

# ANNUAL REPORT

## SIoux CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

I am excited to share this report on 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 past gifts** which have been essential to fulfilling our daily mission of discipling God's children. **Our world needs courageous disciples** who have been trained in the deep soil of God's Word and in the wonder of His creation.

Sioux Center Christian School is blessed to partner with parents and churches in the privilege of this training and **your gifts have made a significant impact**.



We are **especially thankful to report** that we have **completed the funding** on our largest building expansion project in the history of our school, all while **expanding our educational programs**, launching **new endeavors**, and **strengthening our pursuit** to Live God's Story in every part of the school day. We are excited to continue on the **path of growth, obedience, and excellence** as we envision the future of Sioux Center Christian School.

There are many areas of school life to report that show **God's faithfulness** and our **journey of growing impact** in the lives of students, faculty, and staff:

### God's Faithfulness

- We have opened our doors to train God's kids for **117 years!** With 511 students this year, we continue on the longest 500+ student trend in our history and are blessed with a 99% student retention rate.
- By God's grace, our community of supporters has given an **astonishing \$18.6 million over the past eight years** (beyond tuition, from 2013-2020), which allowed for a 25,000 sq. foot building expansion and funded what is needed for daily training and many new initiatives for our growth.

### Our Journey of Growth

- With a deep desire to enfold the full body of Christ, we have added faculty and staff who are trained and dedicated to **help students who need extra support during the school day**. We have 97 students who benefit from our **inclusive education** initiative, with 25 students at the tier 3 level.
- Our faculty has worked diligently to implement **Teaching for Transformation** as the framework that encompasses all teaching and learning, so that **students may discover God's Story and see His fingerprints in all things**. Our teachers craft every learning experience with the desire that it will be truly transformational in the minds and hearts of students.
- We have made strides in increasing our **financial sustainability**. We now have a 5-year budgeting plan, almost 3 months of cash reserves, and we have also added several additional sources of revenue that help fuel our mission. **Outlet 75** is a retail store that grants all profits to SCCS. We have also added **childcare opportunities**, such as Aftercare, Kindercare, 4Care, and Tales and Trails Summer Camp, to meet a need for families with our high caliber staff while providing revenue.
- Our **Bible curriculum** has been updated to a curriculum from Summit Ministries that teaches God's Story through the distinctive Reformed lens and includes training in apologetics, so our students are equipped to proclaim and defend God's Truth. Our **literacy curriculum** was updated to implement research-proven strategies that help students build a strong foundation as lifelong readers.



## Our Journey of Growth **continued**

- **We care about the whole child** and have intentionally added daily rhythms in our classrooms that help students **develop life skills** of Christ-like interaction with others, practice strategies for handling internal and external stresses, and navigate clear paths of **restoration** when there is conflict. We added a full-time school counselor who provides expertise and works to help carry out our vision of caring for each child's social, emotional, and mental health.
- At every grade level, we have added **extraordinary student experiences**. As an example, students in grades 5–8 now enjoy “minimesters” twice a year. They are given two days to explore a variety of skills and interests, such as robotics, comic book creation, building mini treehouses, painting, and more – and they love it! It allows our teachers to share expertise in hobbies they enjoy and students to engage in unique learning opportunities that spark their imagination.
- **Our building is the headquarters of God's mission through SCCS** and, in addition to the vital building expansion that was completed in 2015, we have also given our 70-year-old “west wing” a bright and inviting refresh, the furniture in all classrooms has been updated to enhance learning, and the technology in every classroom is up-to-date, giving teachers access to tools that support their face-to-face instruction.



## God's Impact through SCCS

Let me introduce you to a couple of God's children who are thriving at SCCS because of strides we have made, and continue to make, to be **as inclusive as possible in our educational capabilities**.



- I'd like you to meet **Daya, a 2nd grader at SCCS**. Daya is a student full of life with a passion for learning. She likes to dance, sing, and make friends. Daya spends large parts of her day with her 2nd grade class and part of her day working on specific skills with a resource teacher. Throughout the day, she is supported by a paraprofessional. Daya also happens to have Down syndrome, but, more importantly, she is a child of God.

- And meet **Courtney, a 4th grader at SCCS**. Courtney has a smile that lights up a room. She likes to play with her pets, is very creative, and is a very hard worker. Courtney spends her day with her 4th grade friends and is supported by a paraprofessional and the latest technology available. Courtney also happens to be legally blind, but, more importantly, she is a child of God.



## Faithful giving has made these stories – plus every story of our journey – possible.

When you gave through your church or directly to our school, **you made God's work** through Sioux Center Christian School **a transforming reality** in the lives of God's children.



## Thank you for your Partnership

When I walk the halls of Sioux Center Christian and step in the classrooms, I **see** students engaged in learning, I **hear** them reciting their times tables and singing God's praises, I **watch** their eyes light up as they experience the wonders of a chemistry experiment, and I **witness** them showing kindness to a classmate who needs a friend.

