



Head of School Letter

Welcome back to a new school year! We are excited to see so many familiar faces and glade to have a few new faces on our campuses too. Our faculty and staff have been saying how they are enjoying hearing the sounds of students again.

As we enter the new school year, I want to encourage our students and their families in the same way I encouraged my staff this past week. I want to encourage everyone to walk with Jesus this school year to the point that people just look at you and see Him living inside you. Allow me to share a story that I shared with the SCCS staff last week. In his wonderful book, **Nudge**, Leonard Sweet tells this story.

Many decades ago some men were panning for gold in the state of Montana. The prospectors organized themselves into an informal cooperative and agreed up front that if they should strike gold they would tell no one about their find.

After weeks of hard panning and digging, one of them found an unusual stone. Breaking it open, they were excited to see that it contained gold. Soon the prospectors discovered an abundance of the precious metal. They began shouting "We've found it! We've found gold! We've struck it rich!"

They then proceeded to go to a nearby town for additional supplies. Before leaving camp, they reminded each other of the pledge of absolute secrecy. While they were in town, none of them breathed a word about their good fortune. However, when they were getting ready to return to camp, they were horrified to discover several hundred of the local townsmen preparing to follow them. And when they asked who had revealed the secret of their discovery, the answer came: "No one had to. Your faces showed it."

My challenge for all of us this year is, how do you wish to be seen this year? What will others see in you? My prayer is that they will see Jesus in all of us. I will be looking for these Jesus sighting this entire new school year. May it be a great year for each of us and may He be glorified in all we do this year!