



Hitting the Right Notes



Good Evening SCPA Families & Staff,

I hope each of you are well as the week winds down. Take a moment if you haven't already to give yourself a pat on the back. Maybe you accomplished a goal, or assisted with making a difference in someone's life. I want to show you appreciation if no one has done so already.

Today, we bid farewell to two individuals who have supported our students for a number of years at SCPA. *Stephon Hinton (Instructional Para ALC)*, and *Janie Valentino (Best Point, Care Coordinator)*. We wish them both the best as they transition into other professional roles.

Reminders:

- If you have any questions regarding SCPA procedures and policies, make sure you seek out information in our Student Handbooks.
- Parent-Teacher Conference Night is scheduled for 9/26/24. It's not too early to request a conference.
- Students are not released for "early dismissal" starting at 3:00 p.m.
- All students being picked up after school should occur by 4:30 p.m.
- When dropping off students in the morning, parents/guardians should drop off their student(s) on the curb and not in the second lane of traffic on Central Parkway.
- Please sign up for a parent account on FOCUS (Student Management Platform)



PTSO Soiree - Come out and mingle with other SCPA parents at the 2nd Annual PTSO Soiree, NOVEMBER 16, 2024 | 7-10PM PEBBLE CREEK EVENT CENTER, 9799 PRECHTEL RD, CINCINNATI, OH 45252

- ★ BUILD COMMUNITY AND FUNDRAISE FOR THE PTSO!
- ★ ADULTS ONLY (NO STUDENTS PLEASE) | THEME: ONE BAND, ONE SOUND!
- ★ Get your tickets today: tinyurl.com/pstosoiree

Advanced Placement (AP Exam Notice to Parents and Students)

AP Exams will take place in May. In addition to classroom materials, your student will have access to resources that include unit guides, personal progress checks, a bank of real AP questions, and more. Students enrolled in AP courses are **required** to take these exams.

Ordering, reduced fee application, and fee posting

Exams will be ordered on October 18th. The exam is REQUIRED at SCPA as part of the completion of an AP course. All requests to drop an AP course must be initiated by the end of the midterm grading period (September 16, 2024). After this date, students are “locked in” to completing the course and taking the exam. There will be a \$40 CollegeBoard fee for any student who does not take the exam after the exam order has already been placed. The unused exam fee will be added to the student’s account.


SCPA has been designated as a Title I School. Therefore, no AP student will be required to pay the AP testing exam fee of \$99 per exam.

Please keep in mind however, that if a student does not take a required exam, the student must pay \$40 for each unused exam. The unused exam fee will NOT be waived.

Online Registration for AP Classes –All AP students should receive a join code from their AP teacher(s) and register for any AP classes by Friday, August 30th. If students are not registered, an exam will not be ordered, and it could result in late exam fees being charged to the student. If a student can not access their AP account for any reason, the student must contact AP at 888-225-5427. Thank you for supporting our students at SCPA.

Hey, Play Nicely! - Playground Expectations - A huge thank you to PTSO for assisting with the purchase of playground equipment for our students. Students are jumping rope, playing soccer, football, basketball, running, dancing, sitting in small groups talking, reading, drawing etc. As students are engaging outside, we want all students to be safe and respectful to one another at all times. Play fighting or other unsafe behavior isn’t allowed. We have a number of security staff and administration outside monitoring students. Students should seek support from an adult if they are feeling anger, sad or frustrated with a peer.



 **Congratulations to SCPA for receiving the Arts School Network Exemplary Distinction Award!** This is awarded to Arts schools who have exemplified excellence in arts education. This is a 5 year distinction and SCPA’s second time receiving this honor. Members of our administration and faculty will be traveling to Washington, D.C. in October to receive this recognition at the annual Arts School Network Conference. <https://www.artsschoolsnetwork.org/>

Have a great weekend,

Michael D. Owens, Principal

