



## Interim Head of School and Rhetoric School Letter

Happy New Year to the entire SCCS family! I am excited for what the Lord has in store for our school in 2018. I believe He is going to continue blessing us as long as we make Him a priority and continue striving for excellence in the education we provide. I am committed to these two areas as I serve as Interim Head of School and Upper School Principal.

In the New Year, SCCS Families, please be looking for ways to pray as we seek Christ in all we do. I believe that seeking God in prayer is vital. We currently have our Moms in Prayer on a weekly basis, but I hope to see that expanded by getting those prayer requests out to everyone who may not be able to make it to those weekly prayer times. I hope to have a concentrated prayer focus in the coming weeks as well.

In an effort for strong academics I am developing an academic committee. This committee will evaluate all of our curriculum. Each subject will be put on a rotating schedule so that it is reviewed every five years. This will ensure that we are delivering the best classical education possible. Our first priority is to review our math curriculum.

We are going to strive to strengthen our math program. We will be introducing kindergarten math to pre-school students. Our kindergarten classes will then begin doing first grade math, first grade will do second grade math, and so on. This step to strengthen our math and ready our students for college will take a number of years, but in the long run it is felt that it will strengthen our math test scores which already are above the national average. Any student that is extra strong in math may also test into a higher grade to excel even more.

As mentioned, this change will be gradual, so in the interim there will also be a few other steps taken to strengthen our math. For one, we are planning to offer a pre-calculus course over the summer for students who qualify. Offering this course will hopefully prepare students before taking the ACT or SAT for college entry. Additionally, I will pursue qualified math professionals to train our own math instructors. Professional development, I believe, will be key in helping strengthen our math program.

Making Christ a priority at SCCS and striving for excellence in the education we provide are two priorities going into the New Year. So, won't you pray with me and ask the Lord to help us to that end? Would you commit to praying that God will guide the decisions we make to strengthen our math curriculum? Will you ask the Lord to bless the academic committee and ask Him to guide the committee as they review the curriculum we offer? Will you ask Christ to be honored in the education we offer here at SCCS and ask that His name be glorified in all that we do?