



SIoux CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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The mission of Sioux Center Christian School is to 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.

A Word from Mr. Bowar HEAD OF SCHOOL

Student Survey Results: Treasured Trailblazers

Our school's mission can be summed up in three words: **disciple, equip, serve**. Our **deep hope** is to **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**.

We work tirelessly, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to do what we can to fulfill that mission each day through the ministry of Sioux Center Christian School. **We believe that each child is treasured as God's unique design with a one-of-a-kind role in His Story.** We believe that so strongly that it's actually part of our school's vision statement, something we seek to live out consistently.

But how do we know if we're hitting the mark? **Do students see themselves as treasured?** What can we do to improve?

Mrs. Mouw and I decided to implement a **yearly student survey**, with all 500 TK-8 students surveyed. Here's how it worked. After each teacher signed up for a survey time, Mrs. Mouw and I proctored the survey (with the teacher absent) in each classroom. Students then individually rated nine statements and gave feedback through an open-ended question. They also wrote their name and grade in case we needed to do some follow up.

We then collated all survey results to come up with averages and read through each student's feedback answers. Some students did need some follow up (for example, if there was bullying happening on the bus). For these situations, we connected with the student and worked through any situations with parents, the classroom teacher, our guidance counselor, and other support personnel. We want students to know we take their concerns seriously and followed up with each one.

So, what did the survey tell us? **We have great news to share!**

Each student rated the following statements 1 (strongly disagree), 2 (disagree), 3 (agree), and 4 (strongly agree) (smiley faces were used in lower grades). The results are listed in order of highest ranking to lowest ranking:

I am learning about God and my place in His Story = 3.74

My teacher cares about me = 3.62

My teacher helps me grow and learn = 3.55

My teacher gives me opportunities to live out my part in God's Story = 3.54

My teacher treats everyone fairly = 3.49

I feel safe in my classroom = 3.49

My teacher provides different ways for me to learn = 3.41

I am an important part of my class = 3.30

I enjoy being at school = 2.98



It is exciting to share that all averages are in the range of "agree" to "strongly agree". That is **very affirming for the work God is doing at SCCS**. These results are something to celebrate!

When asked what could increase the "I enjoy being at school" statement, we received answers like the following: start school later in the day, have more recess, more food at lunch, more time with friends, buy a trampoline, and don't have the rule of shorts need to be the length of your longest fingertip. Great student voice!

Thank you for your partnership with Sioux Center Christian School. We ask that you continue to **hold us up in prayer as we seek to treasure our students**. We care deeply for them and want them to thrive. We want them to see themselves as treasured. And we **thank you for entrusting them to us as we partner together!**

With you,

Joshua F. Bowar

OUTLET 75

MRS. BETHANY BOSMA AND MRS. MELISSA PUNT, STORE MANAGERS

It has been a busy time for many of us over here at Outlet 75! Busy as well as rewarding! We are **thrilled with the progress** that has been made, from the construction work inside the building to the preparations of getting the store up and running!

Outlet 75 will be your first stop for new, brand-name clothing for the entire family, sold at deeply discounted prices! This new retail store was created as an alternate revenue source for SCCS, with all the proceeds going back to the school general fund.

This will not only be a benefit to SCCS families but to the whole community as well, as we **gain another unique retail option in Sioux Center.** We will have many well-known, high quality brand-name clothes and shoes available for men, women, and children, such as: Adidas, North Face, infant Carter's sets, and much more! Plus, there is **no sales tax every day!**

We would like to say a **HUGE thank you** to the Outlet 75 Advisory Team and all the volunteers and businesses that have contributed so far in making the preparations for the store opening a success! **THANK YOU** also to the donors who gave toward our startup costs and the SCCS Foundation for matching those donations!

A lot of thought went into deciding the location of the store. We took advantage of the opportunity to move into the vacant Center Music building on Hwy. 75. **The inside of the building has gone through a major transformation**, beginning with clearing out the building, demo of walls, and tearing out old carpet. Many long nights of volunteer labor have gone into cleaning, adding new display windows, updating lighting, applying fresh coats of paint, installing drywall, building displays, laying new flooring, and the list goes on.

Throughout the construction work, we have also been busy **ordering the inventory**, including the **new Banana Box dry good food** we will be selling. The store will have discount groceries (dry goods) packed in Banana Boxes sold for one low price. The boxes will have a random assortment of brand-name food at a fraction of the price you would pay in a grocery store. **You won't want to miss grabbing a Banana Box while you're shopping for clothes!**

We have had so many people already excited to shop in the store! As we seek to create an exciting shopping experience where there is anticipation for "what's new this week", our store will be open for limited hours each week. We will be **OFFICIALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 from 11am - 8pm and THURSDAY, MARCH 7 from 11am - 3pm. SPREAD THE NEWS!**



We'd LOVE to have YOUR HELP at Outlet 75!

