

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Please check the online calendar for upcoming events (<http://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/calendar.cfm>).
- Pizza Ranch strives to build strong relationships that foster growth in our communities. Sometimes change is required to continue to grow and make our communities even better. We regret to inform you that effective May 31, 2019, the **Pizza Ranch Wagon Wheels program will be discontinued**. Participating organizations will have until May 31, 2019 to turn in Wagon Wheels for reimbursement. Final payouts for Wagon Wheels redeemed will be disbursed no later than June 30, 2019. See attached letter from Pizza Ranch for more information. Thank you for your participation over the years!
- Incoming 5th graders, it is time to start thinking about band. **An informational meeting for parents and students will be held in the band room on May 16 at 6:30pm**. Here, you will hear a description of the program, expectations, and summer lessons. Ray's Midbell Music will also outline instrument rentals and you will be given an option to sign up. All those intending on or considering joining band are asked to attend. If you have a conflict, a handout will be sent out later.
- **Pops Concerts:** On Friday, May 17 there will be two Pops Concerts at the end of the school day in the SCCS gym. The 6th-8th band and orchestra students will be performing at 2:15, and the 3rd-5th band and orchestra students at 3:15. Students can wear regular school clothes. All instrumentalists need to remember to bring their instrument(s) and music on the 17th. If parents are not able to attend the concert during the day, the concert will be livestreamed via the school website and can be watched online at a later time. Cello players need to bring their home cellos for this concert.
- Our school **Library Learning Commons** has been a hub for learning and connecting this year. The library storyline is *Find the BEST Story*, which is what we've sought to do using aspects of literacy that make great stories, and also considering how our lives can be part of a BEST story. Thank you for encouraging your children to read and return books, for your donations to Tesfa and Promise during the February Book Drive, and for supporting classroom libraries through the Scholastic Book Fair. If you have not returned your library books, please do so. You can help your kids get their books returned and if interested, volunteer to help wipe down books for an hour at the beginning or end of the school day (8:00-9:00 or 2:00-3:00) between now and May 17. Contact the school office or email: jvansoelen@siouxcenterchristian.com
- **The dress rehearsal for the TK-8th Grade Storyline Celebration** is planned right away in the morning on Monday, May 20, at the BJ Haan Auditorium on Dordt's campus. The buses will be dropping off the students at the auditorium rather than at SCCS that morning. If you drive your son/daughter to school, please drop them off at the BJ Haan Auditorium at 8:00 a.m. rather than at school that morning. Students may not ride their bikes, so if your student normally bikes or walks to school, they will need a ride to Dordt's campus. Monday night we would like the students to wear their storyline T-shirts with a nice pair of blue jeans or jean shorts. Please have your children at the BJ Haan Auditorium by 6:50 p.m. We will be dismissing by grade level after the program, so please plan to meet your child on the front lawn of the auditorium after the program. We look forward to sharing how we've been learning about and worshiping God this year!
- **You are invited to 8th grade graduation** which will be at First Reformed Church on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm.
- **From Mr. Bowar and Mrs. Mouw:** Parents, thank you for your support during this school year! Just like we did on the first day of school, you are invited to join us for coffee and donuts on Friday, May 24 (last day of school) from 8:00-8:30 in the orchestra room. Parents are invited to stay for chapel in the gym starting at 8:30.
- The public school has a full day of school on May 24 and will continue to have school after Memorial Day. **Our last day of school will be May 24 and we will dismiss at 11:05. The public school buses will run in the morning but WILL NOT run at 11:05 on Friday, May 24, so parents will need to provide transportation if their child rides one of those buses. The SCCS buses (#2007 and #2014) WILL operate at 11:05.**
- **Spring Safety Reminders:**
 - Walkers and bikers should check for traffic before crossing intersections and parking areas.
 - Riders should walk their bikes/scooters/skateboards on ALL school sidewalks to avoid colliding with others.
 - As buses arrive and depart, students walking, biking, or waiting should stay a safe distance from moving buses.
- ***Drivers- Please keep an eye out for increased foot and bike traffic during arrival and dismissal times.**
- **Do you know of anyone who has an instrument they are looking to sell?** If so, let them know that a tab has been added to the SCCS music website where listings and pictures will be posted. Just send two to three photos, a short description of the instrument's history (purchase date, repair dates, etc), and contact information to Peter Kuipers at pkuipers@siouxcenterchristian.com. If you have a price you would like, the instrument will be listed at that. Otherwise, he will list a suggested price.

