

SIoux CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2021

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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.



LOVE the LORD your
GOD with all your
heart, soul, and mind.

We
LOVE
being in
school!



TREASURED...TRAINED...TRANSFORMED

FROM Dr. B.

Each January, we survey every student at SCCS because we care about what they think about their school experience. School is for kids, after all, right?



Mrs. Lisa Mouw has visited each classroom to proctor our survey, with the classroom teacher leaving the room. The students complete their survey, and then we read over each of them to look for trends. Students rate several statements and provide written feedback. Working with Mrs. Megan Birdsong, our school counselor, we also follow up with any students who share concerns, such as bus issues, any bullying happening, and other items. We want students to know that we read what they write and care about them, so we follow up when needed. We also share summarized results with teachers.



I am thrilled to share the overall averages from the survey (below), which have shown a steady increase since we started surveying students 3 years ago. We praise God for what is happening at SCCS and are so thankful for the faithful work being done by our faculty and staff!

We continue to pursue excellence as we implement any needed improvements. Using data like this survey

Statements Rated	2019	2020	2021	Comparison
I am learning about God and my place in His Story.	3.74	3.75	3.75	+0.01
My teacher cares about me.	3.62	3.64	3.69	+0.07
My teacher helps me grow and learn.	3.55	3.60	3.66	+0.11
My teacher gives me opportunities to live out my part in God's Story.	3.54	3.56	3.56	+0.02
My teacher treats everyone fairly.	3.49	3.54	3.56	+0.07
I feel safe in my classroom.	3.49	3.60	3.61	+0.12
My teacher provides different ways for me to learn.	3.41	3.47	3.52	+0.11
I am an important part of my class.	3.30	3.34	3.39	+0.09
I enjoy being at school.	2.97	3.00	3.14	+0.17

helps us get an accurate picture of how school is going for our students as we seek to provide the best possible Christian education in our desire to treasure and train our students so they may be transformed.

Thank you for your support of SCCS!

With you,

Joshua F. Bowar

Students rated each of the statements: 1 = strongly disagree; 2 = disagree; 3 = agree; 4 = strongly agree / 4.0 is the highest score possible

SCCS Board Update

Greg Van Dyke, Board President

I recently took time to reflect, and how does one reflect these days? You click your "1 Year Ago" button in your Google Photos (I'm not an iPhone guy)! I was reminded I was in San Diego, CA, attending a conference for Christian higher education. I remember attending sessions in packed conference rooms, eating meals with colleagues, and hearing on the news that the first Covid-19 case in San Diego was confirmed. Little did I know that three weeks later SCCS would be sending kids home from school, not knowing when they would be able to return. The kids never did return last year.

Thankfully, the amazing teachers and staff were able to pivot quickly (really quickly) and learning from home started happening in a matter of days. Over the summer, a group of teachers, staff, and administrators put together a thoughtful Community Care Plan, and it has been amazing to see how well the plan has worked at SCCS this year.

Over the past few months, the SCCS trustees made it their goal to contact each family to see how things have been going for their kids this year. The trustees reflected on those phone calls at our last meeting, and the response from the parents was overwhelmingly positive. The thing that stood out to us most of all was how thankful the parents are for the most important part of SCCS – the people who work there and carry out the mission of SCCS every day! Teachers were praised by name, the measured approach of the Community Care Plan was mentioned, the vision and work of administration was thanked, and the extra cleaning done by staff was commended.

If you've watched the news recently, you might have seen the majority of schools across the country are just opening for the first time since the March shutdown. I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to all the faculty, staff, and administration at SCCS for the amazing work they have done in order to keep our kids in school all year! I encourage all of you to find a special way to say thank you to your kids' teachers and staff at SCCS over the next few months because they have been incredible in equipping the kids with a knowledge and understanding of Christ and His creation!



Stories from the Hallways

- » This school year, we have been focused on being Agents of Restoration in our community and in our world. Our December focus was "Agents of Restoration GIVE". As Christians, we are called to give of our time, talents, and treasures for God's Kingdom. We wanted to encourage and recognize those in our community who are living as Agents of Restoration who GIVE- our healthcare workers.



