



PRINCIPAL CORNER for August 31st
Enhanced Curriculum

We **EMBRACE** students. They know that they are loved and cared about. The May 2019 survey taken by Kinder through 8th graders revealed that the top two things students love most about SCCS are the teachers and the students.

We **EDUCATE** through an academically excellent curriculum including Singapore Math, Writers Workshop, FOSS Science, and Story path for Social Studies. We engage in analysis and reflection of our teaching practices through a variety of student assessments to ensure learning is happening for every student.

New additions to our curriculum include:

- Added instructional time in **NATURAL SCIENCE** in all grade levels
- Regular **FIELD STUDY** on trails, in parks, and on beaches in all grade levels
- 5 months of **AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE** for 1st-3rd with Dr. Erica Saint Clair
- New equipment for **ROBOTICS CLUB** for 4th-8th with Engineer Terry Shields
- 4 days/3 nights **SCIENCE** camp at **ISLANDWOOD** for 5th/6th graders
- **IDENTITY COURSE** in 7th/8th – past, present, future
- **SPANISH** in Pre-K and **MOVEMENT/SPANISH** class for K-2nd
- 3-Day **ARTIST** in **RESIDENCE** in November focused on gratitude
- Piloting new **RELIGION** curriculum integrating art, music, movement and religion

We **EMPOWER** students to live their faith through yearlong stewardship projects connecting students with parishioners, with elderly in our community and with Helpline House. Caring for the environment is intertwined with deeper learning through field study. Students learn that what they do matters.

We are eager for school to begin on Wednesday, September 4th.

With joy,
Susan Kilbane

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & CURRICULUM NIGHT
Tuesday, September 3rd at 4:30pm in the Courtyard