Seriously - working at Outlet 75 is hard work! ☺ **Volunteers are needed** for the fun "work" of **unpacking new boxes** of clothing, inspecting each item, and putting on hangers. Our managers take care of all the pricing! You'll be among the first to see "what's coming" (although no one is allowed to purchase merchandise until it is on the floor - not even our managers!).

We also need **cashiers** who help check out customers using a very simple app on an iPad and tend the floor displays. Who says you can't "play store" when you're an adult?!

All ages of men and women are encouraged to help!

Shifts available: Wednesdays: 9-11am (unpacking); 11am-1pm; 1-3pm; 3-5:30pm; 5:30-8pm
Thursdays: 9-11am (unpacking); 11am-1pm; 1-3pm

Would you consider helping at Outlet 75? Encourage a few friends to work the same shift! Contact Kristi Van Wyk, volunteer coordinator, at 712-449-5365 or info@shopoutlet75.com

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CLOTHING & MORE



Just a glimpse of the kind of groceries you might find in a Banana Box!

Like and follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for more details and a preview of the new merchandise coming in each week!

We can't wait to see you at Outlet 75!

Outlet 75

4175 US 75 Avenue

Sioux Center, IA 51250

(across the road from Vander Berg Furniture)

712.722.1600

www.shopoutlet75.com

email: info@shopoutlet75.com

Facebook: Search for Outlet 75

Instagram: Outlet.75

HOURS

Wednesdays 11am - 8pm

Thursdays 11am - 3pm

Ribbon Cutting: March 13 @ 4pm

Grand Opening: March 20 & 21

TK & KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

This is an exciting time of year for five-year olds (or near five-year olds) who are looking forward to starting school! **Round Up is a milestone on your child's education journey**, and we are excited to come alongside you in the training of your child.

Sioux Center Christian School provides a high quality education that is **rooted in Christ and grounded in His Word**, giving your child a **firm foundation for life**. Our faculty and staff love the Lord and we **love our calling to treasure and train** God's children!

If you have a child or know a child who will turn five by Sept. 15, please call the school office at 712-722-0777 to reserve a Round Up session and for more information. You can also visit siouxcenterchristian.com > Academics > TK/K Information.

ROUND UP SIOUX CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Thursday & Friday, March 21 & 22, 2019

Thursday Sessions

8:15am - 9:15am
9:30am - 10:30am
10:45am - 11:45am
1:00pm - 2:00pm
2:15pm - 3:15pm

Friday Sessions

8:15am - 9:15am
9:30am - 10:30am
10:45am - 11:45am

Bring your child to our main school entrance.
You will be greeted by our TK and K teachers.

We look forward to getting to know your child!
Please call our office at 712-722-0777 if you have any questions!

PACE SOFTENER SALT SALES

PACE (Parents in Action for Christian Education) is selling softener salt! Order forms were put in many church mailboxes last weekend or sent home with SCCS students. Extra forms are at the school TRIP office or online at www.siuuxcenterchristian.com.

40lb bags of **quality crystal salt from Water Werks** are **just \$6 per bag** and **include delivery to your basement or garage!** 1 pallet of salt (63 bags) is \$378.

**Orders with payment must be turned in to the SCCS TRIP Office
by Friday, March 8.**

Salt will be delivered the morning of Saturday, April 6.

This fundraiser helps PACE provide for our library, classroom purchases and enhancements, and much more!



CALENDAR NOTES

Wed & Thurs, March 6 & 7: Outlet 75 Opens

Thurs, March 7 at 7pm: TK-5th Grade Program at Dordt College; Includes Easter Portion of *The Messiah*

Fri, March 8: PACE Salt Orders Due at TRIP Office

Tues, March 12 & Thurs, March 14: Parent-Teacher Conferences; **No School on Fri, March 15**

March 18-22: Iowa Assessments for Grades 3-8

Wed & Thurs, March 20 & 21: Outlet 75 Grand Opening

Wed, March 20 at 6pm: Open House for Hispanic Neighbors, Sharing what SCCS is all About

Thurs & Fri, March 21-22: TK/K Round Up
(No School for TK and K Students)

Tues, April 9 at 7pm: Grades 3-8 Spring Instrumental Concert at Dordt College

Sat, April 13: 5th Annual Trail/Raiser Night and Celebration of Learning Open House

Thurs-Mon, April 18-22: Easter Break, No School

Wed, May 22: 8th Grade Graduation



SCCS.

