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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22

SCCS Theme Verse

2009-2010

Principal's Corner

The SCCS theme “Fruit of the month” for November was PEACE. Pastor John Lee from the Bethel CRC of Sioux Center was our guest speaker. Pastor Lee talked about how we must have peace with our God, our neighbors and ourselves. We learn about the peace of Christ in the Bible. The Fruit of Peace is different from the peace that people enjoy in the world – like a peaceful or happy day when things seem to go really well. That kind of peace lasts for a little while. Jesus tells us in John 14:27 “My peace I give to you, not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” When we follow Jesus and have complete trust in Him, we will receive His peace and the Fruit of Peace will grow in us. SCCS thanks Pastor Lee for sharing his PEACE with us.

The SCCS Thanksgiving project has been collecting money to support beekeepers in the Ivory Coast. Donations will go toward the purchase of beekeeping machinery, protective gear and beehive parts that will be used to setup beekeeping operations on the Demonstration Farm, plus provide training, gear and parts for farmers starting their own beekeeping operation. Each family that contributed received a honey bear filled with honey from Ron Rynders’ bees. Thanks to Ron and also to Amy Vander Berg for their work on this project and for reminding us that God’s Word is sweeter than honey.

The next Theme Chapel will be on February 1 at 2:15. Pastor Stephen Breen of the Free Grace Reformed Church in Middleburg will be our guest speaker on the Fruit of PATIENCE and KINDNESS. In His Service, Mr. Dirksen



FAIR SHARE REPORT

August 1 – December 1, 2009

33% of the fiscal year

CHURCH	BUDGET	RECEIVED	PERCENT
First CRC	\$166,188	\$ 48,887	29.4%
Bethel	\$182,693	\$ 70,658	38.7%
Covenant	\$111,551	\$ 28,054	25.1%
Faith	\$222,533	\$ 69,000	31%
Bridge of Hope	\$ 36,994	\$ 8,215	22.2%
Partner Society	\$ 79,110	\$ 19,593	24.8%

SCCS Board Minutes November 16, 2009

Members Present: Dawn Clemens, Roger Kredit, Dave Eekhoff, Doug Tinklenberg, Brian Vander Berg, Kris Vander Plaats, Grant De Haan, Kevin Timmer, Jodi Hulstein, Joe Dirksen, Lisa Doelman, Brian Gulker
Members Absent: Nick Lantinga

Committee Reports:

BG&T: Some repairs have been done on bus 2000. We continued to discuss the parking and bus drop off areas around the school. Board members are encouraged to keep their eyes and ears open for houses/land for sale near the school.

Education: The Spanish Proposal is almost ready for presentation. We worked on forming a preschool ad hoc committee.

Finance: The Fair Share Summit was cancelled due to lack of participation. Finance committee plans to contact the Christian Education Committees of the local churches to schedule a meeting. Funds collected from the Spring Auction will be designated for Playground Equipment and Updating. Monthly reports were reviewed and found to be in good order although we are slightly behind last year's figures. A big thanks to Corlin Feikema for all his help with the finance committee. A business manager position was discussed.

Promotion: Plans for a 105th year Anniversary Celebration are being made.

Administrator's Report: Joe attended the CSI board meeting in Grand Rapids and came back with a renewed thankfulness for the Grandparent/Parent support and commitment that we have at SCCS. 97% parent attendance at the Nov. parent-teacher conferences. Students participated in Opus, Honors Orchestra and Band, Speech/Piano Interscholastics, and basketball season will soon begin.

Respectfully submitted: Jodi Hulstein

NICSTO UPDATE

Contributions to the SCCS NICSTO Tuition Assistance program are still needed. Contribution forms may be retrieved from the SCCS office or are available on our webpage:
www.siouxcenterchristian.com.
SCCS needs your help to meet our goal!

Gifts Given in Memory

Marvin Christensen Bertha Franken
Ron Groeneweg Esther Beitelspacher
Bob Schouten Alice DeGroot
Henry E. Van Maanen
Ed Rozeboom
Gerrit J. Kraayenbrink

Guild Update

HyVee Coupon Cards are now available - Take advantage of the \$5.00 savings in December by returning your order form with payment to the school office. Cards will be delivered upon receipt of your order. Order forms available at SCCS, the TRIP office or online at:
<http://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/guild.cfm>
Checks can be made out to the SCCS Guild. Please call or email Sandi Wynja (722-4340 or kscwynja@mtcnet.net) with any questions.



Mark Jelsma, Brendan Miedema, Sam Lantinga, Sarah Bos, P.J. Kooima

OPUS and Honors Band

By Miss Ekdorn

It has been an exciting November so far for the music department at SCCS. In addition to our own instrumental and choir concert at the beginning of November, some of our students have also had exciting opportunities to travel and participate in other outstanding musical events in the past couple weeks.