Each homeroom collected snacks and wrote notes of encouragement and gratitude to our healthcare workers, recognizing how each healthcare worker has given of their time and talents for our community. Three homeroom classes were selected to deliver the baskets and notes to each healthcare facility in Sioux Center. We pray that our healthcare workers were blessed by these gifts as they care for our community.



- » In January, our 2nd graders celebrated Curious George Day. A big part of the day was spent sparking their curiosity by creating Rube Goldberg machines. They had conversations about being determined, perseverance, and working through disappointment if our plans don't work.

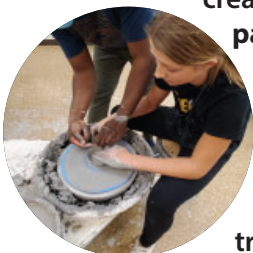
#OrderDiscoverers



« As part of a unit on engineering and design, our 3rd graders designed pinball machines and were able to invite other grades to try them out. They worked in teams to design, test, and share their machines. #OrderDiscoverers



» The art room at SCCS was buzzing with activity during the month of January! Thanks to a grant from the Conover Foundation, Mrs. Lori De Jong was able to create a ceramic workshop curriculum that ALL STUDENTS from 1st-8th grade participated in to learn pottery wheel and/or hand-building techniques.



We were blessed to welcome guest ceramic artist, Levi Yakubu, to lead some of the workshops and demonstrate how to create pottery on the pottery wheel. It was exciting to see their works after they went through the fire of the kiln! What a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn a craft that transforms a lump of clay into something beautiful...and reminds us that God has formed and is transforming us with His hand. #BeautyMakers #ImageReflectors



« One of our newest teachers recently received the Pella Corporation Staff Member of the Month award. Mrs. Emily Groeneweg, our grades 7-8 writing teacher, received the award for January. She received a \$500 gift to impact the student experience in her classroom. Thank you to Sioux Center Pella Corporation for this program! Nominations are due on the 25th of each month; forms are online or by the TRIP office.



« We started the month of February by celebrating Literacy Week with the theme "Go Undercover with a Good Book". Students enjoyed "Dark Mode Reading" (with flashlights) and "Going Undercover" to read with connection group partners, and ended the week with an Undercover Agent Book Walk. Hundreds of gently used children's books were donated by our students and shared with Promise Community Health, so they can share with kids who visit them.



» Mr. Dan Tinklenberg's 7th grade science class visited KDCR in February. Their goal was to see how waves are used for communication purposes, and more importantly, for Kingdom work. Jim Bolkema provided so much knowledge that brought their science lessons to life. Plus, as part of Mrs. Emily Groeneweg's persuasive writing unit, students wrote radio ads promoting our school and a few were able to record their ads. Listen to KDCR (88.5FM) to hear the ads being broadcast on air now!



» For two days in February, our 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th graders enjoyed the opportunity to learn new skills through our MINIMESTER program. Our middle school teachers and staff led over 20 different sessions such as 3D Printing, Calligraphy, Lego Masters, Canvas Painting, HTML/Javascript Coding, Archery, Improvisation, Strategy Games, Flags 101, Tiny Treehouses, Super Hero Drawing, Confectionary Art, and more! Students were very excited to discover new talents and gifts through three sessions each day.

New Signs at Sioux Center Christian



If you've been around our school campus recently, you may have noticed we have some **new signs, helping to clearly identify our school and direct guests to our main entrance.** The new lighted brick sign to the north of our main entrance serves to welcome guests and was made possible by donations given in memory of William (Bill) Rens. Bill served as our construction advisor during the 2015 building expansion project and his expertise was priceless!



The First CRC Foundation provided a grant for the remaining signs located on the west side of school, a smaller sign by our north driveway, an updated insert on our west brick sign, plus a sign by our main doors helping school guests find the little button needed for entry. We are also planning to add banners to our light poles this summer. We **extend our deep thanks** to the family and friends of Bill Rens and to the First CRC Foundation, plus all those who had a part in designing, building, and installing the signs!



Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.

