

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 20, 2011

## FROM ADMINISTRATOR

Greetings,

We are moving along in our first quarter of school. The quarter ends November 4th, so please make sure you are keeping up with your work. You should aim to complete 2 units per quarter. Please do not rush through these in an attempt to finish early, or to catch up if you are behind. The goal is comprehension of the material, and that is difficult to do if you are trying to move through our curriculum too quickly. Know that teachers are here to help you!

- With prayer for all of you, *Elena*

## CALENDAR & EVENTS

### OCTOBER:

**21** #4 Biweekly Progress Reports Sent by via email

### NOVEMBER:

**04** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends

**07** 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Begins

**10** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Grades Sent Home by Ground Mail

**11** Veteran's Day – No School

**18** #5 Biweekly Progress Reports Sent by via-email

**24-25** Thanksgiving – No School

\*SAT registration for 11-12 graders through

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

## REGISTRAR NEWS

The school year is well on its way. Please obtain the Elective Form if not done so yet and you desire to complete electives from home. All high school level students are required to take 2.00 credits of elective courses per school year. This can be done online or from home via Elective Form. We encourage all students to keep up a good pace with their studies. If you feel that you are struggling excessively in a course, please notify the Registrar as soon as possible. It is still not too late to have class modifications. Please be aware that modifications are made for students who are failing a course.

If you are a new student, please help us expedite registration by completing Placement exams, returning completed Record Release Forms, and informing us of electives you desire to take.

## MARKETING NEWS

We are working on launching an online store by the end of the month for students to purchase SCA apparel for school spirit! Please provide recommendations on the type of apparel you might be interested in. Also, our new promotion for the next 30 days will provide a \$75 referral credit to your tuition for every new family you enroll in our online school.

-Oleg

## BUSINESS OFFICE

At this time our business office has no new news to report, but parents are welcome to contact

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if there are any questions or concerns!

## GRADUATES NEWS

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

Register for SAT test at

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

SCA school code: 481288

Please refer to p. 4 for more details

## ADVISOR NEWS

Dear Online Students,

**The time has come to create SCA student ID cards.** To receive an ID card, please email your picture to [designer@slavicchristianacademy.com](mailto:designer@slavicchristianacademy.com).

**Please note that the email should contain:**

- Your Last name, First name
- Grade level
- Clear photograph.

For more details, please refer to your email and read the message we sent out under the "**Important: SCA ID**"

## SEMINARS & WEB UPDATES

**Check SCA website for support materials!**



# Elementary Department News

## BIBLE DEPARTMENT

Our bible classes are doing well! The main goal of these classes is for your children to deepen their understanding of Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. We are praying for your children, and hope they continue to be sincere servants and followers of Christ till the end of their lives on this earth! Every week our day school memorizes verses. This month we memorized Psalm 37:4 and Hebrews 13:17. We would love for you to join us in our journey, memorizing God's word together! Thank you for being with us!

-Mr. Val



## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Being able to write with detail and accuracy will be a lifelong skill for personal and professional benefit. Whether you are writing a resume for an important job or a thank you note to your grandmother, being able to write accurately will be important. Let's practice these skills in our daily lessons. First of all, be sure to do the essay portion of your assignments. Proofread your work. Does each sentence say what you want it to say? Be sure to punctuate correctly. Every sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with an end mark. The word "I" and the names of everything from people to places and things need to be capitalized too. Be sure to use the lesson or the question itself to spell less-familiar words. For extra practice, keep a journal of the day's event and special lessons the Lord is teaching you. Write thank you notes, and letters of encouragement to others. Writing is a wonderful gift of communication from God. Let's use it confidently.

