

# SUGAR CREEK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2012

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**-FEB. 7**

HIGH SCHOOL TRIP  
MEETING 3:15

**-FEB. 16**

PARENT/TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

**-FEB. 17**

NO SCHOOL

**-FEB. 20**

NO SCHOOL

**-FEB. 23**

CHAPEL 2PM

VOLUNTEER MEETING 3:15



We are thrilled to tell you about a new and exciting opportunity for SCCA students. Beginning this year SCCA high school students will be able to go on a yearly "High School Trip". This trip will include lodging, meals, tours, and activities for 3-4 days at minimal to no cost to our students. This year students will be headed to our Nation's Capitol, Washington DC! They will tour museums, see historical monuments, and even take a tour of the White House! There will be an informative meeting on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> after school. This meeting is for all High School Students and their parents. Details for the trip as well as fund raising will be discussed. Make sure you're there!



SCCA will host the final Parent-Teacher conferences on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Parents can sign up in the office for an appointment to meet with their child's teacher that evening. Please be punctual and mindful of the time schedule as a courtesy to other parents and the teachers.



There will be no school on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> or Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. School was originally scheduled to be dismissed at noon on the 17<sup>th</sup> but we have decided to take the entire day off. Enjoy the time with your families!

## VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

All parents are invited to attend a special meeting Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> after school. We will be organizing events such as Open House, Golf Tournament, and other events. It takes many volunteers to make these events happen and we hope you will consider helping.

### Dads and Sports

*by Michael Ridgeway*  
"It's just a game." How many times have I heard that phrase used to dismiss an athletic competition? How many times have I said that myself? So, once and for all, let's set the record straight: A ball game is more than a "game." Sports have so much to teach us about what it means to live well. Yes, good character can be taught in Sunday school, but it is "practiced" on the court, diamond, gridiron and track. Virtues such as tenacity, perseverance, fairness, integrity and responsibility can be developed and

strengthened as surely as the muscles and skills needed for competition. More than 30 million children in the United States participate in organized sports<sup>1</sup>. The rising popularity of youth athletics is good news for dads. It presents a matchless opportunity to connect with their children and teach valuable life skills. For some dads, sports can make parenting seem easier, more natural. As a father tosses a baseball with his son in the backyard or plays tennis with his daughter in the park, the gap between them closes. Few words are needed; the activity itself draws them close. "I have great memories of being with my dad, having him teach me how to throw a ball, how to catch, how to do athletic things," says former NFL coach Tony Dungy. "It was a great time for us." Unfortunately, the pursuit of athletics isn't without its pitfalls. **In his desire to see his kids excel, the overzealous sports dad can push too hard and drive a wedge between him and his children.** And when a father fails to curb his competitiveness, kids can learn the wrong lessons: *Winning is everything; don't let other players hog the glory; the referee doesn't deserve my respect.* "We put unrealistic expectations on our kids many times, and we don't allow them just to have fun and enjoy it," Dungy says. "We've got to be careful and make [sports] positive and make it something that the young person enjoys." You are the most important coach your kids will ever have. Use your influence to help them achieve their full potential — in sports as well as in life.