Our 7th and 8th grade students began practicing for the musical, *Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.* in October and spent many hours learning their lines, the well-known songs, and choreography. They were blessed to give live performances for family and friends on Friday and Saturday, January 22 & 23.

We praise God for their work as Beauty Makers! Thanks go to those who spent

countless hours guiding and directing the students in this production: Mrs. Eileen Buiter (director), Mr. Peter Kuipers (music director/assistant director), Mrs. Jill Friend (assistant music director), Mrs. Melissa Knobloch (choreographer), Mr. Jon Buiter, Ms. Kirsten Buiter, Mr. Edwin Buiter (sets, costumes, and lighting design).



To see more pictures, go to siouxcenterchristian.com > Student Life > Photos of School Life

A Completed Picture

Last March, students who were in 5th and 6th grade worked on a collaborative art project that was "sold" on our 2020 Trail'Raiser Night online auction (last May). They used watercolors to create a beautiful art piece with our Trailblazer logo at the center. The project was completed just days before CO19 kept the students at home, but it brought in \$3,210 in donations via the online auction!

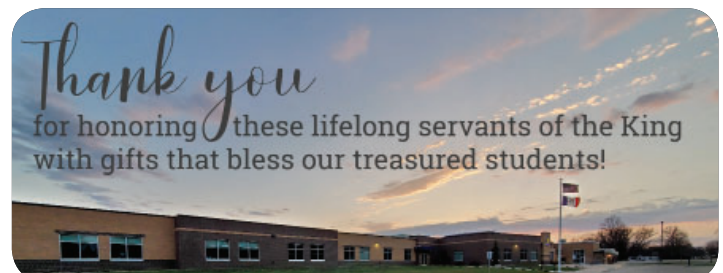
The art piece was recently framed by Golden Prairie Art and will soon hang in the school office. THANKS to Mrs. Lori De Jong and the almost 100 students (now 6th & 7th graders) who shared their creative skills on this project, and to Lauren & Barb Ochsner for beautifully completing the piece!



In Memory of God's Faithful Servants

With gratitude to God, we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following memorial gifts:

Ron De Weerd – Building Fund
Annetta Mulder – Estate Gift to Building Fund
Jeff Nibbelink – Tuition Assistance
Mariann Haak – SCCS Foundation
Catherine Sybesma – Building Fund



TK & Kindergarten Round Up

Do you know a child who is ready to start school this fall? It is Round Up time at Sioux Center Christian School, and we are excited to share how your child will be enfolded as they learn and live God's Story at our school!

PARENT INFO MEETING

Thursday, March 4

CHOOSE your TIME:

12:30 - 1:30pm

(at this time you will be able to see our school in action!)

6:30 - 7:30pm

Please join us for a brief presentation and an opportunity to tour the school and see the classrooms. We are eager to meet you and answer your questions!

Come to our north main entrance. We will greet you and direct you where to go.

ROUND UP



Thurs & Fri, March 25 & 26

Round Up is a time devoted to getting to know your child through group learning activities and play-based centers. Round Up will be a fun, interactive experience for your child!

Thursday Sessions

8:15am - 10:15am

10:15am - 12:15pm

12:45pm - 2:45pm

Friday Sessions

8:15am - 10:15am

10:15am - 12:15pm

We're
EXCITED to
meet our
FUTURE
TRAILBLAZERS!

To reserve your child's Round Up session, please complete our online form at www.siuoxcenterchristian.com > Admissions > Round Up Registration

If you have any questions or would prefer to register via phone or in person, please contact our school office at 712-722-0777 (8am - 4pm weekdays) or stop by!
A child must be 5 years old by Sept. 15, 2021 to enroll in either TK or Kindergarten.



A Sneak Peek of SCCS for Preschoolers

**CHOOSE A
FRIDAY:**

March 5

March 12

9:30-10:30am

Current preschool-age kids and their parents are invited to come and experience a sneak peek of SCCS! Enjoy a time of activities and play that includes whole group story time.
FREE! To sign up and choose a session, go to siouxcenterchristian.com > Admissions > Sneak Peek



4Care at SCCS

Sioux Center Christian School offers a play-based child-care opportunity for 4-years-olds enrolled in preschool called 4Care.

