

Web Site Tip of the Week Archives

December 2006 - March 2007

Alumni Community - Feb. 5, 2007

The school's website has many ways to help you stay connected, so check out the Alumni Community page. Located at <http://www.sgs.org/alumni/alumnicommunity.asp>, the Alumni Community page has news from the Alumni Association, followed by Alumni Profiles with stories about Saint George's graduates and former students who are doing amazing things around the world. The page features an Alumni Photo gallery in the upper right column with three shortcuts under it to other pages. The Alumni Search (or the Directory page on the left navigation) is password protected and helps alumni track down old friends or network with graduates in their area. The Update Your Records option lets alumni do just that. And the Class Notes feature lists the most recent notes that alumni have submitted. The full Class Notes page at <http://www.sgs.org/alumni/classnotes.asp> lists all of the notes including a search feature to help find messages. If you are an alum, please use the Submit Notes function to let everyone know what you are doing. The bottom of the Alumni Community page has a Calendar with upcoming events of interest to local alumni. Check it out!

Calendar Sorting - Feb. 26, 2007

The school's website has many ways to help to track events. On the Calendar page at <http://www.sgs.org/calendars/index.asp> in the right column under the red header "Show only these types of events" you will see 11 check boxes. Each box has a category of event listed by it (i.e. Athletics, All School, Arts, ...). When the box is checked, the calendar will include that type of events in its listings. You can sort for Arts events, or to find a Lower School activity, by unchecking all other boxes and then hitting the Refresh button below the boxes. Just remember to recheck the boxes before you search again!

College Counseling - Jan. 29, 2007

The school's website has many ways to help you stay up to date. Here's a section worth checking out -- College Counseling. You can reach this page under the Academics tab at the top of each page or at <http://www.sgs.org/academics/collegecounsel.asp> This Overview page has news from Cathy Boehlke, a link

to the weekly High School Counselor newsletter, and an easy link for contacting Cathy by email. Other pages in this section offer Links to helpful sites such as the SAT College Board and federal financial aid forms. The TCCI Family Connection page has a link to this valuable service, offering a place for students and parents to track their college applications, identify scholarships, and see what SATs and GPAs other Saint George's students have needed to gain admission to different colleges. (Contact Cathy for access to TCCI.) There is a page with photos of past College Trips, a page with Downloads (including the full SGS College Handbook), and a page that lists the College Destinations of the last five years of SGS graduates. Check out our great college counseling resources on these pages!

Directory & Handbooks - March 12, 2007

The school's website has many ways to help you connect to SGS families and policies. A good place to look is the Parent Files section at the bottom of the Dragon Net page <http://www.sgs.org/parents/dragonnet.asp> Here is an online version of the school Directory with extra security and bookmarks on the left side of the window to bounce you to any place in the Directory. Right below that are Handbooks for Lower, Middle, and Upper Schools, each with bookmarks to flip to any section you want. Check it out!

FAQs for You - Feb. 20, 2007

The school's website has many ways to help answer your questions, so check out the FAQ page. Located at on the bottom right of every page in the website, the FAQ page at <http://www.sgs.org/utility/faq.asp> has PDF documents with answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about Admissions, Financial Aid, and Independent Schools. Some of the information will be familiar, other parts may be new to you. Either way, it's a great resource if you, or someone you know, have questions about Saint George's.

Magazine Preview - March 5, 2007

The school's website has many ways to keep you up to date on SGS news. A good place to look is the Publications page at http://www.sgs.org/news_and_photos/publications.asp Here you'll find recent news releases in PDF format and the SG Magazines. The latest magazine -- Winter 2007 issue -- will be mailed out this week, but you can see the articles and photos in it already by clicking on one of the PDF stories under SG Magazine Winter '07. These articles and features include:

- Life-Long Learners: Mo Copeland's column on our remarkable faculty;
- Multi-Talented Teachers: Highlights those with unusual out-of-classroom experience;
- He 'Digs' Native Culture: Profile of MS history teacher Jerry White;
- Back to the Homeland: US biology teacher Kim Hoover's semester in Scotland;
- A Day at School: Photo collage of life around Saint George's
- Famine and Feast: Behind the cross country teams' state championship season, and brief overviews of the soccer and volleyball seasons;
- Winter Events: Photos of events on campus;
- The Science Gal: Profile of senior Elisabeth DeLeeuw;
- Alumni News & Class Notes: What's new from our far-flung alumni.

The entire Winter '07 issue is available as a PDF (it just takes a while to download and view), so you may find it easier to see the magazine one article at a time.

News and Photos - Jan. 22, 2007

The school's website has many ways to help you see what's happening at SGS. Here's a page worth checking out -- News and Photos. You reach this page through the navigation at the top of each page http://www.sgs.org/news_and_photos/news.asp and can find major school news (with attached articles). The left side navigation also takes you to pages for Photo Galleries http://www.sgs.org/news_and_photos/photogalleries.asp with recent photos of campus activities and a drop-down menu for viewing past galleries. The Publications page http://www.sgs.org/news_and_photos/publications.asp has several recent SG Magazine issues in PDF format -- easy to read online or print out.

