

SIoux CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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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.



Our newsletter has a
NEW NAME
and a **NEW LOOK!**



GREETINGS!

It's been a few months since we've connected with you, our supporters. We pray that you are **doing well living God's Story each day. We are incredibly THANKFUL for YOU, our supporting community!**

This is just a short newsletter to **connect with you before our school year begins.** Watch for our September issue where we'll share more stories and pictures from school - kids learning in person again, new faculty and staff, and much more.

FROM Dr. Josh Bowar, Head of School...

We are absolutely thrilled to be planning for a **return to face-to-face learning with our treasured students starting Tuesday, August 25.** We engaged in extensive planning during the months of June and July and are confident that our plan implements **common-sense, sustainable, and impactful** mitigations that help fulfill our goal of keeping as many students as possible on campus as consistently as possible.

If you would like to see the details of our **Community Care Plan**, please go to www.siouxcenterchristian.com > **Parent Center > Community Care Plan.** Here's a summary:

- Our goal is to **do what's best for God's kids:** provide a continuity of Christ-centered learning in regular community with one another and under the direction of skilled teachers who love the Lord and love God's kids. We have plans to synchronously teach students who cannot join in-person learning due to their health.
- We will **focus on and support all areas of health:** physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual.
- We **will not require masks** for students or employees, but we will welcome and support any student or employee who wishes to wear one.
- We are following the guidance of the CDC and Iowa Department of Public Health on exposure to COVID-19: If you have been **within 6 feet of someone positively diagnosed with COVID-19 for at least 15 continuous minutes without a mask**, starting from **48 hours before the person had symptoms until their time of isolation**, then you are considered EXPOSED to COVID-19, but you are not considered contagious (people close to you are not exposed). We have no requirement to get tested.
- Classrooms will have **desks arranged in "pods"** so that when students are learning together in intervals longer than 15 minutes, their exposure will be limited to a smaller number of students. This keeps learning more like normal while limiting exposure.



We have a long list of plans that we are gladly implementing so that the return to school is safe, yet as normal as possible. Our **most important plans still center on training God's children in His Way and helping them discover God's Story and His fingerprints in all things.**



We dedicate our plans, our school, and this school year to our LORD, who is the True Head of Sioux Center Christian School. We ask you to **continue faithfully praying** for our school, our students, faculty & staff, and parents.

We go forward into the 20-21 school year with the **COMPLETE ASSURANCE** that God is **SOVEREIGN! He is the trustworthy Shepherd, loving Protector, and Mighty Warrior on behalf of us all.** May we find peace in this truth and in the confidence that we can do this because God's got this!

With you,

Joshua F. Bowar

Our 2020 GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS to our graduates! On Thursday, May 21, forty-seven 8th graders **celebrated their journey of faith and learning at Sioux Center Christian School** with an outdoor ceremony on the parking lot of the All Seasons Center.

Graduates (now almost high school freshmen): We have been blessed by your nine-year journey through our hallways! **We praise God for His mighty work in each of you and pray that God will continue to work powerfully in you and through you as you live out His Story and work as His lifelong agents of transformation in the world.**



Trail'Raiser Night report

Our annual Trail'Raiser Night event, which was originally planned for Saturday, April 4, had to take a different approach to fundraising to reduce the debt on our 2015 building expansion project. We are excited to share that, thanks to generous participation in the reimagined Online Auction, Wood Prayer Magnets made by students, and Truth T-shirts, **we were able to unlock matching donations of \$47,500 and pay off over \$92,000 of our debt!**

Currently, our actual debt remaining is at \$632,000. We pray that God will continue to enrich our efforts to completely pay for the building expansion, which has been a great blessing to our school. **Donations to the building fund are welcome at any time.** Just mail or drop off at school. Thank you!



Outlet 75 report

Outlet 75, the retail store south of town that sells new, overstock apparel, shoes, and home decor, also serves as an alternate revenue source, directly supporting the mission of SCCS.

At the end of June, **Outlet 75 gave Sioux Center Christian a distribution check of \$25,000!** Since opening in March 2019, Outlet 75 has paid off their startup costs and given SCCS a total of \$55,000. **THANK YOU** to our managers, volunteers, and customers! www.shopoutlet75.com