- **School Lunch Accounts** - Be reminded that family lunch accounts must be paid in full by the end of the school year. The last school lunch is scheduled to be served next Thursday, May 23. No family account can have a "balance due" when we do our year-end report to the State of Iowa. Those accounts with extra funds will be held over until the next school year. In the case of those families whose youngest child is graduating, the account balance will be forwarded to the high school of choice, or it will be refunded if requests are received by June 14.
- **Ice packs** – Each day many students stop by the nurse's office for an ice pack, sometimes it is therapeutic and sometimes just for comfort! Many kids bring them back but some are not returned. Parents, would you please check your freezers at home for any ice packs that may need to be returned to school? They will likely be blue or white in color and be either School Health or Coldstar brands. Thanks!
- Last week our nation celebrated **National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day on May 10th**. Mayo Clinic says *"Children can develop the same mental health conditions as adults, but their symptoms may be different. As a result, many children who could benefit from treatment don't get the help they need. Understand the warning signs of mental illness in children and how you can help your child cope."* Follow the link to find out more. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/childrens-health/in-depth/mental-illness-in-children/art-20046577>
- **Parents of TK-5th Graders: Have you registered for Tales and Trails 2019 Summer Camp?** Students will participate in a variety of theme-related experiences each week, plus enjoy times for outdoor play. This camp provides a cost friendly option for supervision during the summer months. A flyer was sent home with camp options and registration information. Or you can go to the following link: https://www.siouxcenchrchristian.com/editoruploads/files/TalesTrailsSummerCamp_2019.pdf. Sign up for one week, all ten weeks or anything in-between. Please contact Mr. Bowar (jbowar@siouxcenchrchristian.com) for information about funding that is available from All Kids Can. We hope your child can join this fun summer camp opportunity!
- **ALL Parents of SCCS: [Click here for the Committee Sign-up Sheet](#): This link will remain active until June 1. Any positions not filled by June 5 will be assigned.** Every family at SCCS is a member of PACE and will be eligible for these unfilled positions.
- **Pella Corporation Staff Member of the Month:** This is the last month for you or your child to nominate a teacher or staff member. Enter your nomination at the following link: https://www.siouxcenchrchristian.com/editoruploads/files/SXC_STAFF_OF_THE_MONTH.pdf. Submissions need to be received no later than the 25th of each month.
- **Outlet 75** is open **weekly on Wednesdays from 11am – 8pm and Thursdays from 11am – 3pm**. We're **looking for volunteers** to help with the "fun work" of hanging & inspecting new clothing and working as cashiers. If you are interested in helping, please complete this form: <https://goo.gl/forms/AIH58hbrKPFdZ1nF3> or contact Kristi Van Wyk, volunteer coordinator, at 712-449-5365 or info@shopoutlet75.com
- **Summer Office Hours** will start on May 28. The office will be open Monday-Thursday (8:00-1:00) and closed on Fridays. We will also be closed July 1-5.
- **Report cards** will be emailed to parents on June 6.

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

- Parents and visitors, please call at least 24 hours ahead of time in you would like to eat a school lunch.
- Menu and dishwasher schedules can be found at www.siouxcenchrchristian.com/parents/lunch.cfm.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Office Handouts (<http://www.siouxcenchrchristian.com/parents/officehandouts.cfm>) is the place to check regularly for camp information, registration forms, and more!
- **Attention Parents! Have you provided for your young children should something happen to you?** Naming appropriate guardians and trustees is a priority but that isn't all that needs to happen to provide for your children. **Barnabas Foundation** has helped many Christian families develop the best possible will plan to meet family needs. James Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation will come alongside you to provide clear and easy-to-understand information. Jim will be meeting with Christian families in our area **May 28 & 29**. Call Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888.448.3040 to schedule your **complimentary conversation** with Jim. To help you get started, you may also request a free special resource titled "7 Reasons to Review Your Will" by simply sending an e-mail request with "7 Reasons Request" in the subject line to info@BarnabasFoundation.com. Our school is a Barnabas Foundation partner, which is why this opportunity is available to our families.
- **The New Life Church Legacy Fund group is selling Pizza Ranch Roundup Cards for \$5!** The card offers 3 different deals with 3 punches each (see attached)! Please text Gina De Boer (441-4894) or Tammy Nieuwsma (441-2540) if you would like to purchase a card!
- **Covenant CRC is selling BOGO (Buy One Get One Free) pizza cards in partnership with the Fruited Plain Cafe.** \$25 buys a card with five punches. Each punch is good for one free pizza with the purchase of a regular-priced pizza. \$10 from each card sold goes to Covenant's Christian Education fund. Cards can be purchased at the Fruited Plain until June 2.