

SIoux CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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CONNECTION

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TREASURED, TRAINED,
TRANSFORMED

OUR MISSION

Disciple God's children by equipping them with a knowledge and understanding of Christ and His creation so that they can obediently serve God and others as they work and play.



**"I will sing of the Lord's great love FOREVER;
with my mouth I WILL MAKE YOUR FAITHFULNESS KNOWN
THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS.**

**I will declare that Your love stands firm forever,
that You have established Your faithfulness in heaven itself."**

Psalm 89:1-2



FROM Dr. Josh Bowar

Treasured. Trained. Transformed.

That's the vision we seek to fulfill at Sioux Center Christian School.

Each day, our calling is to meet the needs of God's kids so that they can learn and thrive.

Since the doors of SCCS opened in 1905, **we've been a place that relentlessly pursues Reformed Christian education that highlights these hallmarks:**

- Parents are a child's first and primary teacher. The **school partners with the home** and reinforces what is already being taught at home.
- The **school partners with churches** in educating children. God's Truth is proclaimed, and we rally around our Reformed Christian perspective.
- All aspects of a child's education **must be seen through the lens of God's Word**. From math to music, art to acting, reading to recess, lunch to life skills – all must be viewed as important in the training of God's disciples.
- **Each child is created unique as a stunning image bearer of Christ**. We provide a personalized educational program that respects how each child has been created.
- **God calls us to excellence for the sake of His kids**. We must have an attitude of continuous improvement, always seeking to further refine what we do.
- The **highest standards of academic excellence are held**. The school must be a place that provides quality, research-based curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- **All students must feel safe** in their learning environment – physically, emotionally, and socially.
- **Teachers are the living curriculum, the actual hands and feet of the mission and vision**. They are fellow disciples, guiding, teaching, and mentoring students.
- For students to live a life of discipleship, they must have **opportunity to practice discipleship now**. They must actually live what they are learning, understanding that what they learn is part of God's Story. **We are literally teaching FOR transformation**.
- Families of all economic situations are welcome at the school. **We want as many families as possible** to access what God is doing within our walls.

Ever since the school started in 1905 (when the City of Sioux Center was just 14 years old!), the priority has been a focus on education from the Reformed Christian perspective. That priority remains today—just as strong as it was over 117 years ago.

Thank you for your partnership with Sioux Center Christian School.

May the stories in this issue of the Connection encourage, bless, and inspire you!

With you,  Head of School

The People Who Make our Christ-filled Education AMAZING!

We praise God for over ninety full- and part-time faculty and staff who love the Lord and love God's kids! They are a dedicated group, who are always **dreaming of ways to make God's Story known and loved in EVERYTHING they do!**

THANK YOU for keeping these fellow disciples and servants of the Lord in your prayers!

Look for a list of our new faculty & staff later in this issue.



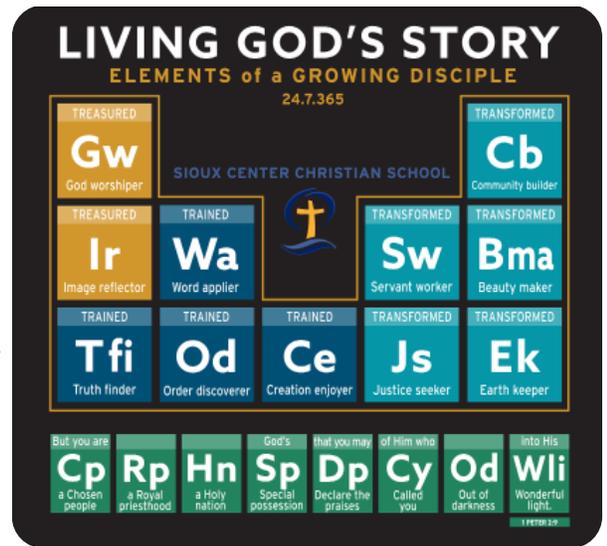
Living God's Story: Elements of a Growing Disciple

"Living God's Story" is the overall storyline that guides our daily school life. For the next two years in our chapels and weekly storyline events, we will be delving into our eleven "Elements of a Growing Disciple" (also called "throughlines" or "discipleship characteristics").

