
SRCA School Report



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Student Engagement

During a school year, there are many functions that take place across the organization. At times, there are operational functions that take time and energy. These can include items such as staff development, board development, financial oversight, policy reviews, or academic programing. The focus of this School Report will be on student engagement and how the students of SRCA have shined just over the past month.

Academic Success

The first set of highlights will focus on the academic success that SRCA students have experienced as a community, across Haywood County, and in our region with the possibility of state recognition to come.

Haywood County Soil and Water Contest

On February 27th, the Haywood Soil & Water Conservation District recognized the winners for the annual poster, essay, and slideshow competition. This is a county-wide competition open to all of the schools in Haywood County and organized by a major academic contributor and sustainer of our community at the Test Farm.

Poster Contest Winners

3 rd Grade	
1 st Place	Emily Tagliaferri
2 nd Place	Jaxson Davis
3 rd Place	Silas Paige
4 th Grade	
1 st Place	Lincoln Jenkins
2 nd Place	Jennings Wilkins
3 rd Place	Izzy Gould
5 th Grade	
1 st Place	Emma Jennings
2 nd Place	Natalya Hatherlee
3 rd Place	Sara McFeeters



Essay Contest Winners

6 th Grade	
1 st Place	Mollie Childers
2 nd Place	Maggie Ruff
3 rd Place	Sarah Roberts

7 th Grade	
1 st Place	Fallon Morgan
2 nd Place	Yadxiel Diaz
3 rd Place	Maya Haynes

For the 9th-12th grade essay contest, SRCA's Miguel Rodriguez won 3rd place.



Slideshow Winners

6 th Grade	
1 st Place	Georgia Coble
2 nd Place	Eliza Lynn
3 rd Place	Reece Hector

7 th Grade	
1 st Place	Amelia Bowser
2 nd Place	Eliana Jones

9 th – 12 th Grade	
1 st Place	Isabella Varvoutis
2 nd Place	Randle Lynn
3 rd Place	Jeremiah Davis



(Slideshow winners continued from previous page)

High School Science Fair Winners

High school science students took the Region 8 Western Regional Science & Engineering Fair at WCU by storm on Friday, February 9. With projects ranging from making ice cream, forensic profiling, and oil viscosity, students prepared visuals and were ready to answer questions from the judges.

In the Chemistry category, juniors the team of Alicia Davis and Haylei Hornbuckle placed second while the team of Leland Gentry, Braiden Long, Clifton Caldwell, and Cain Manalopolous placed first. In the Earth and Environmental Science category, Summer Lynn and Eva Shapiro placed first and plan to represent SRCA at the state level on March 23 in Raleigh.



1st Annual Blue & White Game

SRCA High School Student Council hosted the first of what is expected to become a new annual tradition Blue-White Game with basketball teams from the high school and middle school competing against each other. This culminating game of the season served as a celebration for the outstanding efforts and accomplishments for each team during the season since October.

Pre-game and halftime festivities included performances by the middle school Bucket Drum class and the Step Club danced into halftime. There were also halfcourt shot competitions which encouraged fan participation while also raising additional funds to support high school capstone trip scholarships.

The high school girls team celebrated senior night for senior basketball player, Allie Inman. Allie has been a part of the SRCA community since elementary school and has participated in SRCA athletics since she was eligible to do so beginning in her 5th grade year. In May, Allie will graduate from Early College and will be attending Appalachian State University in the fall. Coach Phil Morgan recognized Allie for her leadership during the past season and over her SRCA career by awarding her the high school girls leadership award. Additionally, moving forward the award will be known as the Allie Inman Leadership Award and will recognize those on the team who go above and beyond for their teammates in the girl's basketball program.

The high school Homecoming Court was recognized also recognized during the evening. The court included Freshmen Ella Wood and Makenzie Powell, Sophomores Alyssa Jackson and Leah Majewski, and Juniors Savannah Sellers, Paige Hatherlee, and Evie Teague.

The gym was packed with students, family, and friends in a celebration of our SRCA community.



Kindergarten and 1st Grade Art and Music Celebration

On February 22, the art and music department collaborated to hold their first Kindergarten-First Grade Family Night. Students and families divided into grade levels to participate in sessions that focused on either art or music. Mrs. Bulla led a sample music lesson in the gym involving both students and parents. Just as she does each day in her classroom, Mrs. Bulla used different activities and instruments to teach a basic music concept to the group. The groups participated in songs and dances that Mrs. Bulla works on in during a regular class.



Meanwhile, the other group participated with Mrs. Gangemi in an interactive art experience in the hallway. Mrs. Gangemi explained what students were working on and specific artists that students were learning about. Students and families participated in a collaborative art installation that stretched across the entire first floor and into the middle stairwell.

At the midpoint of the evening, the groups switched areas, and everyone left with a greater appreciation for the work that our amazing specialist complete each day with students.



Athletic Success

Middle School Girls Basketball Champions

The Shining Rock Classical Academy Middle School Girls Basketball team won both the Mountain West Conference regular season title and tournament championship. The Lady Falcons had an excellent season finishing with an overall record of 11-4 and a conference record of 10-1. The team played a schedule of games against other charter schools, private schools, and public schools.

In the tournament championship game against Asheville Catholic School, SRCA won by a score of 35-29. Fallon Morgan hit 7 three-point shots to lead the team with 21 points while Maya Haynes was also in double figures with 10 points. Jessa Treadway rounded out the scoring with 4 points.

The SRCA girls are coached by Beth Young, Ashley Hill, and Todd Huermann. Members of the championship team include Evelyn Young-Scavato, Maya Haynes, Rylan Haynes, Eliana Jones, Fallon Morgan, Jessa Treadway, Emily Allison, Reece Hector, Maggie Ledford, Sarah Roberts.



Items for Board Review

Clerical Edit of Policy 4100

The revised policy from November missed one key statement that was discussed and approved in committee but did not make the approved version. This statement clarifies the check-in/check-out time to be counted as present and reads as follows:

For a student to be considered present for an academic day, they must be in attendance for at least ½ of the operational day. For example, with a regularly scheduled elementary day of 8 am to 3 pm sign-in to start the day after 11:30 or a check-out prior to 11:30 would not constitute a full day of attendance and shall be documented as an absence.

It is recommended that this policy be re-approved with this clerical edit included.

Financial Update

Please refer to the SRCA Financial Report 1.2024.

Cover Photo: The SRCA Middle School Girls won their Championship game hosted at Christ School.
(Photo by J. Morgan)