

January Newsletter

Welcome 2024! Happy New Year, Raiders! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break and we are excited to be back at school for the second half of the year! We are looking forward to great second semester!

We are sad to report that Dr. Spencer Jordan, the Executive Director of SCISA, passed away recently. Our administrators attended his funeral in Manning on Monday. Dr. Jordan was a well-respected leader and a great friend to the SCISA family. He leaves behind a special legacy, and will be missed by so many. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Congratulations to freshman Noah Risher, who won Second-Place in the Dorchester County Soil and Water Conservation District Photo Contest in the “Conservation Practices” category. Dorchester SWCD will be hosting its Annual Affiliate Banquet in May and prizes and certificates for the district contest will be awarded at that time. Noah will receive a \$25 prize for his winning entry. We are very proud of Noah.

Raider basketball season is underway and our teams are doing great, recording several “clean sweeps” as the season got underway in December! J.V. and Varsity teams have home games this month on Friday, Jan. 12 and Wednesday, Jan. 17. Our B-Team Raiders begin play this week, with home games on Wed., Jan. 10; Sat., Jan. 13; Thurs., Jan. 18; Sat., Jan. 20; Wed., Jan. 24; and Sat., Jan. 27.

Here are a few important reminders to keep in mind as we begin the New Year:

*Parents, please order your student’s lunch through FACTS each week. Homeroom teachers don’t always have time to get this done every morning!

*Students should remember to wear chapel attire each Wednesday, whether we have a chapel program planned or not.

*Students should come to class prepared with both paper and pencils, and should dress accordingly for the weather, especially for outside recess!

Please take note of these January dates:

***Report cards** will be emailed home on **Thursday, Jan. 11** for 5th-12th grades. Lower school standards based report cards will go home this week as well.

*There is **no school** on **Monday, January 15**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be a regular **Board Meeting** at the school.

*The **Cameron Berry Memorial Blood Drive** will be held in our cafeteria on **Tuesday, Jan. 16** from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. Appointments to donate blood can be made by contacting senior Krystal Judy, or by going online to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code DORACA.

*On **Wednesday, Jan. 17**, special guest author Kevin Lovegreen will speak at our 1st-6th grade chapel program, at 8:15-9:15 in the gym. An information sheet and book order form is being sent home with students prior to the program, and should be returned before the program. Thanks to Mrs. Gracie Lott for arranging this special chapel program.

*On **Wed., Jan. 17**, the pastor of Ebenezer Church will bring the chapel message to the 7th-12th grades.

*Representatives from our school will be attending the SCISA Spelling Bee on **Tuesday, Jan. 23** at Weldon Auditorium in Manning.

*The Junior Beta Club Induction will be held in Shuler Gym on **Wednesday, Jan. 31** at 8:15. Fifth grade and above will attend this program. Congratulations to those students who will be inducted!