

ANNUAL REPORT

SIoux CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

I am excited to share this report about the **amazing things God is doing** at Sioux Center Christian School and the **impact our school is having in the lives of our treasured students**.

We are **very grateful for your gifts this past year** which have been essential to fulfilling our daily mission of discipling God's children. **We 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, **now and for their entire lives**.



Sioux Center Christian School is **blessed to partner with families and churches** in the privilege of this training, and **your gifts have made a significant impact**. Please know that **we are THANKFUL for every gift!**

As you read this annual report, we hope you **see God's faithfulness** to our school and **rejoice in knowing** your gifts work to **deepen our transformational impact** and **ignite opportunities** for God's kids.

God's Faithfulness

- In May, we completed a school year filled with **650,000 hours of impact in 517 students' lives** and launched **57 disciples** into their next step in God's Story, with diplomas in their hands and the transformational work begun at SCCS in their hearts and minds.
- In August, we opened our doors for our **118th year, welcoming 61 new students**, for a **total of 521 students** this year! Most of these new students are beginning their SCCS journey as transitional kindergarten (TK) or kindergarten students, and we are blessed to welcome several students who are new to Sioux Center, including five who have come from Ukraine.
- **With generous hearts, our community of supporters has given over \$3 million** in the past year and a half (beyond tuition, from 2021-2022), which makes our daily training possible, along with initiatives that deepen our impact in students' lives.

Deepening our Transformational Impact

- We continue to be blessed with faculty and staff who love the Lord and deeply desire to be a **living curriculum** for every child in their classroom. We **welcome Mr. Brandon Haan** as our new principal. Mr. Haan has a passion for working closely with our faculty and staff to ensure our classrooms are **spaces of deep learning and creative thinking**, with the goal of **transforming hearts and minds, as each learning experience is connected to God's Story**.
- As part of our strategic plan to provide a **richer art experience for our kindergarten through 4th grade** students, **Mr. Leroy Berentschot** has been hired as an art teacher and is engaging our younger students in the joys of being beauty makers. He is also our 5th - 8th grade technology and life skills teacher, providing middle school students with the tools needed for **Christ-like interaction with others**.
- **All transitional kindergarten - 8th grade students are delving into their new math curriculum**, which was carefully selected to help **develop higher level thinking skills** and to more closely align with current standards, while still giving teachers the flexibility to highlight **God's amazing design and order in each lesson**.
- **Building community among students** is a highlight of our transformational school life. Each TK - 3rd grade classroom is paired with one 4th - 8th grade classroom. **These connection groups gather each month to explore one element of a growing disciple** (such as *God Worshiper*) **and actively work together to live it out!** They also connect in learning activities: 7th graders test pinball machines designed by 3rd graders; 5th graders read with 1st graders; and 2nd graders interview 6th graders during their Medieval presentations.



Deepening our Transformational Impact **continued**

- We deeply desire to **enhance every area of study with inviting, memorable, and transformational learning experiences** for each grade level. This year, our **6th grade students formed a partnership with Oak Grove State Park** and worked to help expand the bike trail through the woods. Through this learning experience, they connected their study of God's creation with service to others.
- Our **8th grade students enjoyed a day trip to Kansas City** to enhance their studies in history class. Exploring the WWI exhibit and interacting with artifacts from the war helped them envision and comprehend the magnitude of the "Great War". Delving into the sunken treasures found in the Arabia Steamboat Museum gave them a glimpse of life on the American frontier in the 1850s.



Igniting Opportunities for God's kids

- We are passionate about **igniting opportunities for students to learn and thrive** and are blessed to report that in March our society approved going forward with plans for a campus expansion that will **provide for today's students**, while also ensuring we are able to **train God's kids for generations to come**.
- The Blazer Center campus addition and renovation will include a **multi-purpose performance, athletic, and gathering space outfitted to house chapels, plays, concerts, athletic events, and more**. Also included in the plans are **ten new classrooms for our 3rd, 7th, and 8th graders**, several flexible gathering spaces for student learning, and a kitchen remodel.
 - We are excited to report that we have **just reached a \$5 million milestone** in gifts and commitments, as we work toward the \$9 million milestone set by our board of trustees to break ground. The total estimated cost of the expansion is \$14.7 million. **This is a God-sized endeavor that will be driven by giving, which only God can inspire!**
- As we look back over the past 118 years, it is clear **we have been able to grow from a 30x40-ft two-story wood building** with 50 students in 1905 to a brick building that is the length of a city block and enfoldes 521 students because of **God's faithfulness through His people, from generation to generation**.
- One story of this faithfulness comes from the **legacy of Sam Wynia**, who in the 1950s made his pasture available to school (all the land south of our school). In 1949, we had just moved into our first, small brick building (which Sam helped build), so it **could hardly be imagined how so much land would ever be used**. But today, as we make plans to expand our campus, we are thankful the board had a vision for the future by purchasing land that has allowed past additions and daily provides a spacious playground, basketball courts, ball field, soccer field, plus room to expand our building to the south. **Sam's "pasture" has already blessed four generations of students** and will continue to serve as an activity-filled space for MANY generations to come!