Each Wednesday at SCCS, we reserve part of our day for worship and fellowship. The first week of the month is our whole-school Storyline Chapel in the gym. The second week we enjoy a connection group activity, and in the third and fourth weeks we have a time of praise and worship and a storyline-related activity chosen by teachers.

In September, we focused on being a "God Worshiper" and the truth that "I can worship God in all parts of my life." Rev. Bob Pollema from Faith CRC helped us dig into what this means.

In October, our focus was on being a "Community Builder" and the truth that "I can understand and build community." Rev. Joel Kok from Covenant CRC explored this element with us and our Drama Ministries Team acted out the Bible text of Genesis 18, where God declares that Abraham has been called and blessed so that all nations will be blessed through him.



Our November element is "Order Discoverer" and we are focusing on the truth "I can see and rejoice in God's fingerprints throughout all of creation." Dr. Val Zonnefeld from Dordt University led us in discovering how the order of mathematics can help us create and praise God. Our Drama Ministries team acted out verses from Genesis 1 and Job.

Students look forward to our **classroom Storyline connection activities** in which we pair up with different grade levels! We worshiped God by "praying in color" together, learned to listen and build community with a LEGO activity, and made tessellations (2D never-ending patterns) that illustrate how God's amazing order creates beauty.

We enjoy singing a song each month that connects to the "element", plus two songs that we sing at every chapel and in our classrooms for the whole year are "Christ Our Hope In Life And Death" and "Jesus, Strong and Kind" (plus we are learning the sign language that goes with this song!). If think you would enjoy hearing 520+ kids singing their hearts out, watch our chapels online at siouxcenterchristian.com > Student Life > Chapel.

Drama Ministries Club

The Drama Ministries Club is a new after-school opportunity open to 5th-8th grade students. The purpose of the club is to **work together to bring Scripture to life for all our students through dramatized performances in our Storyline chapels** each month. Students love seeing Scripture come to life through fellow students!

The club meets Wednesdays after school and is led by Mrs. Rebecca DeVries and Mr. Vaughn Donahue, both of whom are SCCS parents and who have extensive backgrounds in theater and worship.



In Memory of God's Faithful Servants

With gratitude to God, we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following **memorial gifts**:

Caroline Douma – Building Fund
James Vermeer – Building Fund

We are also grateful for saints in the Lord, **Caroline Douma** and **Lois Van Beek**, who are **blessing students for generations to come** through their estate gifts to the Building Fund and the SCCS Foundation.



Stories from the Hallways

...sharing how our teachers, who are fellow disciples of Christ, connect every learning experience to God's Story!



4Care students had fun getting their hands dirty during a **construction theme week**. They built houses and sheds with large LEGOS, pushed "dirt" (black beans) around in the sensory table, and completed construction puzzles and activities.

#orderdiscoverers

4Care Specialist: Mrs. Tara Dekkers

The letter "H" theme week gave our **TK students** the opportunity to explore the nursery rhyme, *Humpty Dumpty*. As they built sturdy block walls and did experiments dropping eggs from different heights, **they figured out - on their own** - that the higher the wall, the faster the egg drops... and there really needs to be a soft landing for Humpty to not crack!

#orderdiscoverers

Teacher: Mrs. Rebecca Vander Werf



Morning Greeting time gives our **Kindergarten students** practice using manners and welcoming their classmates by looking them in the eye and showing that they care about what their neighbor is telling them.

#communitybuilders

Teachers: Mrs. Beth Bleeker, Mrs. Megan Haan, Mrs. Tammy Nieuwsma



First graders had a beautiful day exploring **God's creation at Oak Grove**. As they hiked, they learned more about how to identify a tree's leaves and seeds. They also met and observed some of the animals that live at the nature center.

