



SHIOWX CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

BULLETIN BOARD



SUMMER
2019

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2019!



On Wednesday, May 22, forty-six **8th graders celebrated their journey of faith and learning at Sioux Center Christian School** in a ceremony at First Reformed Church. Josh Bowar, head of school, challenged the graduates to **choose courage over comfort as they continue to be active in the process of seeking restoration**. Each graduate also shared, through a video, a throughline (discipleship characteristic) that they most identify with, where they have seen God working in their lives, and what their hopes are for the future. A praise team of graduates led everyone in song and some teachers also shared memories of this class.

Paul Ross, board president, and Josh Bowar handed diplomas to the graduates and, in closing, the faculty & staff **gathered around all the graduates to send them off with prayer**. Everyone was invited to stay for refreshments and a time of celebration. **Graduates, we praise God for His mighty work which is already evident in each of you and we pray that God will continue to live in you as you live out His Story! May you serve Christ and work as His lifelong agents of transformation in the world!**



Class of 2019: Isaac Alexander, Gabriel Borchers, Jonathan Breems, Paige De Boom, Cambree De Jong, Dana De Stigter, Thijs Doelman, Katelynn Dykstra, Emily Eppinga, Cody Feikema, Jacob Folkerts, Sean Frens, Derek Heynen, Hunter Hofland, Drew Jansma, Ayda Maassen, Shaylee Meyerink, Logan Muilenburg, Callie Mulder, Megan Mulder, Ashlyn Postma, Jordyn Postma, Haley Riebeling, Leyton Roetman, Megan Te Krony, Jocelyn Terpstra, Reagan Van Beek, Tyce Van Beek, Eli Van Middendorp, Ethan Van Middendorp, Micah Van Middendorp, Tate Van Regenmorter, Grace Van Roekel, JoyLyn Vande Berg, Lauren Vande Griend, Kryn Vander Berg, Lauren Vander Plaats, Brooklyn Vander Veen, Chase Veerbeek, Meghan Vos, Samuel Westra, Trevor Wieringa, Stella Winterfeld, Allyson Yesda, Caden Yesda, and MyKayla Zylstra.

Class Verse: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. "

1 Timothy 4:12

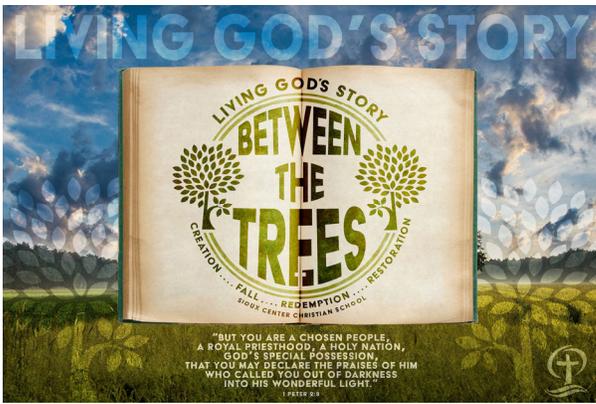
STORYLINE CELEBRATION

MRS. LISA MOUW, DIRECTOR OF LEARNING

Our **final storyline celebration chapel** of the year took place at the BJ Haan Auditorium on Monday, May 20. The stage was filled with 500 students, while family and friends filled the auditorium. **Students joyfully shared the songs they learned throughout the school year**, with the audience joining in on several songs. The songs reflected the throughlines (discipleship characteristics) that we focused on this year in chapel, classrooms, and connection groups: **Living as Image Reflectors, Creation Enjoyers, Truth Finders, Servant Workers, Order Discoverers, and Justice Seekers.**



What a **joy and privilege** it is to be surrounded by the music of **young hearts and minds worshiping their Creator**, who



has graciously called each of us into His Story! "Living God's Story" will continue to be our school's overall storyline, while each year we will focus on various aspects of how we are to live God's Story.

For the 2019-20 school year, our storyline will be "**Living God's Story Between the Trees**" and will be an exploration of how we live God's Story in light of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration.