Sam Wynia's grandson, Stan Wynia (1963 alumni, past trustee, past board president); great-granddaughter, Shawn Meyers (1991 alumni); great-great-grandchildren, Mikayla (2018 alumni) and Kaleb Meyers (7th grade).



Your partnership makes this possible...Thank you!

One of my greatest privileges is walking down the halls and stepping into classrooms to **hear** students laugh during a surprising volcano experiment, **watch** them decipher words as they learn to read, and **witness** them showing patience and kindness to students who are just starting to learn our language.

When I see this, I think of you. Your faithful support, through prayer, time, and financial gifts, makes this Christ-filled, life-impacting, generation-lasting, education possible. THANK YOU!

With you,

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Head of School

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The DETAILS & IMPACT your gifts have on daily fulfilling our mission at SCCS ENERGIZING NUMBERS

Established in **1905** (school society formed in 1903)

521 students (longest 500+ stretch in school history; 99% retention)

57 disciples graduated in May and began their next step within God's Story

279 families are choosing to partner with SCCS (up from 264)

\$9,538 full cost for a Christ-filled education for one student

\$460 contribution per child thanks to profits from alternate revenue efforts...

\$235,060 total (Foundation, Outlet 75, Tales & Trails, 4Care, Aftercare, Kindercare)

\$1,145,025 given in 2021-22 by our church partnerships through the Legacy Plan (\$1,100,000 was committed)

29 churches attended by SCCS families

\$7,290,000 purchased through the TRIP office (up \$1.8M!), with **\$185,000** going to SCCS tuition and **\$32,771** to Christian schools nationwide (2021-22)

91% of TRIP gift cards are redeemed at local businesses

\$304,000 total tuition grants received by 232 students through NICSTO in 2021-22. **\$406,189** is the goal amount for NICSTO donations in 2022

\$4,931,179 total budget for training God's children in 2022-23 school year

\$2,523,677 is the asset balance of the SCCS Foundation; **\$97,000** granted to school by Foundation in 2021-22; **\$115,000** committed for 2022-23

229 students being served through our inclusive education framework, which includes sensory and behavior support, learning center interventions, and the Discovery program

97 employees (58 full-time and 39 part-time). **85%** live in Sioux Center.

32% of elementary children (TK-8th grade) in Sioux Center attend SCCS

65 kids participated in Tales and Trails Summer Camp this summer

52 students attend AfterCare, **26** students attend Friday KinderCare, and **12** preschoolers attend half-day 4Care.

16 Christian schools participated in our 2nd annual Trailblazer Invitational track meet in May

1,260 hours in the school year filled with training each of God's children in **11** elements of a growing disciple: God Worshiper, Image Reflector, Truth Finder, Word Applier, Order Discoverer, Creation Enjoyer, Servant Worker, Justice Seeker, Community Builder, Beauty Maker, and Earth Keeper



Every child

TREASURED

As God's unique design, with a one-of-a-kind role in His Story

TRAINED

In the deep soil of God's Word and in the wonder of His creation

TRANSFORMED

By the truth and grace revealed in learning and living God's Story



PROGRAMS & RESOURCES WE OFFER AS WE TRAIN GOD'S KIDS

Bible, math, language arts, science, art, social studies, reading
Music (*orchestra, band, choir*)
Physical education
Trailblazer Time (*life skills training*)
Minimester exploratories (*5th-8th grades*)
Technology
Storyline chapels and chapel groups
Drama Ministry club
4Care (*half-day childcare for preschoolers*)
Inclusive education
Kindercare
Aftercare
Destination Imagination
Tales & Trails summer camp (*available for all 5-11 year olds in the community*)
Drama
Academic support
Behavior support
Musicals/plays
Team sports (*7th/8th grade: volleyball, basketball, soccer, & track*)
Spanish Club
School counselor
School nurse
Library
Talented and gifted program
School lunch
Busing
Parent visit days
PACE (parent group)

Sioux Center Christian School
is accredited through the
Iowa Department of Education by
Christian Schools International.

