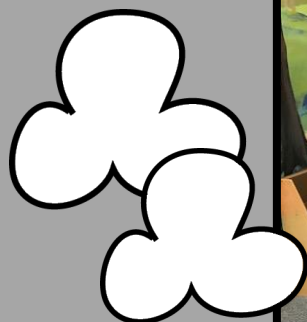




Sienna Crossing Elementary NEWS



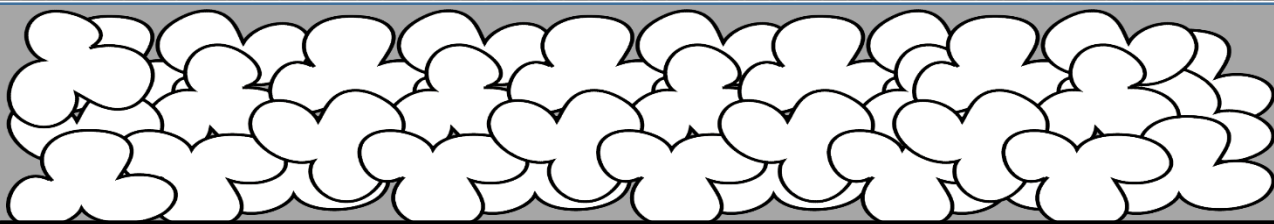
Our SCE News team includes David Yancy, Zachary Ader, Chinaza Samuel, Victor Ocanas, Leo Labuson, Maddie Arcuri, Zoe Bryant, and Elise O'Neill.



Our Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Hannah Mize

By Maddie Arcuri and Zoe Bryant

Mrs. Mize has done so many wonderful things for us. Now it's time for us to honor the many wonderful things she has done. We wanted to ask her some fun questions. How did she feel to be our Teacher of the Year?? Well.... She said she was honored and it was really nice to be recognized by other teachers. Was it nerve racking???? The interviews she said were very nerve racking for her because she wanted to get everything right. She was very surprised to be recognized. When Mrs. Sniffin told her her facial expression was priceless - she was honored and it was totally unexpected!! We asked her what was her favorite choir performance ever??? She said "It has to be the Veteran's Day because it makes the Veterans happy!!!!"



2017-2018...Who's New at SCE!



Christy Bready

Hi! My name is Christy Bready and I am so excited to join the Sienna Crossing Family! I have taught Kindergarten for 5 years in Katy ISD and I am very excited to be closer to home teaching 1st grade in Sienna. I am looking forward to meeting all of the wonderful students and families at SCE. In my spare time I enjoy trying new recipes, exploring different grocery stores, and traveling with my husband.



Ben Hall

I am a classically trained Bass-Baritone who graduated from Louisiana State University and will be starting my third year of teaching in the Fall of 2017. Outside of teaching, I am an intern Assistant Director for the Cantate at Christ Church youth choir, a community youth choir for students in fourth through eighth grades, and I sing with the St. Francis Episcopal Choir. Previously, I sang with the Bach Society of Houston's Bach Choir for two seasons, from 2014-2016. In my spare time, I love to read, listen to music, make puns and other terrible jokes, find more crazy socks to wear, and relax with my cat while watching TV.



Maggie Durham

Hello SCE families! My name is Maggie Durham. I am overjoyed to be getting the opportunity to get to know you and the bright students of this community.

I will be going into my fifth year of teaching! I have previously taught third grade in Pearland ISD and second grade in HISD. I'm excited to be teaching second grade math and science this upcoming year!

I love cats and toy Australian shepherds, Pinterest, traveling, trying new things, decorating my new home, working out, being with my friends and family, and of course teaching!

I look forward to meeting you all in the fall; have an amazing, relaxing, and fun-filled summer!



Mynette Mayes

My name is Mynette Mayes and I'm very excited about becoming a Navigator. I have nineteen years of experience in education as a former first and second grade teacher, and a Literacy Coach for grades K-5. It has been my pleasure being a counselor for the past fourteen years. In my free time I enjoy traveling, exploring outdoor activities and spending time with my family.



Nancy Ferrara

I'm excited to be returning to Sienna Crossing after a year of teaching at Jan Schiff Elementary. I graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Elementary Education and a Master's Degree specializing in Educational Technology. I also have a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership. I've taught both elementary school and pre-school for several years. My husband and I have two awesome children, Ava and Alex. In the evenings I teach ballet, tap, and jazz at a local dance studio in Missouri City. I love working with kids and look forward to reuniting with many of you and meeting some new faces too!



Carolyn Sabahi

Hello! My name is Carolyn Sabahi and this is my 12th year teaching. I have worked in Fort Bend ISD the last eight years as a 5th grade teacher, Math Specialist and Instructional Coach. I am excited to be returning to the classroom to have an opportunity to share my love of math with the 5th grade students of SCE. My husband and our two sons (a 1st grader at Sienna Crossing and a 7th grader at Baines) have lived in Sienna since 2009. I enjoy watching my kids play sports, spending time with friends and family, and traveling. I am thrilled to become a part of the Sienna Crossing family!



Interview with SCE Construction Foreman Jimmie Dvorak

By Zach Ader, Chinaza Samuel, and David Yancy



When is the completion date for the new construction?

Completion date is Oct. 27th

After construction will we get the basketball court back?

The basketball court will remain the size it is now and we will reinstall the 2 goals that were taken down when we started construction.

What's your favorite part about construction?

My favorite part of construction is being able to step back at the end of a project and know that it was built to the best of my knowledge and abilities. Also the smiles on the faces of everyone when they get to see the finished project for the first time.

What is the size of the new construction?

