissions decisions are made as applications are received).
- Take SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each one of your colleges.

Related links: [Three Steps to a Great Essay](#) [Essay Writing Tips](#)

December

- Try to wrap up college applications before winter break. Make copies of each application.
- Take SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each one of your colleges.
- Early decision and early application responses arrive this month.

January

- Early decision and early application responses arrive this month.
- Some colleges include your first-semester grades as part of your application folder. This is called the mid-year grade report; send your grades to colleges that require them.

February

- Contact your colleges and confirm that all necessary application materials have been received.
- Don't get senioritis! Colleges want to see strong second half grades.

Related links: [What to Do About Senioritis](#)

March

- Some admissions decisions arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.

Related links: [Decision-Making Guide](#)

April

- Most admissions decisions and financial aid award letters arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.
- Make a final decision, and mail the enrollment form and deposit check to the school you select before May 1 (the enrollment deadline for most schools).
- Notify each of the schools to which you were accepted that you will not be attending in writing so that your spot can be freed up for another student.
- On the waiting list? Contact the admissions office and let them know of your continued interest in the college and update them on your spring semester grades and activities.

Related links: [Decision-Making Guide](#) [Rejected? Now What?](#) [What to Do if You're Wait-Listed](#)

May

- AP Exams are administered. Make sure your AP score report is sent to your college.
- Study hard for final exams. Most admissions offers are contingent on your final grades.
- Thank your counselor, teachers, coaches, and anyone else who wrote you recommendations or otherwise helped with your college applications.

June

- Have your school send your final transcript to your college choice.

Summer

- Make travel plans. Book early for the best prices. Finalize your housing plans. Shop for items you will need in college. Make sure to sign up for first-year orientation. Plan your first-semester courses with an eye towards eventually selecting your college major.

Related links: [All About Dorms](#) [Off-to-College Checklist](#) [College Survival Tips](#)