

EAGLE EYE

And it is my prayer that
your love may abound
more and more, with
knowledge and all
discernment, so that
you may approve what
is excellent, and so be
pure and blameless for
the day of Christ

Philippians 1:9-10



FIRST IMPRESSIONS

By Al Stefan | Superintendent



I was walking towards the administration building, and one of our little elementary boys, who couldn't have been more than seven, opened the door for his mother, saw me coming a few feet back, and kept the door open for me. As I walked past him, I thanked him for his kindness, and he responded with a sincere "you're welcome." I tarried a second and asked him about his day, and he answered that it was good.

His manners impressed me. This is just one instance of respect and manners that have made an impression on me since my starting date eight months ago. I know that this level of respect witnessed daily on our campus is taught by our parents at home and reinforced by teachers at SC. I see this respect in how they talk to me and others, I see it in how they behave in the chapel, I see it in how they respond to correction and the adults around them.

In his final address to the Israelites, the prophet Samuel instructs the nation of Israel, "But be sure to respect the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you." 2 Samuel 12:24. Samuel's words come after a stern correction and warning regarding their desire to have a king like the other nations. This charge of Samuel's to fear the Lord and consider all he has done for us still rings true today. When our culture moves away from God's plan for humanity, it is incumbent upon His people to rally back to the fundamental truth that respect for the Lord is the beginning of all knowledge! Respect is not something we are born with; it is something we are taught and then choose. *(Continued...)*

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At Santiam Christian, we partner with parents to provide a Christ-centered PreK-12 education focusing on academics, character, citizenship, and service.

Fulfilling our mission is only possible because of the financial support from our SC Family. To find out how you can support SC, visit santiamchristian.org/giving



The prophet mentions three important actions in this short verse: respect, faithfulness, and contemplation. I would argue that these three actions separate Santiam Christian from other schools in our area. The level of respect for the Lord is stated plainly in our foundational documents. Article I.a of our Bylaws reads, “We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21).” This seemingly simple statement is a clear declaration that we RESPECT the Lord and His Word, period. This is the first declaration and sets the standard for all else that follows. The second action word is faithfulness. Each leader, each board member that has served, and each teacher and administrator who has devoted themselves to the ministry of Santiam Christian has strived to be faithful to the mission and foundations of our school. The evidence is written in our policies and lived out in our efforts to make Christ the center of all we do. His final instruction in that verse is to reflect on all the things God has done for us. As I walk down the hall to my office, I see the great things God has done for us in the faces of each graduating class. Every student represents a life changed by the grace of God, spiritually and academically.

As we progress as a school, our path toward excellence has been set before us—the prophet Samuel’s words ring as true today as when he spoke to the nation of Israel. Our respect for God still guides our decisions, our faithfulness to live as Christ calls us to strengthens our resolve, and our gratefulness for all God has and continues to do, keeps us grounded in our mission.

Thank you for supporting Santiam Christian with your prayers, encouraging words, and gifts!

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2 Samuel 12:24

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IN PURSUIT

By Tiffany Holdahl | Marketing Coordinator

The annual retreat, Pursuit, is a long-standing tradition at Santiam Christian High School that brings the entire student body together to build community and grow in their faith.

Every year, we gather at the beginning of the school year for an amazing day filled with worship, teaching, games, and fun. It's a great opportunity for us to bond as a school and learn how to be more Christlike in our daily lives.

Seniors head down the day before Pursuit for an overnight Senior Seminar and welcome underclassmen.

This year's theme was Elevate, and our speaker Pastor Seth Trimmer from Grace City Church, spoke on identity.

Learn more about Pursuit and its impact on our students in the video below.



HOMECOMING THROUGH THE DECADES

By Sami Beam | JH/HS Registrar

Homecoming 2023 was a celebration that paid homage to past decades but also provided a lot of opportunities for spirited fun in the present. High school students decorated their respective hallways in the décor of their decades while also showcasing their creativity and school spirit by participating in daily dress up days, including Dress Like a Teacher, Decade Day, Anything But a Backpack, School Spirit Day, and Country vs. Country Club. The seniors took the title of most spirited class with the largest participation in dress up days and following their victory in the annual He-Man Volleyball tournament.

The Homecoming Court was voted on, and after the seniors' speeches to the student body, Benjamin Bourne and Tayla Yost were crowned King and Queen. The rest of the court included: Seniors Brinley Beam, Luke Bellamy, Liv Haima, and Caden Trimmer; Juniors Blake Boshart and Annie Perlenfein; Sophomores Rowan Cornwell and Ashley Ladas, and Freshmen Levi Bellamy and Addi Haase. The coronation of the court took place during half-time of the Friday night football game, where the Eagles gave the school one more reason to celebrate with their 48-0 win over Newport.





