

Deep Hopes at Southwest Christian

As Southwest Christian High School (Chaska, MN) enters year four of their TfT journey, they wanted to celebrate their maturing practice with their parents, both as a way to invite them into the vision and to demonstrate the continuing value of Christian education in these challenging days. Teachers built displays of their Deep Hopes and Storylines that included a few framing thoughts and artifacts of student interaction. Parents could browse through and wonder at these displays during the “Meet the Teach” event. The end result was an inspiring, provocative mosaic of fully integrated Christian education.



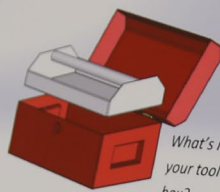


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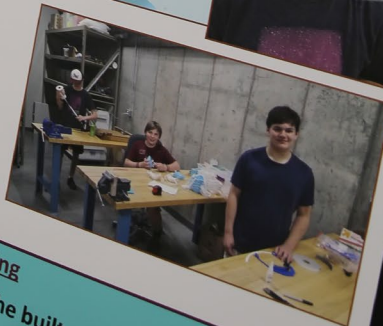
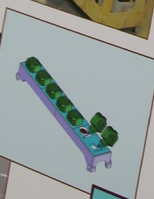
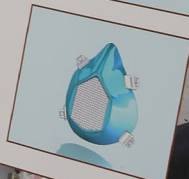
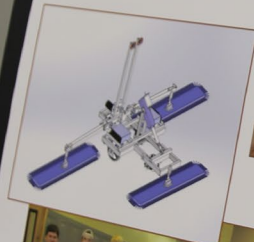
Skills ==> Opportunity ==> Responsibility ==> Service

With new skills comes new opportunities and new responsibilities to not only benefit ourselves, but to serve others.

What are you doing today to prepare yourself for the opportunities that will come your way tomorrow?



What's in your tool box?

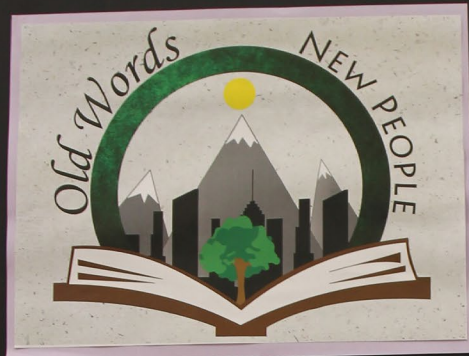


Engineering
Creating the built world to be functional, aesthetic, cost effective and efficient.



9th GRADE OLD TESTAMENT

MR. THOMPSON



We talked about how all throughout history we are reminded of God's incredible love. I think in my mind to have someone who loves me more than I can imagine, and God is reminding me (and that's the beauty of God's love) that's a good reminder to know that I'm loved and everyone on earth is loved by God no matter what we do.

My parents and I discussed the theory that the songs of Solomon were written as if Lady Wisdom from the book of Proverbs was warning about how great it is to be in God's domain and love while having wisdom. We found this particularly interesting because none of us had heard this theory before. Although that may not be what the books' writer purpose was, we also talked about the promises and presence of the book of Lamentations.

For this family response activity, my dad and I talked about the prophet's observation. We agreed that the main point of this text is that we should be grateful for the joy of the Lord is our strength. We looked at this deeply and thought it was really significant how joy is not found in the minds of the world, but in the joy of God. It's amazing to think of God being joyful.

My parents and I talked about the end times and how the prophets connect to them so well. We actually have this map of all cross-reference verses in the Bible, and the ones from the prophets overlap a lot into the New Testament, which is really cool and shows God's order in His word.

9th grade Old Testament aims to have students regularly engage the Bible in a way that promotes thoughtful reading and application while also stimulating curiosity. Even more, the hope and intention of this course is that as students engage the Old Testament they will find themselves transformed by encountering the God of the Bible.

**I HOPE THAT WE
WILL BECOME
CURIOUS
READERS WHO
INTERPRET THE
OLD TESTAMENT
IN ORDER TO
LOVE GOD IN
WORD, DEED, AND
THOUGHT**

OLD WORDS

NEW PEOPLE

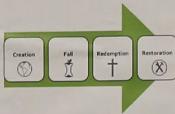
I was impacted by this time. I was able to do a few of the reflections with my grandma, and it was really meaningful to hear her wise words/ applications to the text we were talking about. I learned that my family can give me really good and meaningful advice on how to develop and grow in my faith.