#creationenjoyers

Teachers: Ms. Abigail Clemens, Ms. Marcy Holwerda, Mrs. Emily Penner

How do you reconcile a student's desire to socialize with a bus driver's desire for a quieter bus environment? **Second grade students** worked as engineers in order to solve this problem. They **designed a device to communicate** with their friends a few seats away on the bus, without having to yell.

#orderdiscoverers

Teachers: Mrs. Sarah Stoub, Mrs. Rebekah Vande Kamp, Ms. Amanda Woudstra



Third grade students learned how communities of various sizes are different from each other. Students were given a budget and tasked with **creating their own community**.

They had to make important decisions about which businesses to build first while also staying within budget. They also used their map skills to create a map of their community.

#communitybuilders #orderdiscoverers

Teachers: Mrs. Anna Bootsma, Mrs. Ellen Korver, Mrs. Andrea Wieringa



On their field experience to Sandy Hollow, **fourth graders** took time to **SEE God in the pond community** and **KNOW His care** for creatures as He provides the food and shelter for the organisms. They noted **His wisdom** by having the organisms depend on each other, **His creativity** in designing the many unique plants and animals, and the **joy** the students can experience by fishing, swimming, and admiring His creation at a pond.

#creationenjoyers #orderdiscoverers

Teachers: Mrs. Abby Finley, Mrs. Kristi Vander Kooi, Mrs. Megan Winter

Fifth grade students learned about the **cell cycle** and how **God has perfectly designed body cells** so we can grow and heal. Students made posters to show cells in each phase of the cell cycle.



#orderdiscoverers

Teachers: Mrs. Jayden Pieper, Mrs. Laura Van Ravenswaay, Mrs. Rachel Vanden Hull



Our **sixth graders** continue their **partnership with Oak Grove State Park** and enjoyed an overnight campout to connect as a class and learn more about the park. They also spent a snowy November day working at Oak Grove, clearing the bike path of leaves and branches, removing invasive trees from the prairie, and protecting oak trees from beavers. Throughout these experiences, students are **connecting their learning with God's creation and service to others.**

#creationenjoyers #communitybuilders

Teachers: Mr. Al Bandstra, Mr. Nate Breen, Mrs. Gretchen De Wit

Our **fifth graders** have also been studying **all about Iowa** - its history, government, and role in the world today. At the end of September, they made their annual trip to Des Moines. Stops at the Living History Farms, the State Capitol building, and the Science Center of Iowa were **all opportunities to see and interact with the people and history of our state, and see God's hand** in the formation and history of Iowa. We are grateful to the **Sioux Center Kiwanis club** for sponsoring this memorable learning experience!



#communitybuilders #imagereflectors

Seventh graders worked with 2nd and 3rd grade Connection partners to create **beautiful posters using the mathematical art form of tessellation** (2D never-ending pattern) as they explored God's great order and design. They also learned of God's order in the solar system, bats echolocation, and music.

#orderdiscoverers

Teachers:

Mrs. Teresa Taylor, Mr. Dan Tinklenberg, Ms. Annetta de Jong



Eighth graders have been learning about **our country's Bill of Rights and Constitution, and God's providence** in the formation of these two important documents. They celebrated Constitution Day by wearing red, white, and blue and going on a Constitution scavenger hunt.



#communitybuilders #orderdiscoverers

Teachers: Mrs. Samantha De Weerd, Mr. Phil Postma, Mrs. Angela Veenstra

Newsies JR. 7th/8th Grade musical

Forty-seven 7th and 8th grade actors plus 22 crew are involved in our musical! They practice three times a week in preparation for their performances of Disney's **Newsies JR.** on **Friday, January 27 and Saturday, January 28** at 7pm at the Te Paske theater. **Newsies JR.** is a version of the 2012 Broadway musical, based on the 1992 film inspired by the rousing true story of newsboys in turn-of-the-century New York City.