We are excited for a new year of learning and living God's Story and invite parents, grandparents, and supporters to join our storyline chapels, which are typically the first Wednesday of each month at 1:35pm in the gym.



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CLOTHING & MORE

Outlet 75, our school's retail venture, is off to a great start in its first five months of business! Sales are excellent, and new customers and repeat customers are in the store weekly, looking for bargains on new clothing, shoes, furniture, and home décor.

New volunteers are always welcome! Our volunteers **unpack new boxes** of clothing, inspect each item, and put on hangers. Some

also serve as **cashiers** who help check out customers using a very simple app on an iPad and tend the floor displays. **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

If you're interested in helping at Outlet 75, please contact Emily Van Den Berg, volunteer coordinator, at 712-441-7142 or info@shopoutlet75.com; or sign up at the store or at registration. THANKS to the MANY volunteers, and Melissa, Bethany, Janey, Emily, & Kristi, who have all worked tirelessly in the past months to launch the store and keep it running well for the benefit of SCCS!

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STORE HOURS

Wednesdays 11am - 8pm

Thursdays 11am - 3pm

NICSTO TAX CREDIT OPPORTUNITY

The State of Iowa has recognized the need to support taxpayers who wish to support Christian education. Iowa taxpayers can receive a **tax credit up to 65% of their donation** and **deduct the gift** on Federal income tax, if they itemize. The NICSTO program (Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization) includes sixteen schools in NW Iowa and is a great tax benefit to those who will be paying Iowa taxes on their income, while blessing many families with tuition assistance.

A \$10,000 donation receives a \$6,500 Iowa tax credit and \$2,400 in Federal tax savings (24% tax bracket).

Note: A new Treasury ruling affects donations over \$10,000 at the Federal income tax level - just 35% of your donation may be deducted.

Your **IRA distribution** may also be gifted to NICSTO, with the double advantage of not counting as income while you still receive the 65% Iowa tax credit. Please visit with your tax professional for advice on how to best enjoy the donation opportunities of NICSTO.

The Sioux Center Christian School contribution goal for 2019-20 is \$303,003.

To donate, please complete the **NICSTO Contribution Memo form** (at the school office or online at www.siouxcenterchristian.com > Support > NICSTO) and send to school, along with your check made out to NICSTO, by December 3, 2019. If you intend to donate but won't know the amount until after Dec. 3, please contact Kelli Van Roekel or Amy Vander Berg (712-722-0777) with your intention to donate. **It is best to donate early!** Once NICSTO reaches its total goal of \$1,734,617, no more donations may be received.

Your donation to NICSTO directly benefits Sioux Center Christian families. In the 2018-19 school year, 102 families received a total of \$279,300 to help cover the costs of tuition. **THANK YOU to all who bless SCCS and our families through this opportunity!**

SCCS Families - If you want to apply for NICSTO tuition assistance, complete the NICSTO Eligibility Application and bring to the school office by Friday, Sept. 13. Forms will be in your folder at registration, at the school office, and online.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mrs. Autumn Den Boer (7th/8th reading teacher) **and her husband Dan welcomed a son, Rowen Daniel,** into their family on April 26. Loving sisters are Harper (K) and Scarlett (2 1/2).



Mrs. Rebekah Vande Kamp (2nd grade teacher) **and her husband Luke welcomed Rhemy Jon** on March 14. He is by well-loved by big brother Easton (3 1/2).



PACE SOFTENER SALT SALES

PACE (Parents in Action for Christian Education) would like to THANK ALL who ordered softener salt this spring.

Over **5,900 bags were sold** ...that is an increase of 700 bags from last year! This fundraiser helps PACE provide for our library, classroom purchases and enhancements, and much more!

THANK YOU!!



CALENDAR NOTES

Thursday, August 8 and Monday, August 12 5-8pm: Registration for all SCCS parents in the Orchestra Room. Please call the school office if you are unable to come to registration during one of those days. **All parents should have received an email with registration details around August 1.**

Thursday, August 8 at 6:30pm: New Parent Meeting in the Band Room. Childcare provided.