Hall of Fame

COACH MATT NOSACK

33 seasons

26 State Tournament appearances

4 State Championships

Overall record 629W-212L

31 consecutive winning seasons

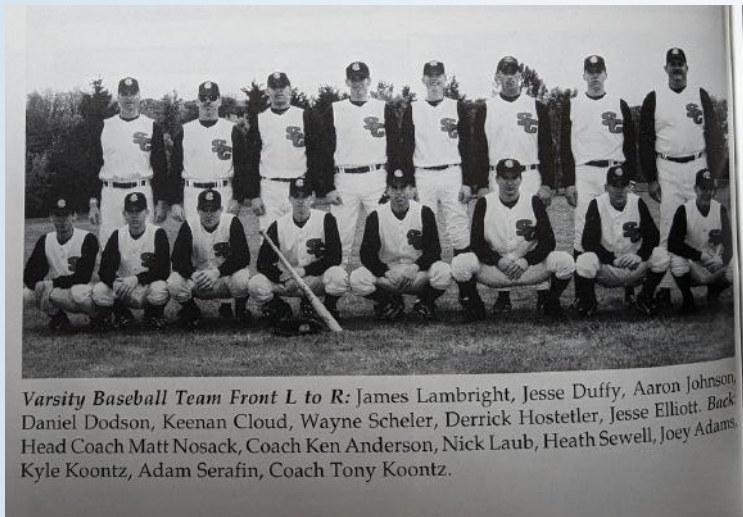
256 varsity baseball players

256 young men whose lives have been shaped by Coach Nosack.

WATCH THE FULL INTERVIEW WITH COACH NOSACK



"I'm most proud of whom the vast majority of our players have gone on to be in their families and communities." - Coach Nosack



Varsity Baseball Team Front L to R: James Lambright, Jesse Duffy, Aaron Johnson, Daniel Dodson, Keenan Cloud, Wayne Scheler, Derrick Hostetler, Jesse Elliott. Back: Head Coach Matt Nosack, Coach Ken Anderson, Nick Laub, Heath Sewell, Joey Adams, Kyle Koontz, Adam Serafin, Coach Tony Koontz.

*Above: 1999 State Championship Team
PC: Santiam Christian Archives*

*Nosack coaches Jadon Roth, Class of 2022,
along the third baseline.*

TOGETHER WE GROW

By Steve Jagich | Director of Development

In our last issue of the Eagle Eye, we provided a glimpse into projects we have been working on around campus.

As a Christian school, we are committed to investing in our campus to improve and expand our school for current and future generations.

We are incredibly grateful for the generous contributions that have made these projects possible. Your generosity has enabled us to make a positive impact on our current students and the future of SC, and we are so thankful for your help in achieving our goals.

If you have any questions or would like more information about any of the completed projects or upcoming builds, please feel free to reach out to me. I would love to meet with you.

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New modular building is set up on campus to provide much-needed classroom space.

Students enjoy lunch in our new full-service elementary cafeteria.



INVEST IN OUR SC FAMILY

Your support of SC helps us to provide Christ-centered education to current students and future generations. Visit santiamchristian.org/giving to find out how you can get involved.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

BUS BARN IMPROVEMENTS

A new roof has been completed on the bus barn, a space that has become vital to maintaining our buses and helping meet the needs of families and students that utilize our transportation program. It will also be the home of our new bus! This building is where you can find our brand-new high school welding class. Mr. Coomer has been working hard to furnish and update this space to provide an incredible teaching environment for students to learn this valuable trade. The storage building in the same area as the bus barn has also received a new roof. As we plan ahead for future storage needs, this space will be used when construction on the new elementary building begins.

RETRO CAFE REMODEL

The Retro Cafe underwent some significant updates and renovations as it is now used as a full-service cafeteria for our elementary students. Students are able to spread out in this larger space, and our kitchen staff has been enjoying the extra space to prep and cook meals for students each day. We have added a new modular restroom next to the Retro Cafe to support students and staff.

NEW MODULAR INSTALLATION

A modular building has been added on campus and is being used by our 6th grade classes. As our school continues to outgrow our current spaces, this new modular building allows us to expand comfortably and provide more room for our 6th grade teachers and students. Adding these new modular classrooms has opened up more classroom space in our elementary building for students and teachers to utilize as well.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

MAIN OFFICE

Welcome to SC! If you have ever walked into the west doors of the Administration Building, it can be hard to know where to find the main office to check in. In the coming weeks, we will have completed a brand new welcome and check-in area for students, parents, and visitors at the entrance of the Administration Building.

MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY

As you drive to the back parking area on campus, you will see that construction is underway for our brand-new multipurpose facility. Our elementary students will use this building for added indoor/covered space when the weather is cold and wet. It will also be the home of our brand-new batting cage facilities for our baseball and softball programs and much-needed practice space for our cheerleaders throughout the year. Currently, we are in the process of getting the foundation laid out, poured, and ready for the construction of the building. Our goal is to have this building completed and ready to go by the start of next school year.



Above: View from our window. Main office is ready to greet visitors and assist students.

Left: Firm Foundation. New multipurpose building expected completion Fall 2023.



We're so excited to see our alumni remain close to SC and help shape its future in a meaningful way. Here are just a few examples of alumni on campus.

HAVEN DOYLE | CLASS OF 2017

I attended SC for all of high school. I now teach kindergarten at SC, and am convinced it is the best place to be! I am so thankful that I was able to attend SC. I made so many friends, had amazing teachers, and got to be encouraged in all areas of my life by Godly mentors.