If you have a child who will be in preschool next year (2021-22) and are looking for childcare for the other half of their days, this is a great place for your child to enjoy hands-on, child-led, play-based learning at SCCS when preschool is not in session.

To learn more about 4Care and to reserve your child's place, go to siouxcenterchristian.com > Admissions > 4Care for Preschoolers



Tales and Trails Summer Camp

It's time to think about summer and what kids will be doing while parents are at work.

This is the 3rd year we are offering **Tales and Trails Summer Camp** – an educational and FUN summer supervision option for kids! With exciting weekly themes, such as Cool Chemistry, Wild West, and Fabulous Flight, Tales and Trails offers ten weeks of active and engaging experiences for kids. Half-day and full-day options are available, plus parents can choose the weeks their child will attend.

Summer Camp is open to any children of the community who are 5-11 years of age by June 1. Share the info with your friends and neighbors and let them know about this Christ-centered summer supervision experience for kids. More details on the camp options and the registration form are by the TRIP office and online at siouxcenterchristian.com > Parent Center > Tales and Trails Summer Camp



School Choice in Iowa - Dr. Josh Bowar

There is currently a big push for school choice legislation in Iowa, and that is a great thing! The Iowa legislature is analyzing whether to provide Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs) for families. We encourage you to join us in our efforts to advocate for school choice in Iowa.

ESAs Fund Parents and Children

An ESA gives parents the choice to customize their child's education and focus on their unique needs regardless of income, location, cost, special needs, or other barriers currently preventing choice. The funding goes to the parents for approved educational expenditures such as tuition, tutoring, therapies, or online learning.

Statewide polling consistently shows Iowans' support for Education Savings Accounts hovers at or above 67%.

Do the ESAs take money away from public schools and fund private schools?

No. The grant goes to the parents who can then choose approved school options that best fit their children's needs. Many studies have shown that school choice programs do not have a detrimental effect on public schools. There has not been a mass exodus from public schools when a widespread choice program has been implemented.

The argument for school choice is this: since all parents are taxpayers, funding should follow children wherever their parents choose to send them to school.

Why is an ESA needed in Iowa?

- » Education is not a one-size-fits all service. Giving parents and students choices is not a zero-sum game. All ships can rise as we make sure every child has access to the education that best meets their needs.
- » Parents should have the freedom to choose their child's learning options.
- » ESAs give parents options to seek schools with smaller class sizes and more individualized teacher attention.
- » ESAs offer parents the opportunity to access schools with curriculums that better fit their needs (high level science, engineering, and math).
- » ESAs should be available to all families regardless of income or special needs.

If parents choose to use an ESA grant to send their child to a faith-based school, doesn't that violate the separation of church vs. state?

America has had a long history of allowing religious institutions to serve the citizenry. Parents have been allowed to send their children to religious preschools that the state funded, Medicaid patients can choose religious hospitals for care, and the GI bill from the early 20th century allowed the greatest generation to pay for tuition at religious colleges and even seminary. A number of recent court cases have all but ended the debate by striking down policies based on anti-religious bigotry or many state's unfortunate "Blaine Amendments" in their constitutions. Funding parents and their choices is Constitutional.

Does the Governor's 2021 (SF 159) Education Bill include ESAs for Iowa families?

Sort of. The bill, among many other things, establishes "Students First" scholarships. Similar to ESAs, the scholarship grants are available to students who attend a "failing" public school building. Currently on the Comprehensive (failing) list are approximately 34 schools in Iowa, including some in Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Dubuque, Davenport, Marshalltown, Waterloo.

The program is very small, geographically limiting, and based on ZIP code. That's why we're asking every Iowa parent to email their state representative (it already passed the Senate 26-21) and ask him/her to improve this portion of the bill to include current families and additional students statewide.

Thank you for helping us advocate for school choice!