Thursday, August 22, 5-7pm: Open House

Friday, August 23: First Day of School

Saturday, August 24: Back to School Bash Freewill supper supporting the Legacy Plan.

IN MEMORY OF GOD'S FAITHFUL SERVANTS

With gratitude to God, we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of gifts toward Tuition Assistance in memory of *Jackie Van Ginkel* and to the Foundation in memory of *Dennis Walstra*.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE MR. PAUL ROSS, BOARD PRESIDENT

Greetings from the SCCS Board of Trustees!

The board **completed the following tasks this past year** in partnership with head of school, Dr. Josh Bowar: updating the entire board policy manual to reflect the mission directed governance framework, intentionally targeting trustee nominees based on board needs, the opening of Outlet 75, implementing a formal teacher evaluation system, the beginning of Tales and Trails summer camp, creating a 5-year budget projection, implementing several improvements in grades 7-8 (flexible seating, exploratories, parent visit days, recess buddies, Trailblazer Leadership Council) and initial conversations regarding multipurpose space needs.

We welcome the following **new trustees** as we start the 2019-2020 school year: Renae Calkhoven, Joe Bakker, and Greg Van Dyke. We look forward to serving with these leaders as we hold the school in trust. **This year's goals** include continued implementation of the strategic plan, working through the CSI accreditation process, intentional education for trustees, further communication with stakeholders, and visibility at school events.

We ask that you continue to hold the board up in prayer, that it may stay faithful to the mission statement and have the wisdom needed to make important decisions for our school. Thank you for your support of SCCS!

TRAIL'RAISER NIGHT 2019 MRS. AMY VANDER BERG, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTIONS

Saturday, April 13, was a beautiful day for our Trail'Raiser Night debt reduction event! Our halls were filled with an estimated 1,000 supporters, parents, grandparents, students, faculty, and staff. Classrooms were opened for our Celebration of Learning Open House, where kids eagerly **shared and showed how they are learning and living God's Story** each day. Attendees purchased delicious **gourmet cupcakes, bars, and snack mixes** (all **home-made** by over 60 supporters!) and two designs of **Truth T-shirts**. Mouw Motor hosted a **Ford Drive 4UR School test drive event**, which raised \$2,240. A **freewill supper** was enjoyed in the lunch room, along with a **concession stand** in the gym.

The evening was topped with a **live SCCS version of The Price is Right!** With local "celebrity" host Piet Westerbeeck and announcer Ryan De Groot, **nine contestants** played well-known games, such as Cliff Hangers and Plinko, all while vying for the opportunity to win fabulous and completely fake prizes, earn a spin on the amazing 7-foot wheel, and hopefully make it to the Showcase Showdown. **It was a fun night and a wonderful way for our supporting community to gather together in fellowship, with a shared goal of reducing the debt.** Before the event, students also sold and made 1,171 Cherished Chip Clips for parents, grandparents, and friends! And all the donations to those clips were doubled by matching donations!



We were blessed to also have a generous \$50,000 matching challenge, to which many donors generously gave so the entire match could be received! **We are SO THANKFUL for the generosity of our supporting community!! Your gifts - no matter the size - are evidence of your love and faithful commitment to Christ and the training of His treasured children!**

We are thrilled to report that **\$152,000 was raised** and will significantly contribute toward paying off our 2015 building expansion project! The building expansion has been a huge blessing and has given us the space we need to better serve every student and fulfill our vision **to treasure God's children, train them in His ways**, so they can be **transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit** as they learn and live God's Story.

THANK YOU to ALL the volunteers and donors who made Trail'Raiser Night such a blessing to our school! Special thanks to Vern Eekhoff, Game Show Master; Mouw Motor; A & I Products for the use of the BIG Wheel & games; the Price is Right team and contestants (who raised \$6,000!) and ALL who gave their time and amazing talents to the event!!



We hope you will mark your calendar for our **6th Annual Trail'Raiser Night, which is planned for April 4, 2020** and will include an Auction!