I knew I wanted to be a teacher for a long time, and after being a teacher's aide with Heidi Hill my senior year, I knew that coming back to work at SC would be my dream job. There are not many places where we get to work with such amazing families, staff, and students. I knew I wanted to teach at a school where I could integrate Jesus into all subjects as well as behavior and student connections.

There are so many things I love about working at SC. I love that we can come together and pray in both blessings and struggles. I love that I work at a school that supports strong character and Christlike attitudes.

Most of all, I love working with the most amazing five and six year olds in the world!



*Photos: Left: Haven and her father, Matt Bain. Senior year Homecoming Court
Right: Haven and Shea Carley (SC Class of 2020), her teaching assistant on the first day of school
2023*

TYLER ROPP | CLASS OF 2012

My experience at Santiam Christian helped me to develop discipline and accountability, both through the academic standards and my experiences playing sports at SC. The academic standards at SC force you to be disciplined in how you spend your time outside of school. Sports taught me how to be accountable for my actions. I learned through sports that every action I take has consequences, good or bad and that I am responsible for those consequences and how they impact others.

I felt God calling me to come back to SC because I could relate to these kids. Not only as someone closer in age but as someone who grew up going to SC. I know for myself and many of my peers, it was easy to take for granted going to a Christian school. I wanted to be able to build relationships with my players and then be able to share my experiences with them in hope of bringing them closer to a meaningful relationship with Jesus. I know for my friends and myself, the adults we were closest with in high school were our coaches because we shared the same interest/passion in sports and spent so much time together. I am hoping to serve my players in a way that they see my life revolves around my relationship with Jesus. They can see how important sports are to me, but I also want them to see that in no way do sports compare to the importance of my relationship with Jesus.

The thing I enjoy most about working at SC is the relationships I get to build with my players. I truly love coaching in games/practice, but my favorite thing is the time we get to spend together outside of games/practice. Another one of my favorite things is getting to see former players and being able to catch up with them.



*Photos: Top: Tyler and his sister, Kalli (SC Class of 2018)
Bottom: Tyler and his family, wife Caroline, daughter Claire (3 yrs), sons Cady (2 yrs), and Ezra (10 months)
Photos provided by Tyler Ropp*

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SC'S NEWEST CTE PROGRAM: WELDING

Q & A with Luke Coomer | Agricultural Sciences Instructor

What type of welding class is being offered in high school?

Agricultural Mechanics and Metals is a career and industry-focused pathway designed to give students an introduction to the skills of fabrication, welding, and equipment repair and maintenance. With three semester-long courses, students progress from basic welding, through medium to large fabrication projects, as well as learning to troubleshoot, diagnose and repair various mechanical systems.

What skills will students learn in this welding class?

I teach the basic principles of arc welding, oxyacetylene cutting/welding, plasma cutting, CAD, fabrication and design, and small equipment repair. Additionally, students complete simulated work orders for all projects, collaborate on larger projects and learn the basics of project management. These are critical skills, even in our current technological environment, that will prepare students for careers in the trades, entrepreneurship, and self-reliance, and help equip them with the work ethic needed to succeed in any endeavor.

Right: Sophomore Zara Engles shows off her first set of GMAW beads.

Below: Mr. Coomer shows Ben Robinson, sophomore, how to clean the gas nozzle of a MIG gun.

Left: Sophomore Sarah Park practices GMAW welding.



What kind of certification or recognition will students receive upon completion of the welding class?

There are no specific certifications available in this class, though more advanced students will practice simulated weld tests, which will prepare them for industry-level certification processes.

Through SC's award-winning FFA Chapter, students have the opportunity to compete at the state level in the Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems Career Development Event (CDE). Winning teams at State have the opportunity to represent Oregon at the National FFA Convention in October. We currently have a team practicing with 4 coaches to prepare for State in May and they look to be very competitive.

How do you help students develop problem-solving skills when working on welding projects?

I focus on theory and the underlying systems in lessons, then when students have issues with projects, we can refer to the theory, and they can learn to troubleshoot the system as a whole. I help the process by leading them through the steps and asking questions along the way. This builds dynamic thought, or the ability to visualize an entire system in motion and make educated guesses about how something will affect it. This is a critical skill for mechanics, technicians, and welders.

Describe an example of how you've incorporated Christian values into your teaching style.

The main value I incorporate is that of hard work. While welding is fun and makes for a very rewarding career, I think it's more important for students to understand the principle in 2 Thessalonians 7-12, which states that "if anyone shall not work, neither shall he eat." The idea that we should cheerfully work to provide for ourselves, our families, and our neighbors is far more critical than any particular skill I can teach.

What would you say to a student considering taking a welding class?

I mainly focus on the opportunity the shop presents. This is a new experience for many of our students, and they aren't likely to have it again unless they become welders and mechanics. I tell them that now's the time to try something new, and they'll probably like it.



Sophomore Justin Christy and Senior Andrew Haase clean mill scale off a project.



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