



4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS WORKING ON AN ASSIGNMENT AT CROSSINGS

# Timmerman News

## November 2015

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## Thank You and Thankfulness for The Season!

The Administration and staff of Timmerman School cannot thank you all enough for your actions, donations, sacrifices, and concerns during the restoration process following the devastating floods that hit Columbia on October 4<sup>th</sup>. We are not yet totally back to normal, but each day gets us closer and closer. Your patience and understanding during these trying times have been so greatly appreciated. We are also so grateful to Crossings Community Church and to St. Paul's Lutheran. Both students and teachers adapted quite well to these temporary locations. They opened their arms to us in true Christian fashion. As we approach Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season, we count our many blessings for new-found friends, for good Samaritans, for each other, and for you!

## A Day at Crossings

Our students and faculty in grades 1-8 enjoyed a change of scenery for the month of October while all of the professional crews worked to get our school back up and running. Some of the daily activities included playing 4 square with teachers and Pastor Paul, eating outside under the pavilion, leaving the church to eat at Zaxby's

(8<sup>th</sup> graders), and even having a delicious lunch delivered from Popeye's Chicken. The daily school schedule was up and running on the first day within 1 hour of arriving. We cannot thank Crossings Community Church enough for opening their doors to our wonderful elementary and middle school students.

## A Day at St. Paul's

Our preschool students enjoyed many activities at their temporary location as well. Mr. Crump was there to greet the children every morning with a big smile. We were even able to have our traditional Halloween Parade! We were so blessed to find such a kind and loving environment for our precious kindergarten students.



## Principal Jordan Receives Award

Mrs. Liz Jordan receives the highest recognition from SCISA at the annual Headmaster's convention.

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Thank you, Veterans!

## A BIG Thank You!!!

Our great school and nation would not be possible without the incredible sacrifice made by all of our men and women serving and that have served in all of our armed forces.

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## Educational Leadership Award

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Timmerman and Mrs. Jordan attended the annual SCISA Headmasters Conference at Orangeburg Country Club. This conference brings together all of the principals and headmasters across the state to discuss updates in all aspects of running an independent school. Mrs. Jordan was awarded the Dr. Charles Aimar Educational Leadership Award for her years of dedicated service to Timmerman School and the SCISA community. This is one of the highest honors bestowed upon any school leader in our state. Congratulations to Ms. Liz!! We are so proud of you.



## SCISA Teachers' Conference

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, several of our faculty members attended the annual SCISA Teachers' Conference at Orangeburg Preparatory School. Each teacher attended

two different workshops to help incorporate new and innovative teaching techniques into his or her classroom. Some of the topics discussed included: Digital Citizenship, Creative Writing, Technology in the Classroom, Vexillology (the study of flags), and many other exciting topics. The teachers are eager to implement some of the new ideas they learned at this conference. Remember.....everyone can always learn something new.....even teachers!!!

### STUDENT MAKE-UP DAYS

Timmerman School students will have normal days of operation on January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>. These two days are normally taken as student holidays. In view of the disruption caused by the flooding in October, the school will not be taking these two days as holidays.

Please check the website for an updated school calendar.



## Thank you, Veterans!

As you all know, we were unable to have our annual Veterans' Day assembly to honor all of servicemen and women. Although it was very difficult for us to cancel this assembly, it is not difficult at all for us to still send out a resounding "THANK YOU" to all veterans.

If you are new to the Timmerman Family, you are not aware of the wonderful program that is organized each year including songs, special guests, and student speeches. Our annual assembly is a small way for us to show our appreciation. We wanted to post a small portion of some of the things that are said and done during this moving program.

*As students enter the auditorium, there is patriotic music playing with lights dimming on the stage setting the mood of respect that is so vital for our children to learn when honoring a veteran. Student Government Officers begin*

*by giving speeches educating younger students about what it means to be a veteran. More patriotic music is performed by the school's choruses. If available, a special guest is invited to the stage to discuss the real aspects of service, leadership, courage, community, and all other traits that go into serving your country. The assembly is traditionally ended by a song of unity with the student body standing and singing in unison.*

It is not only our goal to teach our students the importance of this day, but to also reserve a small amount of time to simply say thank you to our veterans. We will have a wonderful program next Veterans' Day, so please mark your calendars now!



### Fundraiser Arrives

The Booster Club fall fundraiser items are arriving on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please pick your items up that day. Thank you!



### Happy Birthday Mr. Timmerman!

We were excited to celebrate Mr. Timmerman's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 16, 2015 on the soccer field with a BBQ picnic. Mr. Timmerman turned 90 on October 15<sup>th</sup>!

Happy Birthday, Mr. T!!!

## 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Field Study

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending the YOUTH LEARNING INSTITUTE EDUCATION CENTER in Pickens, South Carolina on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>. They will take part in the "CSI" program which studies forensic science and technology. All monies and documentation must be in the main office by Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Pow-Wow – DATE CHANGE

The Pow-Wow for 3K and 4K (with the exception of Ms. Caroline's class) has been moved to Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the auditorium. Please note this change!

## Middle School Exams

Middle School exams will be after the Christmas holidays this year. Exams will be on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>.

## New Sporting Clays Team

The SCDNR Scholastic Clay Targets are opened to students from grades 6-12 who are members of a club or school shooting team. **All shooters must have completed a Hunter Education Course to be eligible to participate.** This course is readily available. Timmerman School is now eligible to start a school shooting team. Our team will compete in the Intermediate Division for grades 6-8. The SCDNR Clay Targets Sports is a team-based youth development program that uses the shotgun and sporting clays to instill life skills such as discipline, safety, teamwork, ethics, and self-confidence. Interest in school clay target teams is quickly rising throughout South Carolina, and Timmerman School is excited to form this inaugural team. Students must have their own shotgun, and the program is open to both girls and boys. Registration forms can be found on our website under the athletics tab. Please submit these registrations to [rbraciszewski@timmermanschool.org](mailto:rbraciszewski@timmermanschool.org) or to the main office by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Forms may be found online starting November 13<sup>th</sup>. Once we have final numbers, an informational meeting will be scheduled.