



## GrEETings ScPA Community,

This day always brings conversation whether or not you are superstitious, or just roll with it being just another day. If you checked to see if there would be a “full moon” or even being super cautious about “stepping on cracks,” we all play into what’s possible on Friday the 13th. One thing is for sure, we had a pretty smooth day at SCPA. I hope your day has been pleasant as well.

Just a few reminders:

- Parent-Teacher Conference Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 26th. **Times: 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (7-12); 4:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (K-6).** Please begin to reach out to your student’s teacher(s) for an appointment. Virtual options may be available.
- If you haven’t read the student handbook, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. It’s important to be aware of the operating procedures and expectations communicated to your child throughout the school year.
- Students in grades 7-12 who forget their Yondr Pouch must turn in their cell phone to the security desk. Phones are placed in an envelope, labeled with the student’s name and picked up at the end of the school day. Students who keep their phone are subject to the school consequences detailed in our cell phone policy that has been shared with families.
- Check the Principal Updates tab on our school website for all communication, documents, policies etc. that have been shared with families.
- **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/ptsosoiree](https://tinyurl.com/ptsosoiree)

**Next week is Midterm week.** What does this mean? Students may have assessments or assignments due that will be calculated in their grades. Parents should take full advantage of scheduling a conference to discuss how your student is doing based on the half-way mark of 1st quarter. More information will be coming about how to access your student’s midterm grades shortly.

**Pick-up/Dismissal:** Parents/Guardians are not permitted to enter the school building once pick-up/dismissal has started. K-6 pick-up is on 12th St. 7-12 pick-up is on Elm St. and Race St.

Take time this weekend to ask your student the following questions. These questions can be discussed at the dinner table, before bed, or in the car while traveling to school.

- What are you most proud of about your effort in school so far this year?

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- What's been most challenging or difficult?
  - Who are the students that you consider your friends? How do you define a friend? How are you being a good friend to others?
  - What are your goals for the remainder of the quarter/semester? What's your plan for achieving your goals?
  - Which SCPA Expectation(s) do you find difficult to model/demonstrate, and which are the easiest for you to demonstrate or model?

SCPA has been recognized for the work we've been doing with students who are considered homeless. This week, we received the **"GOAT Award"** which recognizes schools who go above and beyond to support our homeless student population. I was told by a colleague in the department of student services that this was a huge honor within their office. I want to thank our staff and faculty for ensuring that all students are well taken care of. - *One Band One Sound*.

**Save the Date:** SCPA Homecoming - October 19, 2024 Open to grades 9-12 students only. More information is coming soon.

**Plan Ahead: No School for Students - Monday, September 23, 2024. This is a professional development day for CPS employees.**

Thank you very much for partnering with us. We believe SCPA is a special place because of everyone who we call "family" within our community. Continue to demand excellence as we work to make dreams come true for our students and families.

Enjoy your weekend,

Sincerely,

Michael D. Owens, Principal