- Mrs. Turner



## MATH DEPARTMENT

By now, most of you should have completed Unit #1. Way to go! Many of you have been working hard and asking lots of questions (making me work hard as well!), and a few of you still need to improve in this aspect. Please ask questions so I know how to help you. Sometimes, just by asking a question aloud (or typing it) the problem starts to make more sense! Another suggestion: though these math courses are online, it is still best that you always have a scratch paper (or a notebook, which can later be used as notes) to work out each problem! This way the experience is more "hands on"! Drawing pictures is another very good tool for math, especially those of you studying fractions! Once again, solve your problems, check them, and recheck them! The first month and a half has been great, so let's keep up the good work!

- Mrs. Kuropatkin



## HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Since Mrs. Turner teaches both Elementary English and Elementary History, her notes concerning the former department apply to the latter as well.



## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Since Mrs. Kuropatkin teaches both Elementary Math and Elementary Science, her notes concerning the former department apply to the latter as well.



## ELECTIVES DEPARTMENT

When choosing electives with your child, we recommend that you consider your child's interests and hobbies and try to pick electives that appeal to him or her. Please contact our school registrar if you have any questions:

[registrar@slavicchristianacademy.com](mailto:registrar@slavicchristianacademy.com).

- Mr. Aleksandr

# Secondary Department News

## BIBLE DEPARTMENT



We are excited to have you! Your children are very special to us, and it is our greatest desire that they would come to love and serve Jesus with all their hearts. Every week we pray that they would be successful in their studies and grow in their understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are doing our best to make this a rewarding experience for your children's intellectual and spiritual growth. Blessings!

-Mr. Val

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



I wanted to encourage you one more time to ask me more questions about difficult concepts in your lessons. You may either write me a message or simply click the *Help* button on a particular problem, and please remember to explain which part of the lesson you do not understand. I will be more than glad to help! If my written explanation is not enough, please, call Hotline Support at [1.888.924.4618 ext. 201](tel:18889244618) to receive live help.

- Mrs. Martin

## MATH DEPARTMENT



This is Mr. Alex, your math teacher. It has been a pleasant experience to work with you and help you succeed in this subject. Math is a subject that needs to be practiced frequently in order to understand and remember its rules. It also builds on previous concepts, so if one concept is simply ignored, the future concepts branching from the original will also not be grasped. Understand that if the examples in the lessons aren't understood, the required problems won't be understood either.

I strongly recommend for you to send a message to me after 2 or 3 attempts, or sooner, in which you ask about the examples, the problems themselves, or about my explanations. There needs to be two way communication for me to know what and how to explain. When reading my messages, make sure you have them open at the same time as the lessons I refer to, so you can follow along. Thank you for all of your effort!

- Mr. Alex

## HISTORY DEPARTMENT



I've received some excellent history papers in the last few days, and I encourage all students to continue to cite their sources according to MLA citation standards. A good many of you have been writing me about extra credit, and if anyone would like more information about our available extra credit options please feel free to write me at ([rmiller@slavicchristianacademy.com](mailto:rmiller@slavicchristianacademy.com)). Note taking, an excellent way to improve your comprehension of lessons, is actually one of our extra credit offerings! I've had a great year thus far, and I hope my students continue to produce such good work as they've been in the past weeks!

- Mr. Miller

## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



The students in the high school science courses have started the year off with great success! With the laboratory section of the science courses being such a vital part of the education, the SCA staff has put together a list of supplies that are required to complete the experiments. This list should be available for the students and their parents through the SCA website and is organized by course name. I encourage that parents go over the list with the students and to contact me if there are any questions.

I hope that students continue to stay on top of their school work and, as always, message me for help with assignments.

- Ms. Litoshyk

## ELECTIVES DEPARTMENT

When choosing electives with your child, we recommend that you consider your child's interests and hobbies and try to pick electives that appeal to him or her. When choosing electives for juniors and seniors, make sure to choose more academic electives like a class concerning math, science, social studies, foreign language, etc., as it is very important for college admission. Please contact our school registrar if you have any questions: [registrar@slavicchristianacademy.com](mailto:registrar@slavicchristianacademy.com).

- Mr. Aleksandr

# 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](#)