

Early Childhood Educational Health Screening coming to Grace Christian Schools on October 17 - 19

Dear Parents,

Southern California Sensory Screening, Inc. is coming to our school to conduct our yearly educational health assessment program for children three and older. SCSS has specialized in this field since 1980, they are properly trained, cleared through the state of California, and are fully insured. The tests they administer are thorough, simple for children to follow, reliable, and less expensive than a well-child checkup.

- ✓ **Hearing screening** is very useful for early detection of temporary hearing loss, even before your child may be aware of it. A child's hearing is crucial in speech and language acquisition, and also influences a child's classroom behavior and academic performance. Middle ear infections can erupt after your child "gets over" a bad cold or a previously treated ear infection. If your child has had ears tubes, this is also an important test.
- ✓ **Vision screening** of preschoolers is very important. Most pediatricians perform a simple distance vision test with a wall chart: The vision testing performed by SCSS covers distance acuity, muscle imbalance, and amblyopia. Color blindness screening is automatically provided for all boys.
- ✓ **Speech/language screening** is recommended to be sure each child's articulation, expressive language skills, voice, and fluency are age appropriate. Pediatricians do not perform speech/language assessments and parents frequently become accustomed to their child's speech patterns, even when they contain errors. A child's speech/language abilities can have an impact on early academic performance and self-confidence.
- ✓ **Gross/fine motor screening** is recommended for any child entering kindergarten in the coming school year. Gross motor areas include balance and coordination that can impact overall agility and sports involvement. Fine motor assessment is especially important since it relates to early success in handwriting.

You will receive the results of your child's screening 48 hours after the test date and a copy of the results will also be provided to the school so we can consult with you on any issues that may impact your child's experience with us. If you have any questions about your child's report, you may call SCSS directly to discuss the results.

We encourage you to consider the benefits of this program, both for you and for your child.

Please visit the SCSS website at www.socalsensory.com or use this quick code to go to their site.



PARENT PERMISSION SLIP

Please provide the Preschool Health Assessment tests for my child, as I have indicated below. I have attached cash or a **check made payable to SCSS** in the amount shown below. There will be a \$25.00 processing fee for any returned checks.

Hearing

Vision

Speech/Language

Gross/Fine Motor

\$35.00 for any two tests

\$40.00 for all four tests

Child's Name _____

Girl Boy

Age _____

Birthday _____

Parent's Name _____

Grace Christian Schools
School _____

Teacher/Room _____

Street Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Home or Mobile Phone _____

email Address _____

Concerns about your child's development? _____

What is your child's primary language at home? _____

Do parents wear glasses, contact lenses, or had corrective eye surgery? _____