Square footage is 13,951.

Will it be connected to our current school or will you have to go outside to get to the new building?

Yes, students and faculty will be able to enter the addition from the existing building through the 4th grade pod.



Sienna Crossing Elementary

Sienna Crossing welcomed hundreds of students and families from Schiff Elementary as part of our #WelcomeToYourSchool event. Students were able to visit classrooms and talk to teachers to get a feel for what makes Sienna Crossing such a special place. Mrs. Sniffin spoke with families about all the important things they need to know about our school. Student council and PTO representatives were also here to help and direct students and parents.



#WelcomeToYourSchool

By Maddie Arcuri and Zach Ader



Scanlan Oaks Elementary

Welcome to our school at SOE was amazing. Jaimie Geis, the school principal has been at SOE for two years. Mrs. Geis is very excited about the students transferring to SOE, she is also a little nervous about the changes. What she wants the students to know is that she and the SOE staff are super excited and they are going to do whatever they can for the new parents and students about the transition to make it very smooth. The mascot is a train and a horse. Their mascot's name is Spirit. Spirit is a horse dressed like a train conductor. The train and the horse both stand for something. The train stands for racing toward our future, while the horse stands for honoring our history together.

Coming Soon...



A Pirate I Will Be

By Elise O'Neill

Lights, Camera, Action...

The 4th grade performance is a pirate adventure about a ship getting stuck on an island after a storm. All the pirates want to put on a talent show to get money. Some featured songs include...

"A Pirate I Will be"

"The Storm"

"We Got Friends"

"Who Cares"

"The Kings Plan"

"Talent To Burn"

Patrick Cashion is the soloist for "The Kings Plan" and Alexander Matta as the Captain. All of our choir kids have been working really hard on this program for you. The program is on May 24th and 25th.

Mrs. Mize is amazing. Tweaking our dances and words, she has single-handedly helped us get ready for everything, while still putting on so many other shows including "Arf", "The Bugs Play" and "A Moosicle".

Mrs. Mize has been helping all our kids with choreography, speaking parts, songs, dances, emotions, and songs. There are about 7-8 scenes.

Our choir kids are not surprised that she won teacher of the year. We are putting on three performances. One of them you guys get to see!

I hope you're ready to get your pirate on and yell...

ARGGH!

What to Expect in Middle School....



By Zoe Bryant and Elise O'Neill

Are you a fifth grader with anxiety about a new school? Do you worry about being late for class, combination locks, or not having friends? Well put those worries aside because this article has all you need to know with exclusive interviews with fellow middle schoolers. Here we have advice from two experts. These students have worried and fretted about the same things, and they have some advice for you. Here's our first peek from Lucas O'Neill, a seventh grader from SCE. "Middle school is tough, fun and hard working," States the former fifth grader. "There are seven periods including lunch." Apparently you have to have lots of responsibility. When I asked about if he needed responsibility he said "Yes - for homework and turning everything in on time." In his words from a scale from 1 to 10 its "Jeez probably about a 6." He said a few things to be aware of was that "the teachers don't coordinate homework. You'll have overlapping homework. Turn things in on time. If you don't that will be 10 points off. No if, ands, or buts. Always listen to the rules. They are very strict on rules!"

Here is another view point from a 6th grader from Sienna Crossing. Annliya Thomas - someone who was in your exact situation just a few months back. In her words she gave you all some advice "There is a lot of multi-tasking. You will have a lot of events and tests on the same day, and you have to learn to spread that out in the time you have. The classes will be longer and more difficult. You're grades will probably go down, and they might disappoint you. But you should never give up."

So there you have it folks, sure going into a new school is tough. But as you can see from these middle-schoolers, as long as you follow the rules and turn things in on time, you'll be fine. Middle school is a lot tougher and might be scarier, but you will have a lot more choices for lunch. And if you're excited for lockers, well that's great because you can decorate it any way you want to! Electives are a good way to get scholarships if you get good and stick with them. As you might know, there are many electives including art, band, percussion, and many others. And if you like a challenge, you can take pre-AP. It's an advanced version of a subject. There are 7 subjects including P.E.

Well I hope you're ready for Middle School, and I hope these sneak-peeks helped.

Editorials

Fidget Spinners

by Chinaza Samuel



Everyone has a different perspective about fidget spinners. The spinners are good and bad. Spinners have different shapes, sizes, and colors. Students like to keep their hands occupied while learning, but others say they distract you from learning. Everyone's views are different. There is a time and place for fidget spinners, but maybe it's not the classroom.



Laps at Recess

by Zach Ader and David Yancy



Many students feel there is no point to walking laps at recess because we go to PE twice a week and we run around at recess all the time. It doesn't make sense because it is supposed to be exercise then why is extra laps used as a punishment?

Some think that if we had more PE days, there would be less laps and I think everyone would like that (or the school could shrink the track)!

FIELD DAY IS COMING

by Leo Labuson

Field Day will be here May 26th! Summer is almost here. There are outside field day events and shows inside the school in the cafeteria. Cool refreshments will be offered under the pavilion to each student participating in Field Day. Students can wear their Field Day shirts or any SCE shirt. Who is ready for Field Day? Let the games begin....

SUMMERTIME

by Victor Ocanas

The last day of school is June 1st! Our neighborhood pools will be open and families will be coming to swim to cool off from the summer heat! Many families will be going on vacation – maybe to Paris, the Grand Canyon, Hollywood, and other places around the world.

Swimming, water balloons, or playing with the water hose can be lots of fun. Going to the beach or a water park is also a fun idea. Everyone loves summer. It's a hardworking student's favorite time of the year.