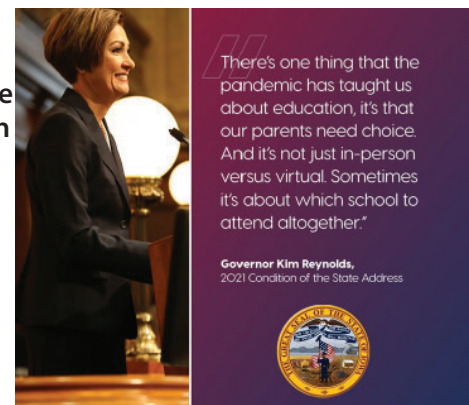
To take action, head to iowachristianschools.org/action-center

Source: Iowa Association of Christian Schools

Did You Know?

- » 67% of Iowans are in favor of ESAs
- » More than 77% of current school parents are in favor of universal ESAs (available for all)
- » The top reasons cited for supporting ESAs include: access to better academic environment, more freedom and flexibility for parents, and focus on more individual attention
- » 43% of current and former Iowa school parents say they would prefer to send their children to private school if financial costs and transportation were of no concern

Source: Iowa Alliance for Choice in Education "Iowa K-12 & School Choice Survey"



SCCS Calendar

Our calendar is also at www.siuoxcenterchristian.com

March 1-4: Iowa Assessments for Grades 3 - 8

Wed, March 3: Storyline Chapel

Living God's Story as Agents of Restoration: SERVE

Thurs, March 4: TK/K Parent Info Mtg @ 12:30pm or 6:30pm

Fri, March 5: Sneak Peek for Preschoolers @ 9:30am

Fri, March 12: Sneak Peek for Preschoolers @ 9:30am

**Tues & Wed, March 16 & 17: Parent-Teacher Conferences
Legacy Plan Info Sessions**

Fri, March 19: No School

Tues, March 23: Society Meeting @ 7pm (First CRC)

Thurs & Fri, March 25 & 26: TK/K Round Up

Wed, March 31: No School, Professional Development

Thurs-Mon, April 1-5: No School, Easter Break

Tues, April 6: No School, Professional Development

Wed, April 7: Storyline Chapel

Living God's Story as Agents of Restoration: TELL

**Fri, April 16: Grandparent/Special Friend Day;
11:30 dismissal**

Sat, April 17: Trail'Raiser Night/Celebration of Learning

Mon, May 24: Storyline Celebration

**Wed, May 26: Graduation; Last Day of School
11:05 dismissal**

Want to Keep in Touch with the weekly happenings at SCCS?

We post our weekly Home Bulletin on our website.

Just click on **Parent Center > Newsletters** and the link to the most current weekly newsletter will be at the top of the page. This is **updated every Wednesday afternoon** while school is in session.

Also follow us on Facebook @siouxcenterchristian



SCCS Society Meeting

The Sioux Center Christian School annual society meeting will be held at First CRC on **Tuesday, March 23 at 7pm.**



Watch our website or your church bulletin for the agenda and meeting details coming out a couple weeks before the meeting.

At this meeting, society members will receive a financial update, an update on changes coming for the Legacy Plan, a reminder of the trustee nomination procedure, and a board update. The society will also participate in affirming trustee nominations and approving the 21-22 budget. **We invite all society members to attend!**

Job Openings for the 2021-22 school year

If you or someone you know would like to be part of a dedicated faculty and staff, and desires to train His covenant children, check out the positions available, full job descriptions, and how to apply at siouxcenterchristian.com > **About SCCS > SCCS Employment**



Community Care Plan Update

Our focus remains on doing what's best for kids. As we navigate this school year, we continue to use data and the Governor's proclamations to make informed decisions.

We are so thankful to continue to share positive news: there have been many days when our attendance this year has been better than corresponding attendance last year, we have not had a confirmed positive case at school since November, and spread happening at school continues to be minimal. **We praise God!**

Our intent is to make monthly reductions to mitigations, remaining aware of the current situation and adjusting as needed. Several protocols will stay in place.

In March, we look forward to having chapel in the gym with 1/3 of the student body and face-to-face parent-teacher conferences, society meeting, and Round Up, with voluntary masking in all situations.

As we continue moving to spring, our hope is to continue increasing the number of people attending chapel in the gym, discontinue cleaning between class periods and small groups, and host face-to-face Grandparent/Special Friend Day, Celebration of Learning, Trail'Raiser Night, graduation, and storyline celebration. We want to continue to monitor the situation before finalizing any of these decisions. **Thank you for your prayers and support during this unique time and moving forward.**



SCCS GETS A \$1 DONATION

For every \$2.50 red "My Heart" Reusable Bag sold at our Sioux Center Hy-Vee in March!