STAY^{TO}HELP.com

As you make spring and summer travel plans, **remember that you can support SCCS when you book a hotel stay!** Stay to Help is a company that converts hotel bookings into donations toward our school building fund.

You can make hotel bookings on our site for the same rates as other global travel websites. Go to **sccs.staytohelp.com**

(bookmark it!) and book a hotel for your next trip. There are also links at www.siuuxcenterchristian.com.



IN MEMORY OF GOD'S FAITHFUL SERVANTS

With gratitude to God, we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of gifts toward the Building Expansion fund in memory of

Grace Klein and Jackie Van Ginkel.

MUSIC HONORS

MRS. JILL FRIEND AND MR. PETER KUIPERS, MUSIC DIRECTORS



Congratulations to the 16 students and 3 alternates from SCCS who were selected to participate in the **2019 Northwest Iowa Honors Orchestra!** The students spent the day at Northwestern College on Thursday, January 24, rehearsing with many other students from the area. Their day of practice culminated with a free concert in the Christ Chapel that night.

Back Row: Derek Heynen (8th), JoyLyn Vande Berg (8th), Cambree De Jong (8th), Kryn Vander Berg (8th)

3rd Row: Meysi Pennings (7th), Laney Van Voorst (7th), Laura Ross (7th), Hannah Punt (7th)

2nd Row: Alexa Calkhoven (6th), Bennett Swager (7th), Lydia Vander Werff (6th) Jaiden Kooima (7th), Anna De Jong (7th)

Front Row: Addison Terpstra (6th), Kadence Driesen (7th), Ezra Landman (7th), Kellan Meyer (6th)

Not pictured: Lyndsey Calkhoven (7th) and Jaedalyn De Goei (7th)

7TH & 8TH BASKETBALL

MR. JEREMY MILLS, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

As Philippians 3:12-14 states, ***"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."***

This year, **45 students represented the Trailblazers** as part of our 7th and 8th grade basketball teams. Our teams **focused on the pursuit of taking hold of what Christ has set before us.** This pursuit sought growth both on the basketball court and also in their walk with Christ.

This season consisted of games against the nine local Christian junior highs. Through the **hard work of our teams and coaches**, the teams were able to model success through individual and team growth. I am so thankful for the work and dedication put into our basketball program by our five basketball coaches. Mr. Alex Van Den Top and Mr. Mike Martinez coached our 8th grade boys, along with Mr. Kyle Brummel leading the 7th grade boys. Our 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams were coached by Mr. Collin Laidlaw and Mr. Lucas Warner. These five coaches spent time in practices and games **developing an understanding and appreciation for the game in each player.**

The final stamp on the season came with the final **boys and girls basketball tournaments** that are hosted by the area Christian schools.

The girls participated in a tournament on January 26, and the boys on February 2. **We as a school are once again so proud of these young people for the work they put in to developing the skills and abilities that God has blessed them with.**

Great season, Trailblazers!



7th Grade Girls Team



7th Grade Boys Team



8th Grade Girls Team



8th Grade Boys Team

MARY POPPINS, JR.

On February 1 & 2, our **7th and 8th graders** shared their performances of *Mary Poppins, Jr.* to a Te Paske Theatre filled to the brim both nights! With almost all 7th and 8th graders involved in some way in the production - from cast members to stage crew, hair and makeup, costumes, props, sound, and lights - these young teens showed that with **hours of practice, their commitment to excellence, and their God-given talents**, they were able to put together a high level performance that was a pleasure to experience and offered glory to God!

Thank you, students, for being beauty makers who glorified and praised God by creating something beautiful and pleasing to Him, as your sacrifice of praise! Thank you that we could share in this fun, uplifting, and amazing offering of praise!

Thank you to those who spent countless hours guiding and directing the students in this endeavor: Mrs. Eileen Buitter, director; Mrs. Sarah Jensema, assistant director; Mrs. Jill Friend, music director; Mr. Peter Kuipers, music director and lighting designer; Mrs. Melissa Knobloch, choreographer; Miss Kirsten Buitter, costume and set designer; Mrs. Julie De Groot and Miss Stephanie Mulder, stage managers; and Mr. Steve Crull, set builder.

If you would like a free DVD of the performance, please contact the school office.



LEGACY PLAN UPDATE

The 2018-19 goal for the Legacy Plan is \$1,378,530

As of February 28, 2019, \$605,200 has been given to the Legacy Plan.