ACADEMIC STRENGTH

STAR Testing Cumulative Results Numbers are grade equivalent of testing done in April of the school yr.
Ex: Last school year, 5th grade students, on the 5th grade level math test, tested as if they were in the 6th grade, 4th month.

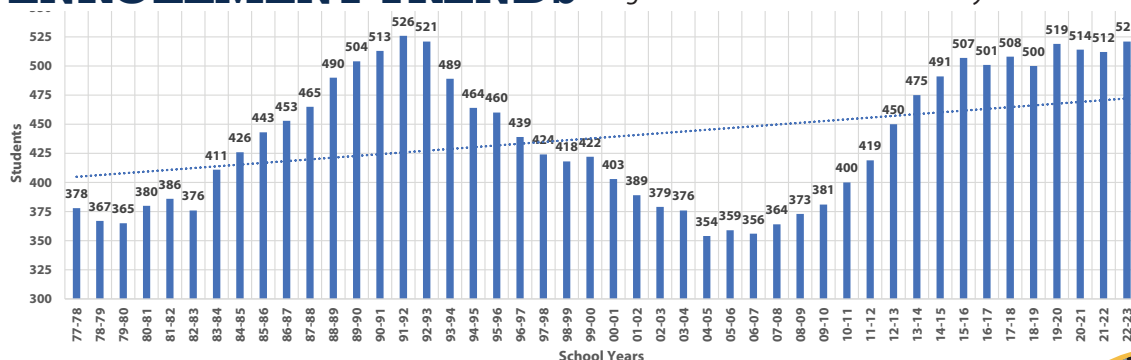
Grade Level	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	2020-21		2021-22	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	No Testing	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
1	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.4	CO19	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.4
2	4.3	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.6	CO19	3.8	3.6	4.0	3.7
3	5.4	4.8	5.3	4.9	5.3	4.8	CO19	4.7	4.6	4.8	5.0
4	5.9	5.5	5.9	5.3	6.2	5.4	CO19	5.6	5.6	5.5	6.0
5	7.0	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.5	7.0	CO19	6.5	6.4	6.2	6.4
6	8.8	7.2	7.5	6.8	7.2	6.8	CO19	7.7	7.0	7.1	6.8
7	9.2	9.8	9.4	7.4	9.0	8.3	CO19	8.8	7.8	9.7	8.5
8	10.0	11.1	10.1	12.9	10.2	9.3	CO19	9.8	10	9.9	10.9

WE ARE COMMITTED

...to staying true to the mission of Sioux Center Christian School by discipling God's children, holding fast to our Statement of Faith, and unapologetically maintaining and promoting our Reformed biblical foundation in all areas of school life.

ENROLLMENT TRENDS

Longest 500+ stretch in school history



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2021-2022 REPORT

Total Revenue \$4,799,165
Total Expenses \$4,520,090
Excess funding was placed into this account:
Building Fund \$279,075
Legacy Plan Gifts \$1,145,025
(Legacy Plan Goal was \$1,100,000)

FUND BALANCES

as of July 31, 2022
Tuition Grants \$179,451
Building Depreciation \$60,526
Earmarked for capital improvements and maintenance
Bus \$63,036
Earmarked for bus needs
Trailblazer Fund \$808,190
Cash reserves for three months of operating expenses, as suggested through CSI accreditation

2022-2023 BUDGET

INCOME
Tuition \$3,180,179
Legacy Plan \$1,100,000
Foundation Grant \$115,000
Other Revenue \$536,000

EXPENSES
Educational Supplies \$117,000
Fine Arts & Athletics \$41,150
Transportation \$81,711
Relations \$615,915
Salary and Benefits \$3,668,703
Facility Operations & Maintenance \$304,200
Technology \$65,000
Other \$37,500

Total 2022-23 Budget \$4,931,179



THANK YOU

It is a great privilege to report to you all this information about Sioux Center Christian School! Behind every number are **Kingdom servants who work to make these numbers possible.** Please continue to pray for our students, faculty, staff, trustees, and parents - that the **Holy Spirit may work mightily in all of us, as we learn and live God's Story!**

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