When powerful newspaper publishers raise prices at the newsboys' expense, the charismatic Jack Kelly rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions. Together, the newsies learn that they are stronger united and create a movement to fight for what's right.

Including the now-classic songs, "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe," **Newsies JR.** is a timeless story full of spirit and heart. If you've ever attended an SCCS production, **you know that our 7th and 8th graders put on an amazing show that glorifies the Creator who gave them such talents and determination!**

We hope you will put this musical on your calendar and make plans to attend!

#beautymakers Directors: Mrs. Eileen Buitter, Miss Kirsten Buitter; Choreographer: Mrs. Mel Knobloch



7th & 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Season

This year in volleyball, we had **34 students represent our 7th and 8th grade teams.**

Mrs. Amy Feekes and Mrs. Courtney Ellis did a great job leading these girls to another fun and successful volleyball season. These coaches spent time in practices and games **developing an understanding, appreciation, and love for the game and for their teammates.** The girls made great improvements from the beginning to the end of the season!



8th grade girls team with Coach Amy Feekes



7th grade girls team with Coach Courtney Ellis

We WELCOME New Faculty & Staff to SCCS!



Ms. Abigail Clemens
(First grade)



Ms. Annetta de Jong
(7/8 Reading)



Ms. Brianna Miedema
(General Music, Choir)



Mr. Leroy Berentschot
(K-4 Art, 5-8 Tech/Life Skills, Afterschool Coordinator)



Mr. Cody Groskreutz
(1-8 Physical Education, Director of Athletics)



Mr. Phil Postma
(7/8 Bible)

Mrs. Tara Dekkers, 4Care Specialist
Mrs. Jenny Meyer, School Nurse
Mr. Paul Ross, Director of Development
Mrs. Stephanie Raih, Event Specialist
Mrs. Emma Kabongo, Paraprofessional
Mr. Seth Swedorski, Paraprofessional
Ms. Anmarie Stuit, Paraprofessional
Ms. Abigail Schescke, Paraprofessional

Ms. Shay Muilenburg, Paraprofessional
Mrs. Dana Morgan, Paraprofessional
Mrs. Carla Vande Zandschulp, Paraprofessional
Mrs. Yuliia Vinichenko, Paraprofessional
Mrs. Ashley Keith, Lunch Line Clerk & Prep Cook
Mrs. Adri Ruisch, Cook
Mrs. Holly Case, Cook

Year-long student teachers:
Ms. Katelyn Beenken (6th grade)
Ms. Heidi Griess (2nd grade, learning center)
Ms. Hope Borger (Kindergarten)
Ms. Amanda De Vries (2nd grade)
Ms. Bethany Ten Haken (4th grade & inclusive education)

NW Iowa Honor Band

In mid-October, nine of our 7th/8th grade band members auditioned for **NWIBA Middle School Honor Band** in Storm Lake. Students memorized scales and learned multiple songs for their audition. We are proud of all of our students for all their hard work!



Congratulations to the three students who made the Honor Band: Payton Van Beek (8th), Elsie Vander Tuin (7th), and Brenna Van Roekel (7th). The Honor Bands performed at Dordt University on Saturday, November 5.

#beautymakers

Band director: Dr. Allegra Fisher

Parent Visit Days

We love partnering with parents in our mission to train God's treasured kids in His Way!

Parent Visit Days give parents the opportunity to receive an update from Mr. Haan and Dr. Bowar and **visit our classrooms to see how their students are learning and living God's Story each day.**

Kids are so excited to welcome their parents to their classroom and share favorite moments of their day, enjoy a pizza lunch together, and even go outside for recess together.

So far, TK, kindergarten, and first grades have had their visit days, and we will continue for each grade level, ending in February.

We are so thankful for loving, engaged, and supportive parents!