This is 44% of the goal at 58% of the way through the fiscal year. **THANK YOU for your faithful giving!**

The SCCS Legacy Plan is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so you may make tax deductible donations directly to the Legacy Plan, if you like. Please make checks payable to **"SCCS Legacy Plan"** and mail your donation to 630 First Ave SE, Sioux Center, IA 51250, or drop it off at school. We also appreciate a note indicating the church you attend.

When you give of your earthly treasure toward the training of God's treasured children, you take part in a great conversion. **Something that does not last is transformed into a treasure that will last for eternity.** Thank you for partnering with us in the mission to treasure and train God's children so they can be transformed as they learn and live God's Story - all through the power of the Holy Spirit.

STORIES FROM THE HALLWAYS

- The **third grade classes** of Mrs. Linda Feekes, Mrs. Ellen Korver, and Mrs. Andrea Wieringa had the opportunity to put their **engineering skills to the test by making pinball machines**. Each group was given the task of designing a pinball machine game with three bumpers and five point targets in which the players would get a score between 7 and 12 if they rolled a ball five times. They were **beauty makers** and **order discoverers** as they made their pinball games and **community builders** as they invited other grades to test out their games.



- 7th graders** in Mrs. Ruth Clark's writing/language arts class practiced the throughlines of **order discoverer, beauty maker, and community builder** by **writing instructions for approximately 20-piece LEGO creations**. Students needed to work in groups to create something and then explain, using specific details in their writing, how to build the creation for a 3rd grade student audience. As 7th grade students observed 3rd graders follow their instructions, they **discovered how difficult it is to write good instructions and how difficult it is to watch (rather than help) the younger students interpret their instructions differently than what they meant**. Thanks, 3rd graders, for helping us pay attention to our details.



- Mrs. Autumn Den Boer's and Mrs. Linda Feekes's Connection Group of 3rd and 7th graders decided to **donate bars of soap and items of clothing to the One Vision Orphanage in Haiti**. Cards were also made for the children. Our students reflected on how they were **servant workers and truth finders**.

- "Live Rescued" during Literacy Week** (Feb 4-8) meant interacting with cross-grade level buddies, experiencing chapel, contributing to a book drive, encouraging local heroes, and celebrating the gift of reading. We were challenged to think of justice as "Not Just Us" and to respond to injustice and express gratitude to people we look up to. During the book drive, we collected \$90 for the TESFA foundation and 9 boxes of books, which were distributed by Promise Community Health. We found **Living Rescued is something we can do all year round!**



- On January 22, ten students in 4th-8th grades met to participate in the **school-wide competition of the National Geography Bee**. These students answered several rounds of difficult oral and written questions covering many aspects of geography. Eighth grader Callie Mulder answered the most questions correctly in the championship round. She will take a written geography test, which will be submitted to the State Geography Bee competition. **Congratulations to all the participants!** Participants in the bee were: Hunter Hofland, Callie Mulder, Anna De Jong, Wyatt Hulshof, Brianna Bakker, Dylan Kramer, Aiden Heldt, Brennan Obbink, Dylan Koelewyn, and Jacob Ross.



MORE STORIES FROM THE HALLWAYS

- **CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Peter Kuipers, our choir, band, and general music teacher, on receiving the Pella Corporation Staff Member of the month award!** Sue Halma, Nate Fritz, and Denny Van Zanten surprised Mr. Kuipers while teaching 5th grade band. "Mr. Kuipers does an amazing job connecting with his students at their level. He shows them so many different ways to appreciate music. He truly makes music fun! He picks a different instrument each day and plays it in the hallway as the kids leave school." Pella Corporation awarded \$250 to Mr. Kuipers, which he may use towards school-related items. Thanks to Pella Corporation for this exciting way to recognize the amazing educators in our community who go above and beyond! If you would like to nominate a school staff member, the nomination form is on our website. Nominations are due by the 25th of each month.



- In **Mr. Dan Tinklenberg's science class**, the 8th graders displayed their **bread baking chemistry knowledge** by sharing a variety of breads they made at home. They were **order discoverers** as they began with yeast, warm water, and sugar to create a variety of breads. Mr. Ryan De Groot from Casey's Bakery visited the classes and evaluated their delicious breads.

- On Thursday, February 14, our halls were empty of students, but filled with faculty from Sioux Falls Christian School. **We hosted a Teaching for Transformation Collaboration Day** where teachers from both schools shared their work and provided feedback for one another as



they deepen how they invite, nurture, and empower our kids to live out their part in God's Story through unit design and assessment and reflection. On Friday, our teachers spent time focused on unit design and mapping out their curriculum.