HyVee



7/8 Athletics: Volleyball and Basketball

Mr. Kyle Brummel, athletic director

Colossians 3:17 *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."*

This year in volleyball, we had 33 students represent our 7th and 8th grade teams. Becky Postma, Tiffany Postma, and Payton Hostetler did a great job leading these girls to another successful volleyball season. These coaches spent time in practices and games developing an understanding, appreciation, and love for the game. We thank these coaches and students for all the hard work they put in throughout the season!

We had another awesome basketball season with 54 students representing the Trailblazers as part of our 7th and 8th grade basketball teams. We were blessed to have great coaches that taught/coached these students the importance of teamwork, but also always giving all the glory to our Lord.

James Rylaarsdam and Lucas Dykstra coached our 8th grade boys, along with Donte Gulker and Mitch Winterfeld leading the 7th grade boys. Our 7th and 8th grade girls were coached by Lucas Warner and Carter Schiebout. These six coaches put in a lot of time and effort to help develop the students' skills and understanding of the game. We thank these coaches and students for all their hard work!



8th grade volleyball team



7th grade volleyball team



8th girls basketball team



8th boys basketball team

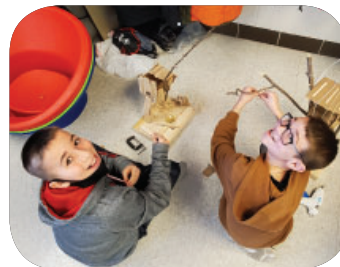


7th girls basketball team



7th boys basketball team

More Pics from MINIMESTERS and CERAMIC WORKSHOPS



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TO PROVIDE
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Judy Feekes (retired Nov. 2020)

Sioux Center Christian School Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Sioux Center Christian School is the sole beneficiary of the Foundation.

\$75,000 from investment earnings is committed to Sioux Center Christian for the current 2020-21 school year. Half will go toward operating expenses and half is being used to expand our Tier 3 inclusive education program by providing for an additional teacher.

\$75,000 is committed to SCCS for the 2021-22 school year. Half will be applied to operating expenses and half will be used to update our math curriculum.

In 2020, the Foundation was **blessed to receive** three estate gifts totaling \$62,887.77 plus \$2,065 in memorial gifts and \$12,200 in annual gifts.

The asset balance of the Foundation as of December 31, 2020 is \$2,781,282, which reflects a 17.08% rate of return for the year.

We extend heartfelt thanks to Judy Feekes who has served on our board since 2016 and has decided to retire. Thanks for your perspective and for organizing our records, Judy!



Our inclusive education program allows every child in a family to attend our school so that the full body of Christ is enfolded.



INVESTING NOW FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

**Help provide Christian education
for generations to come.
Support the Foundation with an annual gift or
make a lifetime gift.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

I/we are (check all that apply):

☐ Parent ☐ Grandparent ☐ Alumnus ☐ Supporter
☐ Past Parent ☐ Past Grandparent

☐ I/we would like to invest in the future of Christian education with a tax-deductible gift to the Sioux Center Christian School Foundation:

☐ Annual gift of: ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other \$ _____

☐ Lifetime gift of: ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ Other \$ _____

☐ I/we would like to know more about **tax-wise charitable giving** and would like to connect with a Barnabas Foundation planner.

☐ Sioux Center Christian School is included in my/our estate plans.
We will connect with you soon to just say "Thanks"

Drop off or mail your donation and form to:

Sioux Center Christian School Foundation
630 First Ave SE

Sioux Center, IA 51250

Make checks payable to "SCCS Foundation"

To give online go to:

www.siuoxcenterchristian.com

Click on

Support SCCS > SCCS Foundation

MISSION: Defeat the Debt Report

First, we PRAISE GOD from the depths of our hearts for HIS GENEROSITY through our supporters!



We started 2020 with \$779,161 left to pay on our \$6.8 million 2015 building expansion project.