SCCS Calendar

Our calendar is also at www.siouxcenterchristian.com

Monday, Nov 28: Fall Instrumental & Choral Concert
7pm at BJ Haan Auditorium, featuring our 6th-8th grade band, 4th-8th grade orchestra, and 5th-8th grade choir

Thursday, Dec 15: TK-4th Grade Christmas Concert
7pm at BJ Haan Auditorium

Tuesday, Dec 20: Christmas Chapel at 1:30pm

Wednesday, Dec 21 - Tuesday, January 3:

Christmas Break

TRIP Office Hours during Christmas break:

OPEN Monday, Dec 19 - Thursday, Dec 22 (8am-1pm)

Closed Friday, Dec 23 - Wed, Dec 28 and Friday, Dec 30

OPEN Thursday, Dec 29 (8am-1pm)

Closed Monday, Jan 2

OPEN Tuesday, Jan 3 - Friday, Jan 6 (8am-1pm)

Follow TRIP on Facebook! Phone: 712.722.4663

If you want to **keep connected with what's going on at SCCS**, you are welcome to **follow us on Facebook** and check out our **weekly Home Bulletin**, posted on Wednesday afternoons at siouxcenterchristian.com > **Parent Center > Newsletters**

Attention Preschool Families!

Around the **3rd week of January**, info about TK/Kindergarten Round Up will be sent home with preschool students in Stepping Stones and Little Warriors Preschools. If your preschooler attends another preschool or home preschool, contact us so we can send you an SCCS info packet!

Parent information meetings will be held at the beginning of March, with **TK/K Round Up on Thursday and Friday, March 30 & 31.**

If you would like to learn more about SCCS before Round Up, **we invite you to tour** Sioux Center Christian, meet our teachers, and get a first-hand look at a typical school day in the TK/K environment.



To schedule a tour or receive an SCCS info packet, call the school office (712.722.0777) or Dr. Josh Bowar (320.979.9598).

A child must be 5 years old by September 15, 2023 for enrollment in either TK or Kindergarten.



Outlet 75

Outlet 75 is a retail store in Sioux Center that **supports the mission of our school** by selling overstock clothing for women, men, children, and furniture, decor, bedding, and kitchen items. ***It's like a little Marshall's or TJ Maxx right in Sioux Center!***



So far in 2022, **Outlet 75 has granted \$52,000 to SCCS**, with a year-end grant coming! **Total grants to SCCS since opening 2019 are \$219,000!**

These grants are part of our Alternate Revenue Income, which directly contribute toward each student's education.

THANK YOU to our amazing managers and volunteers who give their time and talent to this business!

We always welcome more volunteers! To sign up for a shift, go to shopoutlet75.com and click on "Volunteer."

Outlet 75 is **OPEN Wednesdays 11am-8pm, Thursdays 11am-3pm** and one Saturday each month: **Saturday, November 26 10am-1pm || Saturday, December 10 10am-1pm || Saturday, January 7 10am-1pm**

Located at 4175 US 75 Ave, about 1 mile south of Sioux Center. Look for the red flag!

Manager: Melissa Punt Assistant Manager: Amy Feekes (and THANK YOU to Janey Boogerd for her work as an Assistant Manager!)

Board of Trustees Report

What has the Sioux Center Christian School board of trustees been up to? This group of leaders continues to meet monthly, with a **focus on the future of SCCS**. Current topics include finalizing the 23-24 budget process and finishing the next strategic plan. The board also is focused on making several decisions regarding the building project and school choice.

Two times a year, **our trustees visit school during the school day** to see the building in action. On November 21, Mr. Brandon Haan (principal) and Dr. Josh Bowar (head of school) hosted the trustees around the building so they could visit various rooms and spaces. Faculty and staff members were encouraged to carry on as normal that day. The trustees were not evaluating, but rather, they were **observing to see the great work that happens in our building**.