- **We have a fantastic resource team at SCCS.** Led by Miss Jessica Walvoort, Mrs. Sara Feekes, Mrs. Kristina Harmelink, and Miss Stephanie Mulder, these ladies **live out their storyline "Our Work Matters"** with their students each day. Providing students with opportunities to be justice seekers, community builders, order discoverers, and more, this team **helps students develop important skills in reading, writing, math, and other subjects** through specialized curriculum and teaching in small groups and one-on-one as well as co-teaching with general education teachers in the classroom. We are excited to be able to offer these extensive, high quality, and research-based supports for our students through our inclusive education framework, which includes these resource teachers.



- In our **reading room** students live out their storyline of **"Our Work Matters to God" each day as they practice reading.** Students have a great time living out different learning targets, playing fun reading games, and celebrating the talents and gifts God has given. The team helps students live out their deep hope: **"How can we recognize that our work matters and rejoice in our growth no matter how big or small?"** Students get support in the reading room every day, and Mrs. Carla Nibbelink and Mrs. Florence Mahaffy do a fantastic job of engaging them and spreading the love of reading.



- Our **Discovery program** provides students with further opportunities to **develop, practice, and use their talents and gifts.** Mrs. Rebecca De Smith features a learning target for each week, such as, "I can be patient with someone else every day this week". Mrs. De Smith meets with several groups K-8 throughout the week, and **invites students to live out the storyline of "See God's Story, Live God's Story."**

TALES AND TRAILS SUMMER CAMP

We are excited to offer a new summer supervision opportunity for your kids! **Tales and Trails Summer Camp is a quality, Christ-centered, educational, and fun experience available for students who are currently in TK - 5th grade.**



Kids will participate in a variety of **theme-related experiences each week**, plus enjoy times of outdoor play and in-town field trips. Kids will love the various themes, such as "Sensational Science", "Excited Explorers", and "Patriotic Parade", with activities, crafts, and explorations that center around the week's theme and connect to various throughlines taught at school.

Morning, afternoon, and all-day options are available, plus you can sign up on a per-week basis, with ten weeks of camp available (June 3 - August 9).

For all the details, go to www.sioxcenterchristian.com > Parent Center > Tales and Trails Summer Camp, or stop by, or call the school office at 712-722-0777. This camp is **OPEN to ALL CHILDREN in the community who are currently in TK - 5th grade. Share the news with your friends and neighbors** who may be looking for summer supervision for their children. Limited space is available each week, **so sign up soon!**

SIoux CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S 5TH ANNUAL TRAIL'RAISER NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019
A DEBT REDUCTION EVENT

SAVE the DATE for our 5th Annual Trail'Raiser Night

Saturday, April 13

COME ON DOWN! ...this year we're hosting

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

A live game show, right in the SCCS gym! **You won't want to miss our exciting version of a game show favorite!** Six mystery contestants...plus an opportunity to buy a name tag that puts you in the running to be one of three random contestants!



Celebration of Learning Open House

Tour school and see how our students are learning and living God's Story each day

Gourmet Cupcakes

NEW! Gourmet Bars and Gourmet Snack Mixes

WE ARE LOOKING FOR WILLING DONORS! We are **making it easy for you to donate gourmet bars and snack mixes by providing recipes** for you to choose from.

Plus we will **provide containers** for your bars, snack mixes, & cupcakes.

Call or email the school office if you want to know more or sign up to donate!



Cherished Chip Clips

Useful & adorable Wood Chip Clips hand-designed by SCCS students.

Watch for order forms coming later in March.



Cherished Chip Clips

Truth T-shirts

New design options on soft, comfy t-shirts in a variety of colors that will be available to purchase at Trail'Raiser Night! Designs will be revealed at the end of March.

Also a Freewill Supper, Silent Auction, and Concession Stand

There is something for everyone at Trail'Raiser Night! All proceeds from this event will go toward clearing the remaining \$800,000 debt on our \$6.8 million building expansion project.

We are looking forward to this exciting, community-building event in which we trust God to provide through His people!

Are you missing the Trailblazer Gala, where you enjoyed an evening out and Lorraine's prime rib?

We are working on a new idea similar to the Gala...but with a fun twist. It will probably be held in the fall.

Early May is just a busy time for such an event. Stay tuned ...we are brainstorming!

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TEST-DRIVE
A FORD AND
EARN \$20 FOR
YOUR SCHOOL.*

WHAT: *Take a spin in a new Ford vehicle. For every test-drive taken, Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to your school, for a total of up to \$6,000 per event.**

A little drive could go a long way.

WHO:

WHEN:

WHERE:

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*NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WITH A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE AND VALID AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE. Donation of \$20 per test-drive, up to 300 total test-drives, for a maximum total donation of \$6,000 per event. Limit (1) donation per person and (1) donation per household.