



# SFCS Weekly Bulletin

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## CORE VIRTUES ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized at Friday's assembly for exemplifying the Core Virtues of *Respect and Responsibility*:

**Ty Arakelian** (Mrs. Kamins)

**Colin Jensen** (Mrs. Kamins)

**Astrid Ardell** (Mrs. Baumann)

**Melody Neimier** (Mrs. Baumann)

**Irie Jones** (Ms. Starchman)

**Tavin Vaziralli** (Ms. Starchman)

**Emily Laws** (Ms. Miranda)

**Samuel Harveston** (Ms. Miranda)

**Nayo Rhoan** (Ms. Contreras)

**Celianna Lee** (Ms. Contreras)

The Core Virtue for October is *Diligence*.

## ART CONTEST WINNERS

We learned that additional SFCS students have been recognized in the Yosemite National Park Gateway Expressions Art Contest. A complete list of awardees is below. These students will have their work featured in an exhibit at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Park and will be honored at a ceremony on October 6th at 11:00AM at the gallery. Congratulations, artists!

### **Art Awards:**

*Honorable Mention:* **Morgan Imrie**

*Honorable Mention:* **Darragh Duffy**

*3rd Place:* **Celianna Lee**

*Honorable Mention:* **Tadd Sexton**

### **Gateway Awards:**

*1st Place:* **Conner Eastwood**

*2nd Place:* **Zane Baumann**

### **Photography Award:**

*3rd Place:* **JJ Bolar**

## SFCS JOG-A-THON ON OCTOBER 26TH

Plans are underway for this year's SFCS Jog-a-thon. Further information will be coming home soon. The event is scheduled for the morning of Friday, October 26th at Catheys Valley Park. If you would like to help or can donate oranges or granola bars for the event, please contact the office at (209)742-6222.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing more than 10% of school days for any reason. **Missing 10% or more of school increases the likelihood that students will not perform as well as their peers and are more likely to drop out in high school.** The SFCS chronic absenteeism rate was 19.9% last year, nearly double the state average. **SFCS staff clearly see the effects of absences on student learning.** An additional significant concern is that school funding is based on average daily attendance. **SFCS loses money each time a student is not in school unless a completed Independent Study packet is on file in the office.** As outlined in the Attendance Policy, SFCS strictly adheres to state requirements, including attendance notifications and progressive steps to resolve persistent irregular attendance. The policy can be found on the SFCS website (sierrafoothillcharterschool.org), or copies can be requested in the school office. It is our hope that increased awareness of the consequences of poor attendance and greater efforts to address the causes will increase attendance, further benefiting student learning and the school budget. **We appreciate your support for your children's education by prioritizing full-time daily attendance.**

## CLUB LIVE AT SFCS

Thanks to Jesse Bullis from Mariposa Safe Families, Club Live will be offered at SFCS this year. This voluntary program for gr. 6-8 students fosters resiliency, confidence, positive relationships, and leadership. Included in discussions are the dangers of substance abuse and addiction. Participants will meet with Mr. Bullis on Thursdays during lunch. Further information was sent home with students after an introduction to the program last week. The first Club Live meeting will be this Thursday, October 4th.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- *Every Monday: Dismissal at 2PM*
- **Tues., Oct. 23 - TK-2 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip, 8:45AM-1:45PM; SFCS Board Meeting, 4PM**
- **Fri., Oct. 26 - Jog-a-thon, 8:45-11:30AM; Core Virtues Assembly, 1:45PM; Fun Friday, 2:15PM**
- *Every Friday: Spirit Day - Wear Blue*



## SFCS Home School Enrichment: Week of October 1st, 2018

### Core Virtues for October: Diligence

#### 1 Monday:

TK/K                      11:40-2pm              Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Spanish and PE

#### 2 Tuesday:

5th/6th                      11:40-3:15              Lunch, Garden, Tech, and PE  
5th-8th                      12:35-3:05              Music Classes: Band, New Instruments, Violin & Guitar  
Please let me know if you are interested.

#### 3 Wednesday:

3rd/4th                      11:40-3:15              Lunch, Rotations: Garden, Spanish, PE Rotation

#### 4 Thursday:

7th/8th                      11:40-3:15              Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Tech and P.E.  
1st-8th                      12:35-1:05              Piano Classes, please contact me if you are interested.  
TK/K                      1:50-2:20              Music Class  
1st/2nd                      2:35-3:00              Music Class

#### Friday:

1st/2nd                      11:40-3:15              Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Spanish and PE

### Coming Up:

October 22nd-26th              Red Ribbon Week, stay tuned to the Parent Bulletin for more details  
Tuesday, October 23rd              TK-2nd Grade Field Trip to Hunter's Valley Pumpkin Patch, 8:45  
Friday, October 26              Walk-a-thon, 8:30-11:30AM at CV Park and Fun Friday from 1:45-3:15

### SFCS Links to Blogs, Web Sites and Curricular Connections:

Subscribing to classroom blogs and websites is a great way to get ideas from what is happening at school.

- [The Home School Blog](#)
- [Mrs. Stillwell's TK/K's Blog and Curricular Connections](#)
- [Mrs. Baumann's 1st and 2nd grades' Website and Curricular Connections](#)
- [Ms. Starchman's 3rd and 4th grades' Blog and Curricular Connections](#)
- [Ms. Miranda's 5th and 6th grades' Blog and Curricular Connections](#)
- [Ms. Contreras's 7th and 8th grades' Blog and Curricular Connections](#)
- [The SFCS Garden Blog](#) - all grade levels
- [The SFCS Tech Blog](#) - all grade levels & [5-8th Grade Tech Exploration](#)