



# News from The Valley



January 25, 2012

## Calendar Notes

Jan 30 St. Claire Correctional Facility Field Trip - High School Students 16 years and older

Feb 2 Script Orders Due

Feb 20 No School  
Teacher Workday

## Reminder

The lunch menu form for February was included in last week's folder. If you have not returned the completed form and your check, please do so by **Friday, January 20th**. If you have misplaced the form, you can find it on our website. It may be helpful to make a copy of your choices so that your child will know if he or she has bought lunch for the day.

## Spring Trip

### Middle & Upper School

The cost for our Spring trip will be \$420 per student. Invoices, reflecting the coupon book credits (if any), will be sent home shortly. The fee must be received by March 9th. Please contact Mr. Devers with any questions.

## Welcome Liam!

We are proud to introduce you to the newest member of the Spring Valley family, Liam Harton. He was born on Thursday, January 19th, weighing in at 7 lbs. Both Mom and Liam are doing great. Ms. Diane Harrison will be filling in for Mrs. Harton for the next six weeks.



## Student Council Fundraiser—Last 2 Days

The student council is hosting events this week to raise money for the school trip. Students can purchase the right to wear a hat or scarf for the day for \$1. For \$5, they can purchase a casual day coupon. All students must purchase the coupons from Mrs. McLaurin during morning or lunch breaks. No student can purchase more than \$10 worth of coupons.

## Inclement Weather Reminder

We are diligently working to implement an alert system for delayed openings or closings due to inclement weather. We expect to be operational in the next week or so. In the interim, please remember that we follow the Jefferson County School System. If all of Jefferson County schools are closed, Spring Valley will be closed. To confirm our status, you can check our website or any of the local TV stations (along with their websites). We will try to email you as well.

## Volunteers Needed...Middle and Upper School Students Only

Moriah Burbank, SVS senior, will be participating in UAB's CORD Regional Science and Engineering Fair. Her project is a psychology-based experiment that will analyze how exposure to bullying affects the heart rate in adolescents. Our volunteers will watch visual clips and listen to audio clips of adolescent actors bullying each other. If your child would like to participate, you must sign the enclosed parental consent form. You must be middle and upper school students to participate. At any point during the experiment, the student can decide not to participate. Moriah will need about 20 volunteers. All results will be kept confidential. This experiment cannot be completed without help from the student body. If you have any questions or want more details, please contact Mrs. McLaurin at

[bmclaurin@springvalleyschool.org](mailto:bmclaurin@springvalleyschool.org).

## In the Classroom . . .

**Ms. Gray's Middle School Reading and Writing Classes...** The students in the writing classes have been focusing on descriptive writing. They have completed a descriptive paragraph about their rooms. The 7th and 8th grade students are applying what they have learned to writing a short story by using descriptions to add to the characterization and the plot. The students in the reading class are very close to finishing the third and last book of *The Hunger Games* trilogy. They are very excited about their field trip to the movie. Upon viewing the trailer for the movie, it looks like it will be (in the words of the students) "epic".

**Ms. Dyke's 8th Grade World History and 12th Grade Economics Classes...** The World History class will be building yurts like the Mongols built as part of the chapter on Empires of East Asia. The Economics class will be formulating a plan for a flea market. They will have to decide on the goods to be sold and what the prices will be.