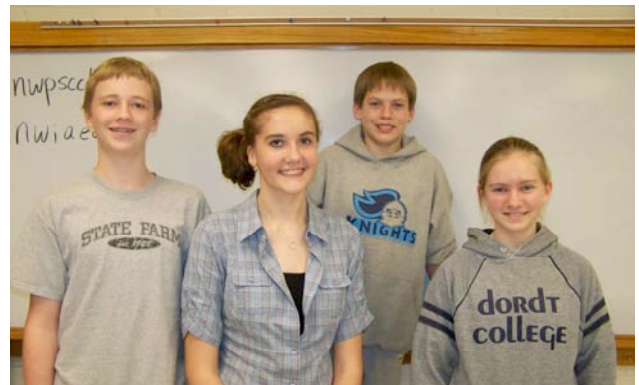
This year's Iowa Opus Honor Choir concert took place on Thursday, November 19th in Ames. Over 1,000 audition tapes were entered for this year's 5th and 6th grade honor choir and only 180 students were chosen to be part of this select group. SCCS was privileged to have Jaren Brue and Susannah Boersma accepted into this ensemble to represent our school in Ames. It was an exciting day full of fun, new friends, hard work, and great music.

On November 7th, five members of the SCCS 7th and 8th grade band were able to participate in the 2009 Northwest Iowa Middle School Honor Band, in Storm Lake, IA. Sam Lantinga, Sarah Bos, Mark Jelsma, Brendan Miedema, and PJ Kooima all auditioned and were accepted into the band this year. The students enjoyed playing many different pieces ranging from classic WWII overtures to themes from *The Sound of Music* and *The Little Mermaid*. This was a great chance for our students to play with other gifted musicians, as well as represent our school and their Lord with their talents.

Honors String Orchestra Festival

By Mrs. Vermeer

On Thursday afternoon, November 19, Sam Tinklenberg, Tanner Van Wyhe, Haley Moss, and Kinza Brue loaded up in Mrs. Vermeer's vehicle and headed to Ames for the Iowa Junior Honors String Orchestra Festival. This is an annual festival held on the campus of Iowa State the same week as OPUS and All-State. Students from around the State of Iowa gather for one big day of rehearsals and give a performance at 4:30 in Fisher Theater. There are two orchestras, each with about 75 members that rehearse throughout the day. Students are selected by nomination from their teachers and their level of playing in private study. The most advanced players are chosen by a committee from around the state and make up these very excellent orchestras. The 4 from SCCS were in the Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of David Littrell, a very distinguished and sought after conductor and performer. It was a big day of work but the results were tremendous. The concert was fantastic and all those attending enjoyed the beautiful music played by these young 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Thank you also to Doug Tinklenberg who helped us with our travel and instruments; his help was much appreciated. Thank you to the parents, private and classroom teachers, and school board for supporting these events so our young musicians can grow through these experiences that are available. We are very thankful for a safe trip and the great memories that were made in these couple of days!



Tanner Van Wyhe, Haley Moss, Sam Tinklenberg, Kinza Brue

SCCS and ICC

By Mr. Bowar

In 2008, Iowa legislators implemented a law that requires all schools to implement what is called the Iowa Core Curriculum (ICC). The ICC is a state-wide plan to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the State of Iowa. All public schools, as well as accredited non-public schools like Sioux Center Christian School, are required to implement the ICC over the next two years. The good news is that SCCS is already in compliance because of the curriculum work and training that has taken place over the past years.

The ICC provides schools a guide for delivering instructional content that is challenging and meaningful to students. The curriculum defines the essential concepts for literacy, mathematics, science and social studies, and 21st century skills (civic literacy, financial literacy, technology, health, and employability). The ICC is also concerned with how teachers teach, empowering teachers to use best practices, strategies that have been shown by research to help children learn. The curriculum focuses on the three areas of content, teaching, and assessment. Content should be rigorous and relevant, teaching should be focused on the needs of the child, and assessment should take place both during and after teaching.

SCCS has a strong and organized curriculum in place, and the ICC will help to further strengthen the teaching and learning that happens in our school every day. At SCCS, we see implementing the ICC as an opportunity for professional development for teachers as well as an occasion to examine our strong academic curriculum. SCCS has partnered with Tim Van Soelen and Ed Starkenberg from Dordt College as we study and implement the ten best classroom-teaching practices. We also see implementing the ICC as an opportunity to work with other schools in the area and to further develop the many gifts and talents God has given to our school.

The leadership team representing SCCS – Rebecca De Smith, Joe Dirksen, Dave Mulder, and Josh Bowar – have been meeting regularly for the past year for training in understanding the requirements of the ICC as well as to do some initial planning for how our school will put the ICC into practice. All team members have attended trainings held by the local area education agency. The team has also worked collaboratively with members of the Dordt Education Department in planning and leading teacher in-services on different components of the ICC.

SCCS teachers are continuing to learn more and more about what the ICC entails, and we continue to explore more how our school will align with the requirements while continuing to keep our Christian distinctiveness. Stay tuned for more updates on our progress and more information about the ICC!

SCCS Thanksgiving Project

In Ivory Coast, Africa, beekeeping is an important activity. Honey has healing properties that are used regularly by the people of this country. A hive can provide a family with enough income to live on. Where does SCCS fit in? As a school, we were informed of the need for beekeeping machinery, protective gear, and beehive parts through the Christian Association for the Fight Against Poverty and the work of Dea and Charlotte Lieu. Dea Lieu is working in the Ivory Coast to teach local farmers how to build hives, attract swarms, and how to build hive parts. Dea Lieu and the ACLCP would like to rebuild the beekeeping operation so farmers can be trained to keep bees and start selling honey to provide for their families. As our Fruit of the Spirit Thanksgiving project, we contributed \$2,705.50 in support of the larger goal of leading people across the globe to our gracious God. Thank you for your part in making this project possible.