THANKS to God's generosity revealed through you, our supporters, we are **VERY EXCITED** to share that the remaining debt is now down to

\$252,745

WOW!! Please join us in giving God the glory for this!



How did this happen? Gifts of all sizes given through Trail'Raiser Night (May), donations throughout the year, our year-end "Mission: Defeat the Debt" campaign (which brought in \$205,950 and included \$40,000 in matching funds!), plus another \$49,142 given in January and February - all worked together to significantly defeat our debt! We also were extremely blessed by five of our CD loan participants who forgave \$143,500 of the debt!*

What's next?

Our goal is to complete the funding on this building project by the end of May. We hope, through God's blessing, to accomplish this through Trail'Raiser Night on April 17 and pre-event donations. See the Trail'Raiser Night details at the end of this newsletter and more info coming in the weeks ahead!

THANK YOU ALL for showing your love for our students and our school through the generosity of your hands! Please pray for continued generosity as together we complete our MISSION to DEFEAT the DEBT!

Would you like to contribute a gift to help defeat the debt?

You are welcome to call Dr. Josh Bowar (320.979.9598) or Mrs. Amy Vander Berg (712.441.4530)

Donations may be mailed to: Sioux Center Christian School | 630 First Ave SE | Sioux Center, IA 51250

To donate online, please go to our website and click on Support SCCS > Donate to SCCS

*CD loan participants gave over \$650,000 in loans to our building project, starting in 2015. They received a competitive CD interest rate on their loan, which we have paid out at the end of each year. Many of them forgave their annual interest payment (\$45,113 forgiven since 2015) and several have forgiven principal (\$205,000 forgiven since 2015). This program has been a blessing and has provided significant interest savings!

Outlet 75

Outlet 75 is located about a mile south of Sioux Center on Hwy 75 and sells NEW furniture, home décor, clothing, and shoes for women, men, & children at discounted prices. They purchase overstock products in large quantities and pass the savings to customers.



All the profits from Outlet 75 support the mission of Sioux Center Christian School. We are excited to share that at the end of December, Outlet 75 gave a quarterly distribution check to school in the amount of \$25,000! Their total contribution to the mission of our school in 2020 was \$75,000! (and they were closed for 6 weeks!)

Outlet 75 just celebrated two years in business and has contributed a total of \$105,000 to the mission of SCCS since opening in February 2019!

EXTREME THANKS goes to our **AMAZING** managers - Melissa Punt, Bethany Bosma, and Janey Boogerd - **PLUS** all our volunteers! We praise God for His leading in this endeavor and thank Him for making it fruitful for the benefit of Christ-centered education!!

Volunteering at Outlet 75 is truly fun and we need more volunteers! Just once a month for a couple hours will help immensely. Volunteer shifts of 2 to 2.5 hours are available on:

Wednesdays: 9am-8pm, Thursdays: 9am-3pm, and occasional Saturdays: 10am-1pm

To volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Janey Boogerd at info@shopoutlet75.com

Outlet 75 is open weekly

on Wednesdays: 11am – 8pm and Thursdays: 11am – 3pm

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Legacy Plan Update

We want to extend our **DEEPEST APPRECIATION** to the churches and supporters who partner in the task of Christian education by giving to the Legacy Plan!

Our goal for the 2020-21 school year is \$1,340,025. Current donations received is \$647,241 at 50% of the fiscal year. **Thank you for your gifts!**

Since we expect again to receive about 90% of our goal (which is **WONDERFUL**, but still leaves a deficit in our budget), a Legacy Plan Task Force was assembled this fall to discuss ways to improve the Legacy Plan structure so that we **honor what is great about it while realistically dealing with what needs to be changed**. The Board of Trustees, with the Legacy Plan team, finalized changes that will be coming to the Legacy Plan starting with the 21-22 school year.

These changes will be explained at upcoming parent/teacher conferences on March 16 and 17, and at the March 23 society meeting. Parents, you will receive time and location information regarding the update sessions that will be held during conferences. **All society members are invited to attend the society meeting to hear about the changes.**

You may give directly to the SCCS Legacy Plan, which is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. **Legacy donations support the daily mission of SCCS and are applied to our overall budget.**

Please make checks payable to "SCCS Legacy Plan" and drop off or mail to school.