The board continues to work through the process of writing a **new five-year strategic plan**. The strategic plan team has come up with the overall goals for the school, which have been approved by the board, and now directors are working on writing specific action steps to carry out those goals. **Those who are most directly involved in the work are being charged with writing the action steps - something pretty important**. After directors and their teams have had time to work through writing the action steps, there will be an opportunity for faculty and staff to provide feedback. **The board is excited to see where God will take this process!**

At the end of this school year, **Dennis Vander Plaats and Michael De Boer will be completing their service on the board. Thank you, Dennis and Michael, for your commitment!** This means that the board is seeking to find 2 nominees to replace Dennis and Michael. All members of the SCCS Society are **invited to submit names for potential nominees** for the board.

Requirements for Society membership include:

- *Personally confesses Jesus Christ as the only Savior and Lord and regularly attends a local Christian church that adheres to all articles of the Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds*
- *Affirms the school's statement of faith*
- *Are at least 18 years old*
- *Have school-aged children attend Sioux Center Christian School, if applicable*
- *Have a passion for providing a Christian education for the children and young people of this community*
- *Agree to support and promote the mission of the school and pledge not to seek changes in Articles I, III, or IV of the bylaws (mission of the school, purpose of the school, and non-negotiable founding principles)*



If you meet all requirements listed for Society membership, you are **encouraged to submit trustee nominations** using the online form (link is on the home page of siouxcenterchristian.com). The **deadline is November 30**.

Trustees: Greg Van Dyke (president), Joe Bakker (vice president), Lori Walstra (secretary), Michael De Boer (treasurer), Dennis Vander Plaats (vicar), Renae Calkhoven, Jay Dekkers, Kelly Franken, Darren Raih.

Results of our Annual Survey

Each year we survey our parents, faculty, and staff to **gather feedback and watch trends** that help our board and administration make decisions. **We are excited to share our annual survey results!** Highlights of the results include:

- **Most ratings have improved (many dramatically) since the survey was first given in 2018**
- **The faculty/staff net promoter score is 98** (out of a possible 100)
The Net Promoter Score indicates the response to the question: How likely is it that you would recommend our school to a friend, neighbor, fellow church member, family member, or co-worker? (rated 0-10)
- **The average of all faculty/staff and parent ratings is near or above 3.50** (4.0 is the highest possible)
- **Top 3 ratings from faculty/staff:**
"Our school's vision is definitely Christian. The school takes seriously its calling to be Christian."
"Our school's administrators are leading the employees to provide students with a high quality, Christian education."
"The teachers have a good knowledge of their subject areas and how to teach well."
- **Most significant increases in faculty/staff ratings when compared to results five years ago:**
"Our teachers do a great job of engaging students in their learning."
"Our school's employees model Christ in all interactions."
"Our school is able to provide employees with the tools they need to do an excellent job."
"I believe our school is operated as well as possible financially."
- **The parent net promoter score has increased 8 points since 2019** (from 77 points in 2019 to 85 out of a possible 100 points in 2022. *According to Charter Oak Research, the average Christian school has a score of 55-60*)
- On a scale of 0-10, with 10 being the highest, **SCCS parents say they are satisfied, on average, at a 9.10 level**
- **Top 3 ratings from parents** (4 statements included because of score ties):
"Our school's vision is definitely Christian. The school takes seriously its calling to be Christian."
"Our school provides our students with a clean and safe environment."
"Our teachers do a great job of engaging students in their learning."
"The teachers have a good knowledge of their subject areas and how to teach well."
- **Most significant increases in parent ratings when compared to results five years ago:**
"The teachers have a good knowledge of their subject areas and how to teach well."
"The service opportunities provided by our school help our students learn to be like Christ."
"Our employees use technology well."
"Our school uses multiple ways to test for what and how our students are learning."

The school leadership team has analyzed the results, and the following action steps are being put in place:

- Continue to analyze school communication methods and frequency
- Continue providing professional development opportunities to all faculty and staff
- Explore adding a learning center teacher to support student needs
- Explore providing an extra entrée serving for lunch to students in grades 7-8

DID YOU SEE OUR ANNUAL REPORT?