**When I see this, I think of you. Your faithful support, through prayer, time, and financial gifts, makes this Christ-filled, life-impacting 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



### 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  
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)

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

**511** students (growth of 92 students in the past 10 years)

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

**261** families are choosing to partner with SCCS in their child's education

**\$9,190** full cost for a Christ-filled education for one student

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

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

**\$1,152,195** given in 2020-21 by our church & family partnerships through the Legacy Plan

**\$1,134,500** committed by churches to the Legacy Plan for 2021-22

**27** churches attended by SCCS families

**365** families participate in the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP)

**\$5,500,000** purchased through the TRIP office, with **\$115,372** given back to SCCS tuition and **\$56,574** to Christian schools nationwide (2020-21)

**\$224,807** total tuition grants received by 120 families through NICSTO in 2020-21. **\$316,242** goal amount for NICSTO donations in 2021

**\$4,754,387** total budget for training God's children in 2021-22 school year

**ZERO** debt remaining on our \$6.8 million 2015 building expansion project

**\$3,113,900** is the asset balance of the SCCS Foundation; **\$75,000** granted to school by Foundation in 2020-21; **\$97,000** committed for 2021-22

**97** students being served through support plans as part of the inclusive education framework

**92** employees (49 full-time and 43 part-time)

**62** kids participated in Tales and Trails Summer Camp this summer (up 20 kids from 2020)

Parents in Action for Christian Education (PACE) concluded their fundraising function in 2020-21, providing **\$16,370** to SCCS for the last school year and directing their accumulated reserves to the Building Fund (\$15,000) and the Foundation (\$30,000). PACE now focuses on encouragement to faculty & staff and fellowship among parents and students.



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

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



## ACADEMIC STRENGTH

**SCCS Iowa Assessments** Indicates what students were testing like in certain grades. Example: 3rd grade students, on the 3rd grade level test, tested as if they were a student in their 4th grade, 7th month

Grade	Reading	Written Expression	Math	Composite Score
3	5.0	5.3	4.7	4.7
4	5.7	7.3	5.6	5.9
5	6.9	8.0	6.4	6.7
6	8.3	10.2	6.7	7.7
7	9.5	12.0	8.8	9.2
8	8.7	10.5	9.5	9.5

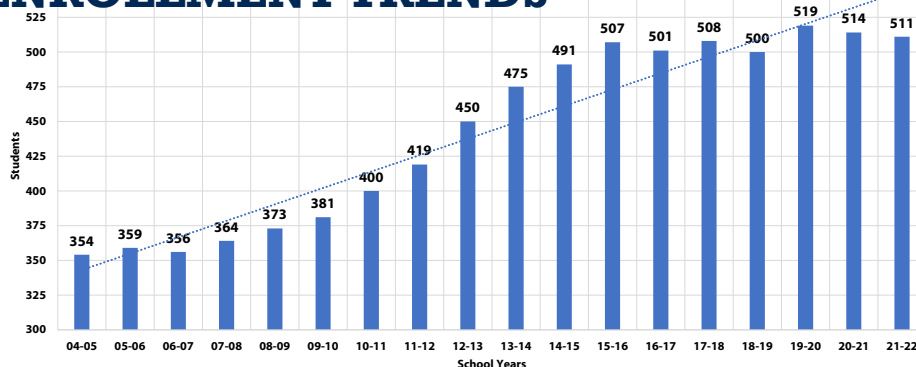


Iowa Dept of Education: SCCS Spring 2021 Iowa Assessments

## 2021-22 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- » Ensure **effective**, visionary governance.
- » Remain **accessible** to all families seeking to enroll their children at SCCS.
- » Provide **additional space** for faculty and staff to collaborate with each other, parents, and students.
- » **Support teachers** in their professional calling.
- » **Strengthen curriculum** scope and sequence.

## ENROLLMENT TRENDS



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 2020-2021 REPORT

Total Revenue \$3,981,247

Total Expenses \$3,824,625

Excess funding was placed into these accounts:

Trailblazer Fund \$13,000

Tuition Grants \$100,000

Building Fund \$43,622

Legacy Plan Gifts \$1,152,195

(Legacy Plan Goal was \$1,338,339)

### FUND BALANCES

as of July 31, 2021

Tuition Grants \$211,684

Building Depreciation \$101,502

Earmarked for capital improvements and maintenance

Bus \$64,536

Earmarked for bus needs

Trailblazer Fund \$808,190

Cash reserves, building toward three months of operating expenses, as suggested through CSI accreditation

### 2021-2022 BUDGET

#### INCOME

Tuition \$3,015,587

Legacy Plan \$1,100,000

Foundation Grant \$97,000

Other Revenue \$541,800

#### EXPENSES

Educational Supplies \$126,000

Fine Arts & Athletics \$40,950

Transportation \$72,304

Relations \$604,081

Salary and Benefits \$3,495,497

Facility Operations & Maintenance \$313,305

Technology \$65,000

Other \$37,250

### Total 2021-22 Budget

\$4,754,387

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## THANK YOU

What a blessing it is to be able 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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