To give online, go to our website, click on Support SCCS > Legacy Plan



Would you like to **GIVE A DONATION** that **benefits SCCS 100%** while also **giving YOU 65% back?** (in the form of an Iowa income tax credit)

With NICSTO, we have an opportunity to impact our treasured students with \$364,895 in tuition assistance grants at a net cost of \$127,713 to donors!

Why not give a gift to Christian education instead of paying taxes next April?
65% of your gift comes back to you in the form of an Iowa tax credit!

You may donate CASH, Gifts in kind of GRAIN, appreciated stock, and bonds, or from your IRA.

For more details, go to siouxcenterchristian.com > Support SCCS > NICSTO

NICSTO - Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization

CONTRIBUTION MEMO - 2021

This completed memo must accompany your contribution. An Iowa Tax Credit Certificate will be sent to you in January 2022.

Taxpayer/C or S Corporation/LLC/Partnership Name

Date of Contribution

Amount of Contribution

Address

City, State Zip Code

Social Security Number or Taxpayer I.D. Number

Phone

Email

Please apply my contribution to the following school(s):

Go to www.siouxcenterchristian.com > Support SCCS > NICSTO for the list of schools that participate.

Please make check payable to NICSTO. Please mail (or drop off) to either of these addresses by December 30, 2021:

Sioux Center Christian School
Attn: NICSTO
630 1st Ave SE
Sioux Center, IA 51250

NW Iowa Christian Schools Tuition Organization
204 Kentucky Ave NW
Orange City, IA 51041

SIoux CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S 7TH ANNUAL TRAIL'RAISER NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021
A DEBT REDUCTION EVENT

We are making plans to celebrate our 7th Annual Trail'Raiser Night on Saturday, April 17 in person, but also with a drive-thru option for the freewill supper.

With **\$252,745 debt** remaining, we **pray** that Trail'Raiser Night 2021 (with the help of pre-event donations) will **COMPLETELY DEFEAT** the DEBT!

SAVE the DATE for Trail'Raiser Night! EVERYONE is WELCOME!

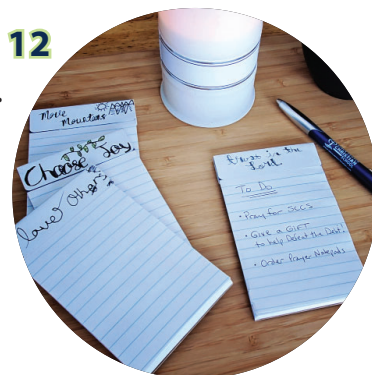
PRAYER NOTEPADS ORDER BY Friday, March 12

This year, our students will be hand-designing Prayer Notepads to help defeat the debt. These little perforated notepads are 3"x5" and are the perfect size for all your lists!

We are asking for a **\$10 donation per notepad**, and every purchase will **unlock a matching \$10 donation!**

Order from your favorite student(s) or "any student".

Order online (Support SCCS > Trail'Raiser Night 2021) or pick up an order form by the TRIP office.



We could use your help with Trail'Raiser Night!

There are several ways you can help! To donate to the auction, sign up to work a shift, or to make gourmet goodies...

Go to siouxcenterchristian.com > Support SCCS > Trail'Raiser Night 2021 for ONLINE SIGN-UP options
OR connect with Amy Vander Berg // avanderberg@siouxcenterchristian.com // 712.441.4530

AUCTION We are looking for auction donations!

Donations may be dropped off at school (8am-4pm M-F)
or connect with us through the online form/call/email

GOURMET CUPCAKES...GOURMET BARS...GOURMET SNACK MIXES



ARE YOU WILLING TO DONATE?

Bars & snack mixes: we provide recipes and containers.

Cupcakes: we provide containers, you make your favorite recipe.

TRUTH T-SHIRTS Two new designs this year! **WATCH for the online store COMING SOON!**
(There will be some on hand at Trail'Raiser Night to purchase, but ordering online ensures you get your favorite color/size/design!)

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