We talked about Nehemiah's mission and I soon thought it was cool that the people were super-reverent for God's word. They also seemed to hear the law in a new way, and they related to it. We talked about how when we read the Bible, it doesn't always stand out like that because we sometimes take it for granted.

US History

Mr. Welle

May we see God's story in the blessings and curses of our American inheritance and respond by joining in God's restorative work.



Appreciate
Honor
Grow



Recognize
Understand
Confront

THE BLESSING & THE CURSE

— SINCE 1776 —

Student Reflections:

"The verbs on the [storyline] help me understand how studying our society should help me react. Studying and knowing test facts is fine, but if what we learn in this class stays here, it was pointless."

"I'm starting to wonder if we can thoughtfully uphold our founding *and* advance it?"

"Something that sticks with me is the idea about us being the ones to make change. I found that empowering and I'm excited to do this."

In US History, we explore the full contours of our American inheritance, with an eye on both its blessings and its curses. From there, we are invited into deeper understanding and action.



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Girls Health
Mrs. Kari Maloney

My Deep Hope is...



That we would understand that we are physically, emotionally, & spiritually connected & respond by stewarding the health God has given us.

My Storyline is...

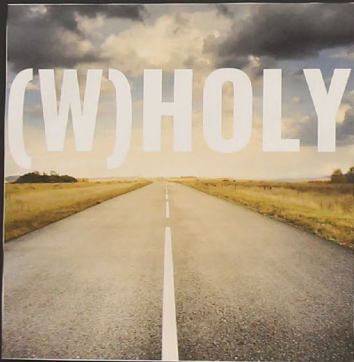


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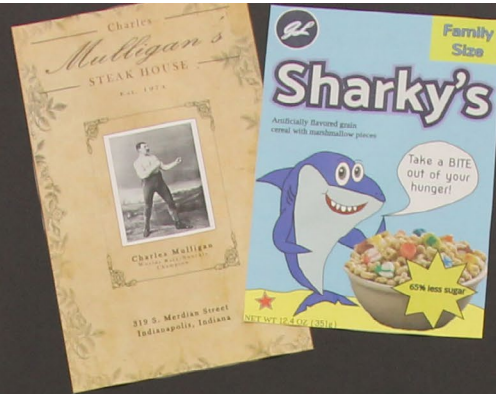


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EMOTIONALLY
& SPIRITUALLY**

Connected

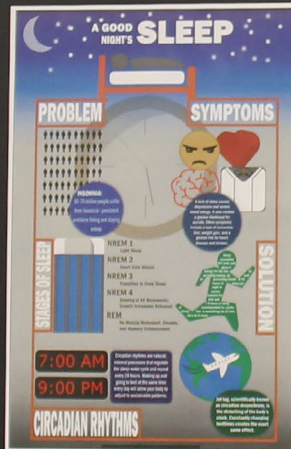
During the semester class of "Girls Health," the girls will experience various activities, learning experiences and conversations that will help them grow individually and in community to see the connectedness of our own health and of the community they exist in (and hopefully thrive in) together. They will also reflect on the call that God has given us to take care of our health as we become more whole and holy.

Graphic Design I & II Mr. Sayuk



Graphic Design Deep Hope

My deep hope is that we will be empowered to serve others and share the love of Christ through creating media that is woven into daily life.



What will students get out of this class?

"This semester, I was able to take away a lot from graphic design class. I was able to learn computer skills in an environment that was appealing and fun. I learned how to plan ahead and prepare all of the elements of a project before I start working. I learned how to balance colors and things which can help me design things in my future. I was able to get better at critiquing and providing helpful information to help others improve. I was also able to become better at receiving feedback and applying it to my future projects. This class has given me an appreciation for everything I see, because I know how much work it took to provide a simple design that I see every day. I was able to develop an eye for good design elements and colors. This fun class provided me with a new way to learn computers and design, while also learning how I can use this to further God's kingdom."