In early October, we shared our Annual Report with many of our supporters. We are so blessed to partner with families, churches, and supporters in the privilege of training God's treasured children, and this **annual report is one way we report how your gifts have made a significant impact in the lives of God's kids.** To see our Annual Report, scan the code or go to siouxcenterchristian.com > Parent Center > Newsletters.



SCCS Legacy Plan Report

The SCCS Legacy Plan is the means by which churches financially support their SCCS students and the daily mission of Sioux Center Christian School.

The total Legacy Commitments for 2022-23 from 16 churches is \$1,245,620 (over \$100,000 more than last year). We are 30% of the way through our fiscal year, and we are **blessed to report that Legacy giving is at 38.3% with \$477,072 given since August 1, 2022!**

We are blessed by all these churches who work hard to fulfill their commitment through fundraisers and weekly offerings. **THANK YOU** for being **THIS** generation of **faithful givers who invest earthly treasure into the lives of God's kids, so that it can be transformed to eternal treasure!**



GIVE, then Receive 75% of your Donation BACK

When you give a donation to NICSTO (an Iowa School Tuition Organization) **you benefit** by receiving 75% of your gift back as an Iowa tax credit certificate and **SCCS students are impacted by 100% of your gift!**

Why not give a gift that directly impacts God's kids instead of paying income taxes next April?

We are so grateful for the **over \$150,000** in contributions received so far, and **hope to reach our full goal of \$406,189!**

There is still plenty of room for you to give!

You may donate cash, gifts in kind of grain, appreciated stock, bonds, and gifts from your IRA (including your RMD).

We encourage you to give by Friday, December 9 OR contact Mr. Paul Ross, Director of Development, if you know you want to give, but need a little more time (712.722.0777 x3).



PLEASE JOIN IN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT OUR TREASURED STUDENTS

WITH \$406,189 IN TUITION GRANTS \$304,642 GOES BACK TO DONORS! (NET COST OF \$101,547)

RECEIVE 75% BACK AS AN IOWA TAX CREDIT



If it looks like we won't reach our goal, part of our tuition grant goal is given to other Christian schools in NICSTO.

ANY Iowa taxpayer can join in this unique giving opportunity! For details, go to siouxcenterchristian.com > Support SCCS > NICSTO or scan the code above. Forms are also available at the TRIP window and school office.



SIoux CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
FOUNDATION

Did you know that the Sioux Center Christian School Foundation is giving \$115,000 to SCCS for the 2022-23 school year?

Half of this gift will be applied to operations and half will help fund our new TK - 8th math curriculum. The annual grant provided by the Foundation is part of our Alternate Revenue Income.

The value of the Foundation as of November 17, 2022 is \$2,680,799.

Exciting fact: For every \$100,000 increase in the Foundation's value, \$3,000-\$5,000 more will be granted annually to school - year after year after year!

One of the most lasting ways you can help Christian education endure at SCCS for generations to come is to include the SCCS Foundation in your estate plans. Your lawyer or financial planner can help you with those plans, or the Barnabas Foundation offers free estate planning services to SCCS supporters. (barnabasfoundation.com 888.448.3040)

If you would like to include our Foundation in your year-end giving, you may mail or drop off your gift to school or give online at siouxcenterchristian.com > Support SCCS > Donate to SCCS. Choose "Foundation" as the fund.

Igniting the Vision for God's Treasured Kids!

Our vision is to treasure and train God's children so they may be transformed and equipped as the **next generation** of servant-leaders and restoration workers, obediently living their **unique role in God's Story with the passion to share His Story and defend His Truth**, now and for their entire lives.

