

## AdmissionsPlus News



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Upcoming Spring  
Open House  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
• April 21

Each Early Childhood applicant (Preschool, PreK, K) must attend one Saturday morning playdate along with a weekday screening at Seacrest. These screenings began on January 11th and we anticipate our next playdate for our 3 year olds (Preschool) on Saturday, March 20th from 9:00—10:30. If you haven't submitted an application—now is the time to join these little ones while they explore their world inside the classroom and on the playground. Applications for all grade levels will be accepted throughout the spring and summer. When each grade level is full applicants will be placed in the wait pool.

### Admissions

This is the time of year when our Admission Department is at its very busiest. We are showing the school several times every day and mailing out enrollment contracts to new students.

Wonderful new families who anticipate moving to Collier County are scheduling days for their children to spend with us in the classroom. We have had families visiting from Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada, Russia, and states from all areas of our United States. Please call today if we can accommodate you or friends of yours in our admission department.

- I. Individual
- L. Leadership
- E. Ethics and Character
- A. Academics
- R. Responsibility
- N. Nourishment

### Laws of Life Essay Contest Seacrest School Students came in First Place in All Four Categories!

Seacrest Students succeeded in an accomplishment never before reached in Collier County! There were over 3780 essays submitted from 40 schools. We had 8 of the 16 finalists – 50% and this is how the final awards played out:

- Elementary – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> places
- Middle School – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places
- 9/10 High School – 1<sup>st</sup> place
- 11/12 High School – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places

Our students write beautifully, they confidently present orally, and live the laws of life. They write and speak from their hearts. This stands as a testament of strength through every grade level.

### Caring For Our Neighbors in Haiti

There is nothing more important than teaching children to care for others, to help their neighbors, to make a difference in someone else's life and to leave an imprint of goodness in the world. Little did we know when the last newsletter was published that there would be a national disaster in Haiti shortly thereafter. Our students immediately came up with creative ways to raise money. Some of the ways that they have helped are listed below:

- A Taste of Haiti – 250 mini-meals were cooked and sold to our families and friends
- “SCDS Hope for Haiti SCDS” imprinted on red and blue bracelets sold throughout school
- Kickball Tournament at Seacrest sponsorships and refreshments donated
- High School students volunteering at Hope for Haiti office
- Middle School Valentine's Day Dance proceeds generously donated
- First aid medical supplies collected and shipped out
- Seacrest students raised over \$8000.00!

### Video Conferences

Video Conferencing is a live, real time, action-filled exchange of information between presenters all over the world and our students. Since the first of January our students have participated in distance learning conferences with the following locations:

#### Center of Science and Industry, Cleveland

- Simple Machines

#### Toledo Zoo

- Arctic Animals
- Hibernation
- Rainforests
- Desert Ecosystems

#### Cleveland Health Museum

- Keep Smiling

### SPORTS

The varsity boys basketball team is **district champions** and lost in the final game of the regional competition. Brunos Charles was the #1 top scorer and Bond Roth was the #1 three point scorer in our district. This has been an incredible season for the Stingrays!

Spring sports have begun and Seacrest is starting off strong.

Our first Track and Field meet of the year was a Tri Meet vs. St John Neumann & Golden Gate High School. Girls placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall and our Boys placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with only half of the team competing (many of them were competing in the Regional Basketball game).

Varsity baseball, JV baseball and varsity softball teams are already tallying up their RBI's.

The middle school girls soccer team is competing and scoring.

### Field Trips

Getting to know our community as it integrates into our curricular topics is an important part of the learning experience at Seacrest. In the past two months, since our last *AdmissionsPlus News*, students have visited the following places. And, we have mailed many thank you notes to our hosts.

- Care Center (Alzheimer's facility)
- Conservancy of S.W. Florida
- Edison Ford Estate
- Everglades City Museum/Ted Smallwood Store
- Naples Botanical Garden
- Naples Regional Library
- Philharmonic Center

### Bringing the World to Seacrest

Special guests meet with students at Seacrest or invite students to meet with them. Excitement abounds as these visitors interact with our students. Once again, learning comes to life and is applicable. Here are just a few of our most recent experiences:

- The Conservancy of SW Florida
- Colonel Tim Kopra—NASA astronaut
- Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
- Steve Forbes
- Park Ranger Jimmy
- Dr. Shetlar—Ohio State University Etymologist

### College Life

Our high school students continue to receive letters of acceptance to colleges and universities of their choice and the list is growing longer every day. These students have now been accepted to:

Adelphi University, Agnes Scott College, Allegheny College, The Catholic University of America, University of Central Florida, Clemson University, Drexel University, Eckerd College, Elon University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Findlay, Flagler College, Florida Gulf Coast University, University of Florida, Guilford College, High Point University, Hofstra University, Holy Cross College, Ithaca College, Jacksonville University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice CUNY, Loyola University New Orleans, Maryville College, University of Miami, New College, Pace University (New York City), Purchase College SUNY, Providence College, Rhodes College, University of Richmond, Rollins College, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Saint Mary's College, Samford University, Sewanee: The University of the South, University of South Florida, Southern Methodist University, Stetson University, Stonehill College, SUNY New Paltz, University of Tampa, Taylor University, Villanova University, University of Wisconsin, Madison

The big date that many of our seniors are waiting for is April 15th and thus our spring *AdmissionsNews Plus* will have the complete list of acceptances.

### SSAT Test Dates Registration Deadline

April 17	March 26
June 12	May 21

Seacrest School requires that all students applying to high school take the Secondary School Admission Test. [www.ssat.org](http://www.ssat.org)

### Seacrest Announces the Opening of Our New Tennis Courts

The ribbon cutting on the new courts took place the first of the year. P.E. classes are using the courts during the day and our Boys and Girls Varsity Teams practice or have matches on them in the afternoons. We invite you to come out and enjoy some sports with us and cheer on the Stingrays.

### Math Competition Mu Alpha Theta

40 schools/1300+ competitors

**Congratulations Seacrest Mathletes!**

**Algebra 1 Team**—1st Place

**Individual Winners**

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place  
6th Place 7th Place 8th Place 11th Place

**Geometry Team**—8th Place

**Individuals Winners**

Two Seacrest students tied for 15th Place