Parents Association - Jan. 8, 2007

The school's website has many ways to help you know what's happening at SGS. Here's a page worth checking out -- Parents Association. The Parents Association page is found under Parents / Dragon Net (password = godragons), then click on Parents Association on the left side navigation. This brings up <http://www.sgs.org/parents/parentassoc.asp> with links to the latest PA newsletter (you can submit items for the next issue), activities for parents (5th, 6th, and 7th grade parents have their own get togethers), and even a list of students you can call for babysitting!

This page also includes forms for planning an event on campus, info on the PA's organization, and a calendar of PA-related events. Check it out and stay in touch with other SGS parents!

Schedules and Results - Jan. 16, 2007

The school's website has many ways to help you know what's happening at SGS. Here's a page worth checking out -- Schedules and Results. This page is in the Athletics section at <http://www.sgs.org/athletics/schedules.asp> where you can find two handy columns of information. The left column lists the calendar of all athletic events and games for the next week. You can click on the team name (in red) to go to that team's full schedule. Some also have a Read More option that gives you a link to a Yahoo Map to the game's location. The right column lists the results of all athletic competitions in the past week or two. Again the team name in red is a link to that team's own page with a full schedule (and sometimes photos) of their season. Check it out and catch the Dragons' games!

Search the Site - Jan. 2, 2007

The school's website has many features to help you find what you're looking for. Here's one worth checking out -- Search. The "search SG" feature is found at the upper right on every page of the website (or at the lower right of the home page www.sgs.org). Just type in anything you want to search for, click "GO", and in less than a second you will have a list of links to pages, documents, or images on the site where that information can be found. The search function is a service of Google, so the results will be as current as the last time Google crawled the site -- usually in the past couple weeks. For example, typing in "Preview Day" in the search box produces several links, including to the Admissions Calendar on the lower right of the Admissions/Application Process page: <http://www.sgs.org/admission/application.asp> This search feature will not work for pages or documents in password protected areas (i.e. Parents / Dragon Net or Homer pages), but if Google can see it, you can search for it with this function. Give it a try!

The SG Advantage - March 19, 2007

The school's website has a lot of information for visitors and prospective parents. One of the best places for them to look is http://www.sgs.org/our_school/sgadvantage.asp

This is the SG Advantage page, which brings together the key messages that the Admissions Office hopes any visitor will learn about our school. From our student/teacher ratio (8:1) to the number of different nations and cultures represented by our students (23), it's gives a quick overview of Saint George's distinctive features. Plus, a Campus Tour button on the left side of the page takes you to a gallery of "A Day at School" images that appeared in the Winter 2007 SG Magazine. This is a great page to direct friends or colleagues to when they ask what makes Saint George's so special!

Shop SG Online - Feb. 12, 2007

The school's website has many ways to help you show your support, so check out the Shop SG Online page. Located at <http://www.sgs.org/parents/shoponline.asp>, this page has a lower right link to the SGS E-Store run by Cuda Apparel. More than 80 different items can help you show your school pride, from ball caps, sweatshirts and fleece jackets to bags, hats, and baby clothes. Fifteen percent of the retail price of each purchase through the E-Store comes directly back to the school to benefit students and faculty.

Track Your Team - Dec. 11, 2006

The school's website has many features to help you keep track of what's happening. Here's one worth checking out -- Team Pages -- that has all the athletic team schedules and results in one place. Go to the Athletics page of the website and click on Team Pages on the left navigation. This page shows you all the teams by season -- <http://www.sgs.org/athletics/teamlisting.asp>. If you click on Basketball Boys (Varsity) it takes you to the Schedule page where you can see the results of previous games and times/locations for upcoming games. To the right of Schedule (just above "Season Record") you can click on Team Info to see past highlights and on News & Photos. This page has a link to the Boys Basketball Website <http://dragon.sgs.org/webs/boysbb/> and shows game photos (the current photos are from last winter; as soon as we get new photos they will be posted here). Only a few teams have their own websites, but you can find schedules and results for every team through Team Pages. Give it a try!

Print Calendars - Dec. 4, 2006

Go to the Calendar page of the website at <http://www.sgs.org/calendars/index.asp> and notice the check boxes below the red text "Show only these types of events". These allow you to personalize a calendar of

school events. For example, if you want a printed calendar of all athletic events for the month, you would uncheck every box except for Athletics and click on "Refresh" just below the check boxes. To turn this list of events into a printable calendar, click the light brown "Print" box (it's just above the red text saying "Show only these types of events"). This reformats those events into a one- or two-page box calendar that you can print out. The result for December looks like this:

<http://www.sgs.org/calendars/print.asp?StartDate=12/1/2006&ModuleID=157>

You can do the same for any other category of events. Give it a try!