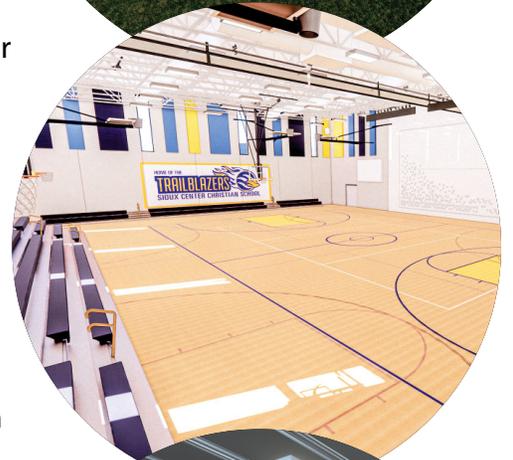
As part of the next step in our vision, we have plans to expand our campus with the addition of a **multi-purpose performance, athletic, and gathering space**, called the **Blazer Center**, outfitted to house chapels, plays, concerts, athletic events, and more. Also in the approved building plans are **ten new classrooms**, several **flexible gathering spaces** for student learning and teacher collaboration, and a kitchen remodel.

We are excited to share that we have already **received \$5.8 million in funds and commitments to the Blazer Center campus expansion** project! Dr. Josh Bowar (head of school) and Mr. Paul Ross (director of development) continue to connect with supporters and we are **beyond grateful for the many who have joined in leading the way and committing to this step** in the vision for Sioux Center Christian School! The total estimated cost is \$14.7 million, and the board has put in place a **giving-driven construction timeline** with the milestone of \$9 million committed or raised before we bid and break ground.

We know this is a God-sized step in our plans and we trust that He will provide through His people, in His time.

We believe our **year-end goal of \$6 million** in gifts and commitments is within reach and we'd love to have you **prayerfully consider how your immediate year-end gift** could help push past that goal and move our vision forward, **impacting kids now and for generations to come!**

Have you seen the plans for the Blazer Center and the spaces that will be part of God's work in transforming the lives of treasured SCCS students? See the floorplans and a **3D fly-through video** of the spaces your gift can help build! Go to siouxcenterchristian.com > Support SCCS > IGNITE the Vision.



The FLOOR PLANS SPACES MATTER... AND WHAT HAPPENS IN THOSE SPACES MATTERS EVEN MORE!

IGNITE the Vision **SIoux CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**



To give a year-end gift, you may give online or mail your gift to Sioux Center Christian School /// 630 First Ave SE /// Sioux Center, IA 51250

We are DEDICATED to making GOD'S STORY KNOWN, LOVED, and LIVED EVERY DAY!

Amazing things happen each day inside (and outside) our classrooms!



Kindergarten through fourth grade now enjoys Art class



Eighth grade role plays moments in history



Kindergarten studies fish



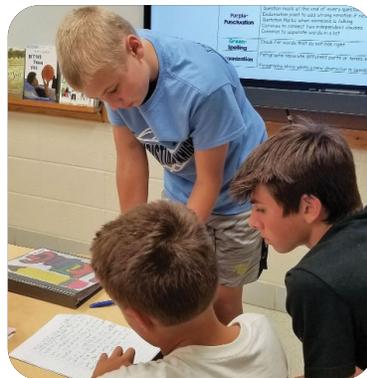
Third grade visits Heritage Village



Fifth grade learns skills at the Science Center of Iowa



First grade explores & discovers



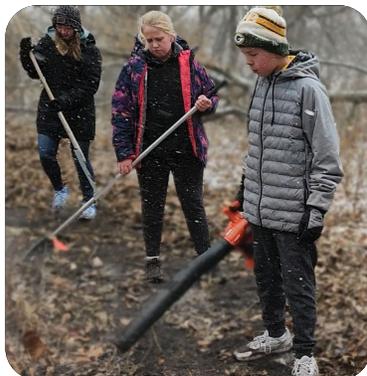
Seventh grade helps fourth grade with realistic fiction stories



TK does a math lesson



Second grade learns math from Dordt education students



Sixth grade serves at Oak Grove



4Care kids play with curiosity



Fourth grade studies the energy pyramid

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