

WELCOME NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Marissa Westra (1st grade), Leah Mouw (School Counselor), Rebecca De Vries (Music), Lori De Jong (Art), Meredith Spicher (Behavior Interventionist), Timae Saavedra, Adam Potter, Darlene Reichert (paraprofessionals), Miranda Vander Werff (cook), Anna Vande Griend, Mika de Vin, Cassidy Hinds, Olivia Vander Haag (year-long student teachers)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Please check the online calendar for upcoming events (<http://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/calendar.cfm>).
- There will be **no school on Monday, Sept. 2** for Labor Day.
- **Each Wednesday, SCCS dismisses at 2:05** for teacher professional development.
- **Students may ride a different bus for daycare purposes only.** Parents must write a note, email or call the office to get a bus pass for your child. If you need to contact the transportation director for any reason, call 722-2481.
- Sioux Center Christian School is seeking to **fill the position of paraprofessional.** Check out more information at <https://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/about/employment.cfm>.
- **Bloomz 101**
 - Teachers have sent invites via link or access code. If you are having difficulty accessing that course, please contact the teacher who sent the invite.
 - All co-curricular teachers have been invited to each homeroom that they teach. All co-curricular classes have been removed except for the music classes due to the nature of that class.
 - If you have the option, please connect your child(ren) to their class and you as a parent.
 - Check Bloomz daily for messages and notifications. *You MAY turn off email notifications under settings.
 - Messages to and from individual parents and teachers may come to you via Bloomz or email.
- **A reminder that teachers do not always have a chance to check their email or Bloomz messages during the day.** If you have a message to relay to your student, especially during the afternoon hours, please contact the school office and they will get a note to your child.
- **SCCS Apparel order are due Wednesday, Sept. 4.** A reminder that this will be the **only order** we do this year ...so think about Christmas gifts (and share the link with grandparents). Look at all the apparel options and place your order online: https://stores.mdesignpromos.com/sioux_center_christian_apparel
- **School pictures will be taken by Alison Obbink Photography on Tuesday, September 10 and Wednesday, September 11.** Grades TK, K, 1, 2, 7, and 8 will be on Tuesday and Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 will be on Wednesday. Order form envelopes will be sent home on Tuesday, September 3. All students must return their envelopes, even if you decide not to order. You may write one check per family if you would like (please indicate which envelope the check is in). Please return envelopes to school by **Friday, September 6.**
- NICSTO APPLICATION REMINDER: All **NICSTO application forms are due to school by September 16.** To find the application, head to <https://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/support/nicsto.cfm>. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Van Roekel, director of finance, at kvanroekel@siouxcenterchristian.com.
- **Our SCCS Library Learning Commons** is ready for our 522 students to begin checking out books! Book checkout for all students is one or two books for a one-week checkout. Volunteers are welcome and needed for half hour- hour time slots at the beginning or end of the school day. Email: jvansoelen@siouxcenterchristian.com for more information.
- **Sack Packs:** Our local Sack Pack program is looking for an additional volunteer to help deliver sack packs to SCCS for our students who participate. The commitment would be once or twice a month. To learn more, please contact Nurse Stacy.
- **If your student signed up to receive sack packs last year, he/she will automatically be signed up again this year.** If you have not already signed up, but would like your child to receive sack packs this year, contact Nurse Stacy. sschaap@siouxcenterchristian.com

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

- A big *Thank You* to all those who signed up to help with dishwashing this year! We do have several openings yet for September. Here is the link to sign up: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mbShMM8rhn9yhOOZJGvzckO6i8_QFwsjsF9U65Ifvyc/edit?usp=sharing. On Monday through Thursday, you would need to be there by 11:00 and work until a little after 1:00. On Friday, you can come at 11:15 and work until a little after 1:00. If anyone has questions or suggestions, please contact Cheryl at chaan@siouxcenterchristian.com.

- **Free-Reduced Lunch applications must be turned in by this Friday, Aug. 30!** You do need to reapply every year. Go to [https://www.siuoxcenterchristian.com/editoruploads/files/Free_Reduced_Lunch_Information\(1\).pdf](https://www.siuoxcenterchristian.com/editoruploads/files/Free_Reduced_Lunch_Information(1).pdf) for the form.
- Parents and visitors, please call at least 24 hours ahead of time in you would like to eat a school lunch.

MOMS IN PRAYER

- At Moms in Prayer, we will be praying for the Administration. Lord, guide _____ in what is right and teach him/her Your way. From Psalm 25.9.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Office Handouts (<http://www.siuoxcenterchristian.com/parents/officehandouts.cfm>) is the place to check regularly for camp information, registration forms, and more! **Currently there is information for:** Sioux Center Rec 5th & 6th Grade Volleyball Info, Sioux Center Arts and Drama Club Info, Unity Knight's Kid Captains for 5th & 6th Graders, Unity Junior Knights Cross Country, Driven School of Driving Fall Sign up
- **Staff Member of the Month:** Nominate a staff member to become the Pella Corporation Staff member of the month. Pella Corporation will award one monthly recipient \$500.00 to use towards school approved items and a certificate of recognition. A nomination form can be found at [https://www.siuoxcenterchristian.com/editoruploads/files/SXC_STAFF_OF_THE_MONTH\(2\).pdf](https://www.siuoxcenterchristian.com/editoruploads/files/SXC_STAFF_OF_THE_MONTH(2).pdf).

REQUIRED NOTICES

- Federal law requires that school officials inform you that SCCS has several rooms that might have some asbestos content in the floor tile. Specific information regarding this is contained in our adopted maintenance plan available in our office for anyone to see.
- It is the policy of Sioux Center Christian School not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the school's Equity Coordinator, Josh Bowar, Head of School, 630 First Avenue SE, Sioux Center, IA, 51250, 712.722.0777, jbowar@siouxcenterchristian.com. SCCS reserves the right to institute hiring and enrollment practices based on the school's mission statement and philosophies.

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In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits.

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call 866-632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. fax: 202-690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov

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