

# INTERNATIONAL TEACHING CANDIDATES VISIT SCA

For the second year, SCA was honored to host 21 Chinese college students through the Confucius Institute at the University of Kansas. The students are seniors in their Chinese universities, each majoring in education specialties from preschool to physics. They have been in the United States for almost two months and observed three public schools in the region. SCA was the only private Christian school they visited.

“We had the blessing of explaining the differences between public and private Christian education to them. The students then observed many of our classes and spoke with teachers about lesson planning, student engagement, and curriculum,” shared Secondary Principal Joe Hesman.

Students met with International Program Director Kathy Tharp, toured facilities, and had the opportunity to shadow a teacher in their area of study for a few hours.

Seven SCA Chinese students—Seniors Mark Cai and Yuki Zheng, Juniors William Feng, Doris Li, Steven Wang, Joy Chen, and Weili Lin—were selected to host the Chinese teachers, explain their educational experience at SCA, and answer questions during lunch.

At the end of the day, the Chinese college students were asked what their biggest takeaway was from observing at SCA. A couple of things they highlighted were:

- Positive relationships between students and teachers.
- Expectations for learning; having fun and enriching your life.
- Learning skills are more important than knowledge itself.

“This was a tremendous day for them as well as another real-life example of how God is able to use our school to touch the lives of others,” shared Mr. Hesman.



*International Teaching Candidates with International Program Director Kathy Tharp and International Student Advisor Anthony Mickelson.*



*L-R: International Teaching Candidates and SCA International Student Au Janai Hawkins.*